

**Appendix 2: Thunder Bay Drug Strategy Maternal Substance Use & Child Working Group  
Environmental Scan - Key Stakeholders Survey**

**Section A – Organization Demographics – Please answer the following questions as it relates to your organizations provision of services to pregnant and/or parenting women with substance use issues (and their families)**

**1) What type of organization do you represent (Please check all that apply)**

- a) Health
- b) Mental Health
- c) Addictions
- d) Pre-Natal Health
- e) Income Support
- f) Housing
- g) Child Protection
- h) Criminal Justice
- i) Parenting Education & Support
- j) Other, please specify:

**2) Does your organization solely work with pregnant and/or parenting women with substance use issues?**

- a) Yes
- b) No

**3) Does your organization have a multi-disciplinary team for service provision? (Check all that apply)**

- a) Yes
- b) No

**If yes, please check all disciplines that apply:**

- a) Doctor – GP
- b) Doctor – Specialist
- c) Nurse
- d) Nurse Practitioner

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- e) Midwives
- f) Social Work
- g) Child and Youth Workers
- h) Psychiatrist
- i) Psychologists
- j) Addictions Counsellor
- k) Mental Health Counsellor
- l) Other, please specify:

**4) How is your organization funded (check all that apply)?**

- a) Federal funding
- b) Provincial funding
- c) Municipal funding
- d) Fee for service
- e) Corporate Donations
- f) Community Donations
- g) Fundraising
- h) Grants
- i) Other, please specify:

**5) Is your funding stable from year to year?**

- a) Yes
- b) No

**6) If no to above, does the instability in annual funding affect your organization's ability to provide services?**

- a) Yes
- b) No

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**7) Is staff turnover a concern in ensuring services are up to full standard for your organization?**

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Other: (please specify)

**8) Is required training a concern in ensuring services are up to full standard for your organization?**

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Other: (please specify)

**9) Does your organization have admission criteria before clients are able to utilize the services provided?**

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Depends on the service/program

**8i) If answer is a) or c), please explain the criteria and the reason for this criteria.**

**10) Does your organization have a wait list for services you provide?**

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Depends on the program

**If answer is a) or c), please describe the length of current waitlist(s), the program(s) in which there is a waitlists for, and the reason for the waitlist:**

**11) With regards to treatment of substance use, what is the standard of care/treatment philosophy of your organization?**

- a) Harm reduction

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- b) Abstinence based (zero tolerance)
- c) Combination of, depending on the circumstance (please explain)

**12) What are the treatment methods and models that your organization utilizes when addressing maternal substance use issues?**

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**13) Does your organization have outreach services or are service recipients required to participate in service at the organization?**

- a) Outreach
- b) All service is at the organization
- c) Some outreach, some service required at the organization
- d) Other (Please describe)

**14) Does your organization provide the following (Please check all that apply):**

- a) Pamphlets about services provided
- b) Pamphlets or referrals to other community services
- c) Transportation vouchers to and from service (i.e., taxi or bus)
- d) Child care during service
- e) Food bank services
- f) Vouchers for formula etc. for infants
- g) Other: (explain)

**15) What do you see as the strengths of your organization in providing services to pregnant and/or parenting women with substance use issues (i.e., what makes your organization special and unique in service delivery)**

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- 16) Please describe any current challenges at an organizational level not already discussed within the survey (i.e., what are some of the impediments in providing services in the way that your organization intends to)

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- 17) Is there anything more that your organization would like to do for service recipients?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Unsure

If a) or c), please explain.

**Section B – Service Recipient Demographics**

- 18) How are mothers or expecting mothers with substance use issues referred to your organization? (Please check all that apply)

- a) Self referral
- b) Family or friend
- c) Police
- d) Court ordered service
- e) Family physician
- f) Child Welfare
- g) Other, please explain:

- 19) When working primarily with women with substance use issues, does your organization have programming specifically for children?

- a) yes
- b) no

If yes (a), please provide the types of service and purpose of the service.

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**20) What are the demographics of the children that your organization services? (Please check all that apply)**

- a) Pre-natal services
- b) Just Infants (Postpartum to 1 year old)
- c) Early Childhood (Postpartum to six year of age)
- d) School Aged Children (7 Years to 12 years of age)
- e) Teen aged (13 to 16 years old)
- f) Late Teen aged (16 to 18 years old)

**21) When working with women with substance use issues, does your organization have programming specifically for partners or other family members?**

- a) Yes
- b) No

If Yes (a), Please provide the type of service and purpose of this service.

**22) What are the main substances for which women are accessing services? (Please check all that apply, and then rank in order of most common, with 1 = most common. Note – more than one substance may be ranked equally)**

- a) Alcohol
- b) Marijuana
- c) Prescription opiates
- d) Non-prescription opiates
- e) Cocaine/Crack
- f) Other street drugs
- g) Solvents
- h) Other prescription drugs
- i) Other, please explain:

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**23) At intake, what percentage of women in your clientele use tobacco?**

**24) How did you obtain this number (for the question above)?**

- a) Point in time agency statistics
- b) Anecdotal
- c) Other (please explain)

**25) Please describe any trends your organization has seen over the last two years as it relates to substance use, mental health, and clientele demographics?**

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**26) What are the barriers (if any) for women accessing services at your organization? (Please check all that apply, and then rank in order from most common to least common, with 1 = most common. Note – more than one barrier can be ranked equally)**

- a) Housing (unstable housing, poor housing conditions, limited access to affordable housing, homelessness)
- b) Concurrent disorders, such as anxiety or depression that affects their attendance to services
- c) Low income
- d) Transportation
- e) Child care issues
- f) Unemployment or poor job skills
- g) Lack of education/unable to understand services
- h) Abusive/controlling partners
- i) Single parent
- j) Physical disability
- k) Fear of mandated service (ie Child Welfare or criminal/legal system)
- l) Lack of nutrition
- m) Language issues

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- n) Cultural difference between service providers and recipients
- o) Other (please explain)

**27) Are there barriers to service provision that your organization would like to address but is unable to?**

- a) Yes
- b) No

**If yes, please explain:**

**Section C: Systems Level in Thunder Bay**

**28) Do you feel that your organization is connected to the service system within the City of Thunder Bay that works with pregnant and/or parenting women with substance use issues?**

- a) Yes
- b) No

**29) Is your organization a part of any interagency committees or working groups in Thunder Bay?**

- a) Yes
- b) No

**If Yes, please identify the interagency committee(s) or working group(s) that your organization is part of:**

**30) Does your organization have any protocols in place with other organizations in Thunder Bay to better support service recipients?**

- a) Yes
- b) No

**If yes, please identify the other organization with which protocols are in place.**



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**31) Does your organization have any joint initiatives or joint services with other organizations to better support service recipients?**

a) Yes

b) No

If yes, please identify the initiative in place.

**32) How does your organization and the services that it provides fit within the community framework that addresses maternal substance use issues?**

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**33) What do you perceive as being the strengths of the community services in Thunder Bay that work with maternal substance use issues?**

Narrative:

**34) What do you perceive as being challenges for the system in Thunder Bay in addressing maternal substance use issues?**

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**35) Are there any types of services that are available in other communities, jurisdictions, provinces, countries that address maternal substance use issues that are currently unavailable in Thunder Bay, and should be available?**

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**36) Are there any other comments that you would like to make as a representative of your organization to inform the Maternal Substance Use & Child Working Group of the Thunder Bay Drug Strategy regarding the services provided pregnant and/or parenting women and their families?**

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Thank you for your cooperation with this survey. Should you have any further comments or questions regarding this survey, the Maternal Substance Use & Child Working Group, or further Thunder Bay Drug Strategy projects, please contact Cynthia Olsen at (807)625-2942 or [colsen@thunderbay.ca](mailto:colsen@thunderbay.ca). A copy of the environmental scan will be provided upon project completion.