

National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy

Mandate

The National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy (NCCHPP) supports the efforts of the Canadian public health community in promoting healthy public policy through more informed strategies. Our focus is public policy with a potential impact on social, economic, and environmental determinants of health. We provide public health actors and partners with relevant research-based information and tools in English and French about the potential health impact of policies and about public policy processes themselves, to increase their ability to contribute to these processes and improve the public's health across Canada.

Goals

- ◆ Synthesize knowledge to support healthy public policy adoption at all levels
- ◆ Encourage the development of methods for knowledge synthesis, exchange, and use appropriate to healthy public policy
- ◆ Translate and disseminate knowledge about healthy public policy and the policy-making process itself, to make it useful and accessible to public health actors and their partners across Canada
- ◆ Identify critical knowledge gaps and stimulate work in priority areas relevant to healthy public policy
- ◆ Collaborate with interested actors, policy-makers, and researchers to develop quality knowledge products and tools

Work to Date

- ◆ Began a pilot study to improve knowledge and understanding of various policy options for reducing obesity, identifying promising public policy options to address obesity issues in the Canadian context
- ◆ Documented and summarized multisectoral approaches for healthy public policy, e.g. Article 54 of Quebec's Public Health Law and the ACTNOW initiative in BC
- ◆ Worked in conjunction with other National Collaborating Centres to promote awareness of the the NCC program, to structure the evaluation framework and to produce common services, tools and documents including a Profile of Public Health Structures.
- ◆ Prepared a strategic scan, analyses, and knowledge syntheses in healthy public policy, and created a website to collect and disseminate, in both languages, relevant resources for Canadian public health actors

Current Activities 2007-2008

- ◆ Facilitating the use of health impact assessment in Canada by adapting its methods to specific Canadian contexts, in supporting a network of interested actors, and in acting as a catalyst to develop and disseminate a home-grown expertise to respond to Canadian needs
- ◆ Identifying and assessing promising public policy options to address obesity in the Canadian context
- ◆ Exploring additional multisectoral approaches for healthy public policy
- ◆ Collaborating with others on public policies to address health inequalities
- ◆ Creating a clearinghouse for healthy public policy, including building our website

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