

PnP/CHEMSEX a means of surviving post-migration

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PnP WITHIN DIVERSITY PROJECT: tailored services for sexually and gender-diverse people with problematic use of methamphetamine and other related substances: an approach to support their development with respect to their sexual orientation and gender identity

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- 1) characterize sexually and gender-diverse people (SGD) who use methamphetamine;**
- 2) identify their needs in terms of care;**
- 3) inventory the current service offer for people who use methamphetamine in the Greater Montreal area and in two other administrative regions of Quebec**
- 4) evaluate the adequacy of the existing services to meet the needs and realities of SGD; and,**
- 5) propose guidelines for the management of SGD people within the current services, as well as guidelines for developing services sensitive to the realities of this population.**

DATA COLLECTION

22 semi-structured interviews were conducted with managers (n=7) and case workers (n=15) who work among identified resources in the hope of documenting their experiences, their perceived level of competence in terms of the intake/reception of SGD clientele, as well as the challenges they face working with this population.

64 semi-structured interviews were conducted using Rapid Assessment Process (RAP) method with SGD men who use methamphetamine in order to understand their experience with, and their needs, in terms of services.

PnP/CHEMSEX

Party'n'Play or CHEMSEX is defined as using certain substances immediately before or during a sexual activity to facilitate, prolong, and/or intensify sexual experience. This is mainly done by some communities of men who have sex with men but also includes trans and non-binary people.

Crystal meth

GHB

Ketamine

Mephedrone

Could immigrant gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (gbMSM) have a different rapport to the use of methamphetamine in a sexualized context?

IMMIGRANT PARTICIPANTS

| Name* | Age | Continent | Years in Canada | Status | Sexual Orientation | Gender Identity |
|----------|-----|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Jackson | 35 | Africa | 6 | Temporary Resident | Gay | Cis Male |
| Luca | 54 | Africa | 15 | Temporary Resident | Gay | Cis Male |
| Henry | 25 | Europe | 3 | Temporary Resident | Gay | Cis Male |
| Miles | 36 | Africa | 12 | Temporary Resident | Gay | Cis Male |
| Nathan | 28 | Asia | 13 | Canadian Citizen | Gay | Cis Male |
| Carter | 31 | Europe | 8 | Permanent Resident | Gay | Cis Male |
| Wyatt | 29 | Africa | 8 | Permanent Resident | Gay | Cis Male |
| François | 25 | Africa | 15 | Canadian Citizen | Gay | Trans Man |

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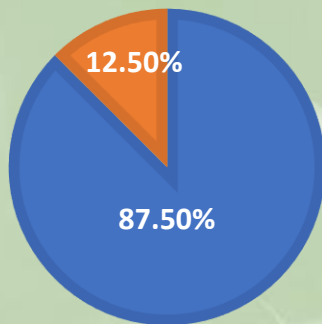
Immigrant And Temporary Resident

“A person who is, or who has ever been, a landed immigrant or permanent resident. Such a person has been granted the right to live in Canada permanently by immigration authorities. Immigrants who have [also] obtained Canadian citizenship by naturalization are included in this group.” (Statistics Canada, 2016)¹

“A temporary resident is a foreign national who is legally authorized to enter Canada for temporary purposes. A foreign national has temporary resident status when they have been found to meet the requirements of the legislation to enter and/or remain in Canada as a visitor, student, worker.” (Government Canada, 2020)²

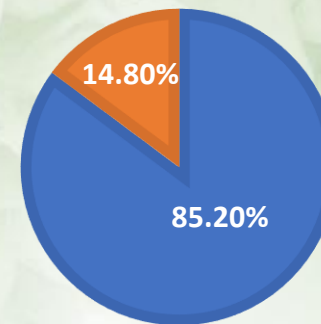
PROJECT SAMPLE

■ Canadian Born ■ Immigrant and Temporary Resident



QUÉBEC POPULATION³

■ Canadian Born ■ Immigrant and Temporary Resident



¹ STATISTICS CANADA. 2016. Immigrant. Definition. <https://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p3Var.pl?Function=Unit&Id=85107>

² GOVERNMENT CANADA. 2020. Temporary Resident. <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents.html>

³ STATISTICS CANADA. 2017. Immigration and ethnocultural diversity: Key results from the 2016 Census. <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/171025/dq171025b-eng.htm?indid=14428-1&indgeo=0>

RESULTS

PRECARITY

- ◆ HOUSING
- ◆ FINANCIAL
- ◆ IMMIGRATIONAL
- ◆ HEALTH SERVICES

SOLITUDE

- ◆ CONFLICTUAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILY
- ◆ SENSE OF COMMUNITY
 - BELONGING
 - ACCEPTANCE
 - FRIENDSHIP
 - SUPPORT

FINANCIAL PRECARITY

“a guy once said "no, fuck me bareback and all that..." [...] How could I defend myself as an immigrant? Because it's like... [...] I was afraid of that, really. So I let it happen, and it's because he was high that it happened like that. But otherwise, no. The psychological violence, and economic as well, because, it was economic. I'm [Not] the one paying for it, so... You have to do something. You have to fuck” Miles*

“You meet someone for drugs and for sex of course. It's an exchange between each other. So it's actually kind of like sex work, but not really for money. So, that's it, so like, usually it's older people or people [...]" Francois*

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IMMIGRATIONAL PRECARITY

“Yes, that's it, constant uncertainty. In addition, I, I'm applying for, permanent residency. And, it's very risky to leave [my partner], because as I have an HIV positive status, alone, Immigration Canada would refuse my request. But when you are married with someone, they accept.” Luca*

HOUSING PRECARITY

“I had... All my, all my friends were his friends that used, uh... My house was his house, I was staying at his place, and overnight I left because he had made death threats to me, actually. And I left... Fortunately, I had some contacts, uh, other [immigrant] people here, uh... That's who I was able to take refuge with, and... That's it, but... ” Henry*

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FINANCIAL AND HOUSING PRECARITY

“So, [my partner] invited me to move in with him, with, with the motive of saving money.”
Nathan*

SOLITUDE (FRIENDSHIPS)

“In my personal life I was all alone, I'm an immigrant too. That doesn't help either, because even if you have friends, even if I made a lot of friends, even if, this doesn't prevent that in the end you are alone.” Jackson*

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SOLITUDE (CONFLICTUAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILY)

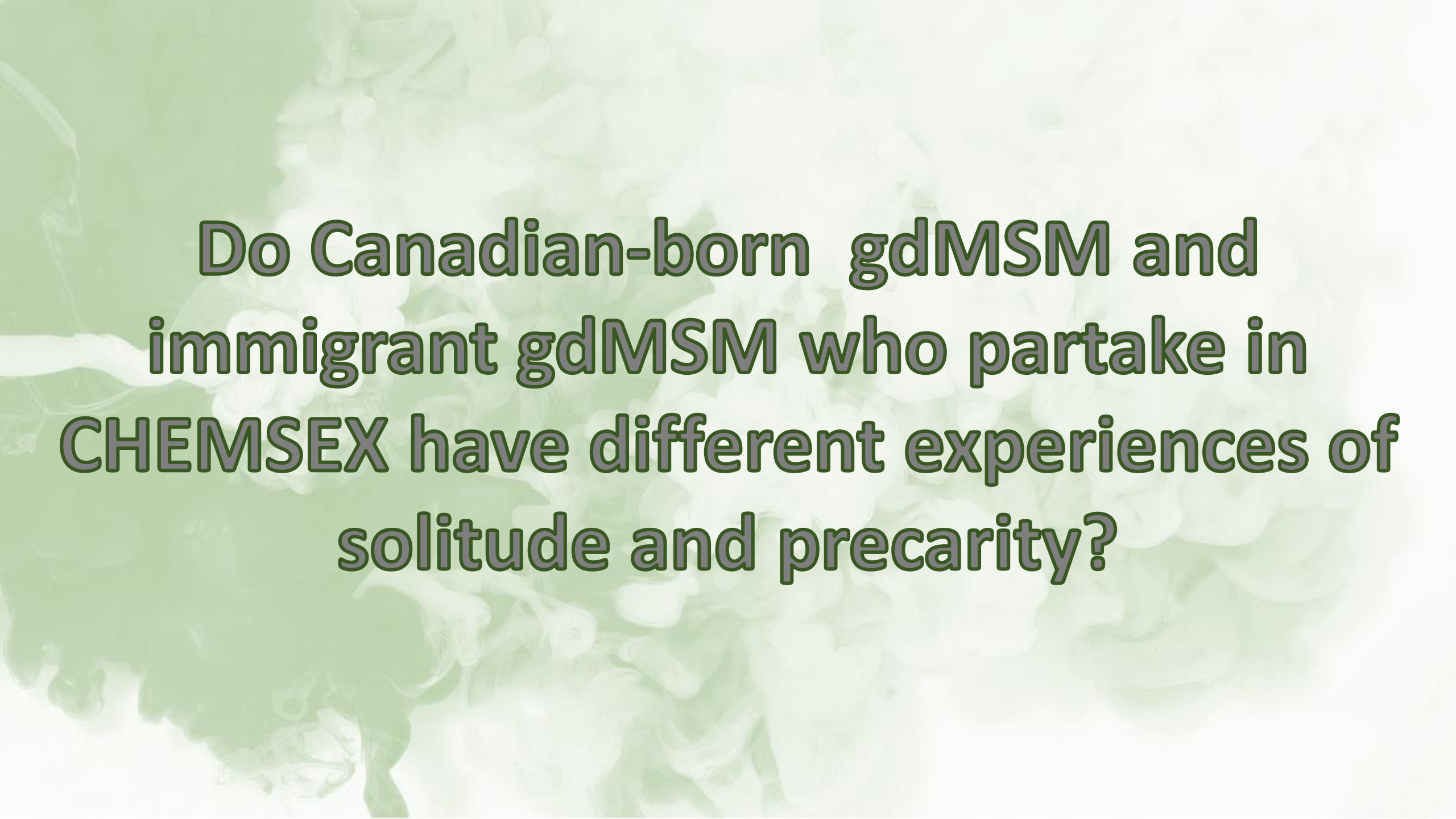
“Plus the fact that I live alone here in Canada, because I'm originally from [Country], [...], so all my family is there. With the problems I had with my family it was very complicated to deal with all that, so crystal meth has also helped me, well, "helped me", not to think about it too much." Wyatt*

SOLITUDE (FRIENDSHIPS AND SUPPORT)

“[...], I broke up, I'd been with my ex for 7 years. So there's this change. Moving out and then it's recreating ties with friends that I've lost touch with or creating new ties, including the friend who reintroduced me to the substance.” Carter*

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Do Canadian-born gdMSM and
immigrant gdMSM who partake in
CHEMSEX have different experiences of
solitude and precarity?



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