

## OPEN CALL FOR CONSULTATION



As part of the consultation process in the creation of a professional development curriculum for youth drug abuse prevention professional, we are pleased to extend this invitation for system 'testers'.

CODA, with generous funding from Pharmascience and the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion, has developed a three-phase program called the CODA Certified Education (CCE) program designed to provide professional development for health and addiction professionals as well as recruitment and training of CODA educators.

The CCE in its entirety consists of three phases. The first is an online component, which consists of 22 modules and explores prominent drugs and their relationship with youth. The second phase is an Interactive face-to-face training, used to explore youth engagement strategies in the classroom. The third phase is a one-on-one opportunity for participants to engage CODA in discussions about youth drug abuse prevention. During the third phase, those candidates who meet our requirements will be contracted as CODA educators who deliver CODA programs to youth in grades 7, 8 and 9. In addition, CODA educators conduct sessions for parents and teachers.

We have currently opened phase #1 to a select group of industry experts for review. As part of the review process, you have one month to work through the 22 modules of online content and practice tests which are followed by a timed final exam consisting of 250 questions. After completion of the final exam, you will be prompted through the online evaluation, followed by a one-on-one interview.

Along with being aware of this new resource, the benefits of being a CCE tester include refreshing your drug education knowledge. All testers will be acknowledged in the program material.

We are looking to experts from all phases of our industry for their expertise in developing a truly innovative program that can facilitate a new training opportunity for colleagues in our field.

If you are interested in participating, please confirm your participation via email to [billijo@drugabuse.ca](mailto:billijo@drugabuse.ca) or call 416-763-1491 ext. #223.

**5/50 (five of fifty) tester positions are currently available.**