

NEWS RELEASE:

March of Dimes Canada, National Institute of Disability Management and Research and Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences partner to equip community leaders and managers within the not for profit sector with disability management training programs



Photo L to R: Wolfgang Zimmermann, Executive Director of NIDMAR and President of PCU-WHS; Shirley Marie Garcia, Associate Director of Human Resources and the Training Institute of MODC; Chris Harrison, Chief Administrative Officer of MODC

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March of Dimes Canada (MODC) is pleased to announce a partnership agreement with the National Institute of Disability Management and Research (NIDMAR) and Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences (PCU-WHS) that will offer educational opportunities in the field of Disability Management / Return to Work for MODC's management staff and client base through its newly-established Training Institute.

This collaborative learning opportunity will provide community leaders and managers with relevant tools and knowledge to effectively manage health-related absenteeism, and implement disability prevention and management programs. It is believed that such collaboration will bring together increased workplace job retention and integration for individuals who have suffered a disabling impairment, regardless of causation. Also, the enhanced knowledge will lead to an increased acceptance of persons with disabilities and their successful reintegration in Canadian workplaces.

By partnering with PCU-WHS and NIDMAR, MODC affirms its commitment to achieving their shared vision and mission of accessibility and inclusivity for all members of society.

"Our partnership with PCU-WHS and NIDMAR is only the beginning of more meaningful collaborations. We believe that the provision of appropriate policies and educational programs using PCU-WHS and NIDMAR's best practice course delivery methodologies will enhance our leadership knowledge and skill set in effectively implementing disability management and return to work programs. Our collective work will reinforce our mandate to promote healthy, accessible and inclusive workplace culture that is essential to any organization's continued success," said MODC's Chief Administrative Officer Chris Harrison.



About MODC:

March of Dimes Canada is a national community-based rehabilitation charitable organization whose mission is to create a society inclusive of people with disabilities; and maximize the independence, personal empowerment and community participation of people with physical disabilities. Since its inception in 1951, MODC has been providing solutions through service advocacy and research to build equal opportunity, self-sufficiency, dignity and quality of life for individuals. In keeping with its commitment to excellence and quality services, MODC has recently formed the Training Institute to offer their expertise and experience in building leadership capacity and enhancing employee skills that help achieve organizational goals.



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About PCU-WHS:

The Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences (PCU-WHS) is a statutory, not-for-profit, post-secondary degree granting education and research institution for the special purpose of creating and disseminating new knowledge including applied research in the fields of workplace safety, health promotion, return to work and disability management, comprehensive rehabilitation and disability leadership studies. It is committed to excellence in teaching and research, scholarship, and service to the broader community.



About NIDMAR:

The National Institute of Disability Management and Research, founded in 1994, is an internationally recognized organization committed to reducing the human, social and economic costs of disability, which international research has proven is the most effective way of restoring and maintaining workers' abilities while reducing the cost of disability for workers, employers, government, and insurance. NIDMAR's success is the result of collaborative initiatives undertaken by leaders in labour, business, government, education, insurance and rehabilitation.

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