

# National Anti-Drug Strategy Overview

## Taking Action Against Illicit Drugs to Contain the Growth in Supply and Demand

### Prevention Action Plan

**Issues:** increasing youth drug crime; increasing youth substance abuse with onset at earlier ages; and youth drug use as the priority concern voiced by communities to RCMP

**Activities:** media campaign; youth-focused community prevention initiatives involving partners

**Target populations:** youth at risk of drug involvement (including aboriginal youth); communities

**Outputs:** youth make “smart choices”; communities are less impacted by illicit drug use by youth

### Treatment Action Plan

**Issues:** lack of treatment capacity for those who pose risk to community; lack of innovative, culturally relevant, and/or new drug specific approaches.

**Activities:** diversion/treatment options for offenders with drug problems; funding/treatment for individuals posing risk; community treatment

**Target populations:** youth, offenders, drug-plagued communities such as Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside, and affected 1<sup>st</sup> Nation & Inuit communities

**Outputs:** enhanced capacity and timely, innovative and effective approaches to treating and rehabilitating those who pose a risk to themselves and the community

### Enforcement Action Plan

**Issues:** illicit production & distribution of marihuana & synthetic drugs & diversion of precursor chemicals; adequacy of penalties for serious drug crime

**Activities:** MMPs; proactive enforcement i.e. Marihuana grow-ops, ClanLabs, organized crime; strengthen capacity of HC inspectors

**Target populations:** organized criminals & others who profit from the manufacture and distribution of drugs which endanger youth and communities

**Outputs:** strong and adequate penalties for serious drug crime; reduced production & distribution of marihuana & synthetic drugs, etc.

Enhanced National Efforts

Coordinated Communications Strategy

Safer & Healthier Communities

