



WELLSTREAM FOR SCHOOLS

BACKGROUND

What is Wellstream for Schools?

Wellstream for Schools, housed within Wellstream: The Canadian Centre for Innovation in Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use, is dedicated to the mental health and substance use research and programming needs of the pan-Canadian K-12 school systems.

We recognize that teachers, school administrators, and other school-based staff are important, trusted adults in the lives of children and youth.

We collaborate with distinction-based education interest-holders and experts to develop solutions that lead to positive transformations in practice in a professionally safe way.

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Who Do We Work With?

As a national centre, we work collaboratively with education interest-holders in every jurisdiction delivering K-12 education in Canada. We bring together allies in health, academia, various orders of government, and service agencies.

Wellstream meaningfully engages with youth, which enriches all aspects of our work. Our approach is always trauma-informed and age and context-appropriate.

Why Now?

Education professionals across jurisdictions have expressed an urgent need for coordinated, research-driven efforts that relieve the burden on education systems, and support professionals in their daily work to improve substance use outcomes for youth across settings and life stages.

