

Webinar Series: Cannabis Across the Lifespan
Part 2: Supporting Youth in Making
Informed Decisions About Cannabis

Presenter Information



Kiran Somjee is a Registered Nurse and National Priority Advisor at the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction. Specializing in the areas of cannabis public education, workforce development, strategic partnerships and knowledge mobilization, Kiran brings a population and public health lens to the substance use and addiction field. Kiran has worked in a variety of settings and sectors ranging from acute and primary care to community and public health and has led various strategic priorities and initiatives at the local, municipal and national level. Providing consultation and strategic leadership in the areas of nursing practice, mental health promotion, social determinants of health and health equity as well as professional development and continuing education, Kiran is passionate about cross sector collaboration and innovation to achieve collective impact. Kiran holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Ontario Institute of Technology as well as an RN designation from the College of Nurses of Ontario.



Kira London-Nadeau is currently pursuing a master's degree in psychology at the Université de Montréal. Her research focuses on the bi-directional effects of cannabis and depression and anxiety symptoms in adolescence, with a particular focus on sexual orientation and gender minorities. Kira is also the Chair for Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy and founded a cannabis education initiative named VoxCann, which focuses on education for and by youth in Quebec.



Jennifer Burgess has been with Toronto Public health for 18 years, and in her current role as a Health Promotion Specialist with the Healthy Schools and Substance Misuse Prevention Program for the past 9 years. She supports a team of approximately 45 Public Health Nurses, who work with almost 800 publically funded schools in the city of Toronto promoting youth leadership initiatives on topics including mental health and substance misuse prevention. Jennifer works with Toronto area school board partners to assess their needs and support program planning and evaluation initiatives.