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## IOS 2009 Pre-conference Session

Sunday, November 15, 2009, 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

### National Networking Session on Women's Treatment Policy and Practice

This pre-conference session will provide an opportunity to share, celebrate, and assess practice, treatment and policy measures for women's substance use services and supports. The session aims to strengthen these pathways to ensure a distinct focus on women in the future. This networking opportunity will examine how to support women's specific health issues and culturally diverse needs in addiction, prevention, and treatment services through discussions focused on:

- building innovative and collaborative partnerships;
- creating and supporting policy changes and developments; and
- investigating complementary/experiential approaches.

Based on valuable feedback from 2007's session, this session will focus on providing ample time for knowledge exchange, networking, and opportunities to discuss innovative ways to strengthen women's substance use services and collaborative supports.

This session is co-sponsored by Matrix Women's Services, Addiction Prevention and Treatment Services Capital District Health Authority and the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA).

### To help shape the discussions please submit suggestions for abstracts and presentation topics to:

The Women's National Networking Planning Committee  
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**A \$50 fee applies for this special session. Please be advised, a maximum of 75 participants can be accommodated. You can register for [this session through the IOS Registration Form](#).**

