Community of Interest (CoI) for Racialized Populations and Mental Health and Addictions

## Would you like to participate in a focus group for those who have received mental health diversion?



- Do you identify as a visible minority or as part of a racialized community?
   And,
- Have you ever been charged with a criminal offence and appeared in a criminal court in Toronto?
   And,
- Have you ever received mental health diversion?



## If you answered "yes" to these questions, we would like to hear from you!

The purpose of the Focus Group is to explore the experiences of racialized individuals as they interact with mental health court support services in Toronto. We intend to identify successes, gaps and barriers within the system and make recommendations for change.

Results from the Focus Group will be confidential and will be used to help inform services to better met your needs.

Date and time: February 13, 2018 12:00pm-3:00pm (lunch will be provided)
Location: CMHA Ontario, 180 Dundas Street West, Suite 2301

Participants will receive a \$40 honorarium . Travel expenses will be covered.

If you are interested, please register by February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 here:

https://coiracializedmhacourtdiversion.eventbrite.ca or by phone at 647 362 4015 (leave a message).

\*Please note that the session will be held in English

The **Col for Racialized Populations and Mental Health and Addictions** is a provincial group created to better understand the issues that Ontario's visible minorities are facing related to with mental health problems and addictions and to help improve policies and services. This group is made up of the following organizations: Across Boundaries: An Ethnoracial Mental Health Centre; Addictions and Mental Health Ontario; Canadian Mental Health Association, Toronto; Centre for Addiction and Mental Health; Evidence Exchange Network; Fred Victor; Ontario Peer Development Initiative; Wellesley Institute; Women's Health in Women's Hands Community Health Centre;