

# National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health

## Mandate

The National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health (NCCDH) focuses on the social and economic factors that influence the health of Canadians. Our mission is to engage researchers, policy-makers, health practitioners, and the public so as to better include knowledge about the broad determinants of health in policy and practice decisions that will achieve social justice and health for all.

## Goals

- ◆ Synthesize, translate, and exchange knowledge for practitioners and policy-makers
- ◆ Identify key gaps in research and practice knowledge
- ◆ Build capacity through networks of practitioners, policy-makers, and researchers in determinants of health
- ◆ Increase partnerships and develop intersectoral collaborations to address specific determinants of health or combinations of those determinants

## Work to Date

- ◆ Established an Atlantic Canada-based consortium of universities and public health authorities to support the work of the centre
- ◆ Established a national advisory committee of experts in the field
- ◆ Examined and assessed prior work done to identify experts, leaders, and best practices in using knowledge about social determinants of health in public health decision-making and practice
- ◆ Hosted and sponsored multiple think tanks and workshops on the determinants of health, on evidence about the determinants of health, on strategies for using this knowledge in practical ways, and on knowledge gaps related to health determinants
- ◆ Conducted an environmental scan on evaluated interventions in literacy in general and health literacy in particular

## Current Activities 2007/2008

- ◆ Collaborating with other organizations, including other NCCs, to examine how health literacy is framed as a determinant of health within public health practice and policy in Canada
- ◆ Preparing and disseminating an analytical review of the social and economic determinants of health, conducting an expert roundtable on the subject, and disseminating conclusions to the broader public health community
- ◆ Partnering with the WHO and others to examine health determinants related to maternal and infant health
- ◆ Working with other NCCs to contribute knowledge about the determinants of health to their work in key areas of interest

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