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Alberta Students Welcome Provincial Investment to Strengthen Recovery Supports on Campus

Alberta students are encouraged by the Government of Alberta's renewed investment in addiction recovery supports across the province's post-secondary campuses and are eager to continue working with partners to ensure these initiatives meet the needs of students pursuing recovery.

The province's announcements of \$3 million over three years to expand Recovery on Campus (ROC) reflects what students have been calling for: accessible, stigma-free supports that are integrated into campus life. With ROC now active at all publicly funded post-secondary institutions, this investment reinforces the importance of community, connection, and wellness in helping students succeed.

"As someone who has personally gone through mental health and addiction recovery, I know how challenging it can be to stay focused on your education while working to rebuild your life. Access to strong recovery supports can make the difference between falling behind and finding your footing again. Seeing the province invest in these services is incredibly meaningful, because it gives students who are struggling a real opportunity to heal, stay in school, and move forward with hope." - Joe Mooney, ASEC Chair

The release of ROC's three-year action plan and the launch of the *Recovering in Place Lab* mark important steps toward embedding recovery into the post-secondary experience in a sustainable, student-focused way. Students recognize the value of this work in reducing stigma, supporting diverse recovery pathways, and ensuring that no one has to navigate recovery alone while pursuing their education. ASEC is grateful for continued collaboration with the Ministry of Advanced Education and the Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction as Alberta continues to strengthen the Alberta Recovery Model.

"Recovery on Campus has been a valued part of our campus for several years. With grants such as this, Red Deer Polytechnic will be able to continue supporting students as they navigate their recovery journeys. Recovery is not a destination but an ongoing climb. When we meet students where they are at and with the necessary resources and supports in place, we can lighten the load of the climb." - Jacq Patterson, SARDP President

ASEC remains committed to ensuring student voices guide the development and implementation of recovery-oriented policies and programs. We look forward to continued collaboration to build safer, more supportive learning environments across Alberta.

The Alberta Students' Executive Council (ASEC) represents more than 133,000 college, polytechnic, and university students from 16 member associations across Alberta on Treaty 6, 7, and 8 territory and Metis region IV.

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