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When Resources are Limited:

Creating a New Model of Care for Low Risk Postpartum Families

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Background/History

- Healthy Babies/Healthy Children (HBHC) Universal Home Visits (1997-2011)
- Decreased Ministry funding and Human Resources -2009







Factors Affecting Decision Making

- Other Health Units what are they doing
- Research Evidence
- Community Context
- Budget/staffing
- Program Monitoring/Evaluation for New Model of Care







New Model of Care

- Plan who, where, when
- Implementing how
- Evaluation why







Who

- Low Risk healthy
 postpartum families
- Without barriers to accessing community visit
- Communication with Hospital Partners









Where

- Criteria for sites and exploration of potential sites
 - Site criteria
 - Availability of space









Criteria for Sites

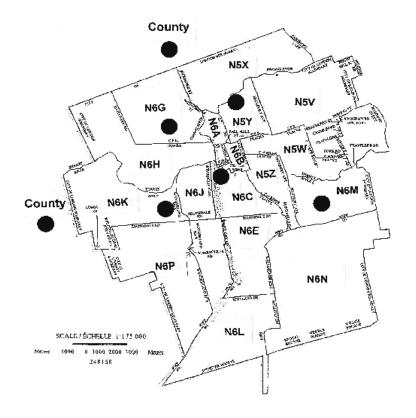
- Internet access (essential)
- No cost for use of space (essential)
- Accessible/bus route
- Parking
- No stairs
- Other programming available
- Running water (close proximity)
- Land phone
- Privacy/quiet (room with door)







Post Birth Site Locations









Community Visit Location









When - Scheduling

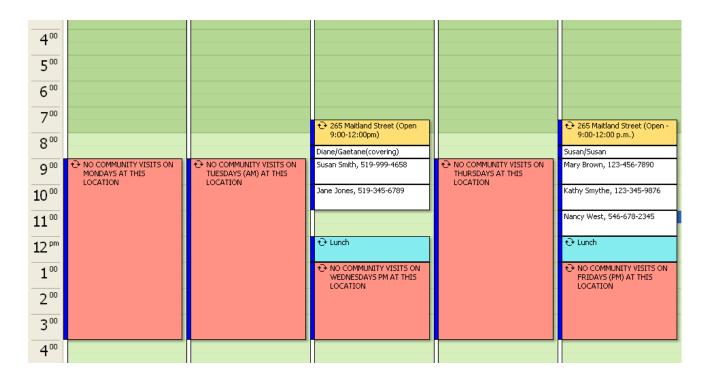
- Principle of self-scheduling maintained
- Accessibility from off site
- Electronic calendar
- Public folders







Site Schedule









How - Program Delivery

- Guidelines
- Education of staff to program
- Weekly debriefings with public health nurses







Why - Monitoring/Evaluation

- Program Efficiency
- Client Satisfaction Survey
- Staff Perceptions







Preliminary Outcomes

- Cost savings without compromising client care
 - Travel dollars
 - Staff time
 - Managing volume of workload
- Program efficiency, capacity building, communication & breastfeeding issues







Lessons Learned

- Staff buy-in
- Technical support
- Evaluator at beginning of pilot
- Marketing to community (website)
- Make debriefings mandatory















Thank You

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