

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PROCCER FOR GRENADA 2012**

**St. George's Grenada, Tuesday 13 March:** Grenada is one of several Caribbean countries which would participate in the Caribbean Prevention and Treatment Training and Certification Program (PROCCER) in 2012.

The Caribbean Prevention and Treatment Training and Certification Program (PROCCER) is an interagency and interdisciplinary program in the Caribbean for the development and institutionalization of training and certification mechanisms for drug prevention and treatment personnel. The program's main objective is to improve the quality of services in drug prevention programs and treatment facilities through training, technical assistance and the application of technology; and to establish a certification process for drug prevention and treatment personnel in coordination with national authorities. Programmes to be conducted under PROCCER would include:

- i. Deliver training courses in prevention and drug treatment counseling, therapy techniques and management skills to prevention and treatment service providers.
- ii. Establish Regional Certification Boards for Drug Prevention and Treatment Personnel in each country.
- iii. Introduce Internet-based information management systems of institutional and patient records in the drug treatment centers.
- iv. Develop and conduct national and regional progress and impact monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for prevention and treatment.

Health Professionals, Social workers, Educators, Law Enforcement Officers are expected to benefit from the training.

A Regional Advisory for PROCCER was established in July 2011, to manage the implementation of PROCCER in the Caribbean. The body consists of experts in drug prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, education, and certification. Mr. Dave Alexander, Drug Control Officer, is a member of the Advisory Body.

PROCCER would be implemented by the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), together with the National Drug Commissions, Ministries of Health, academic institutions, and NGO prevention and treatment providers.

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