

National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases

Centre de collaboration nationa des maladies infectieuses OUTREACH PLANNING GUIDE FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE PRACTITIONERS WHO WORK WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS SEPTEMBER 2010

## Developing an evidence-based approach to planning public health programs

Elsabé du Plessis CHNC Conference 2011 Halifax, Nova Scotia

#### Objectives

- Introduce audience to NCCID Outreach
  Planning Model and Guide
- Provide brief overview of development process
- Highlight role of stakeholders and partners



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### Outreach Planning Guide

- Completed model and Guide in September 2010
- Purpose of Guide
  - → Assist practitioners in developing conceptual model to clarify purpose and role of outreach
  - $\rightarrow$  Translate existing knowledge





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#### **Outreach Planning Guide**

- Who is it for?
  - → Communicable disease program managers
  - → Outreach supervisors and staff



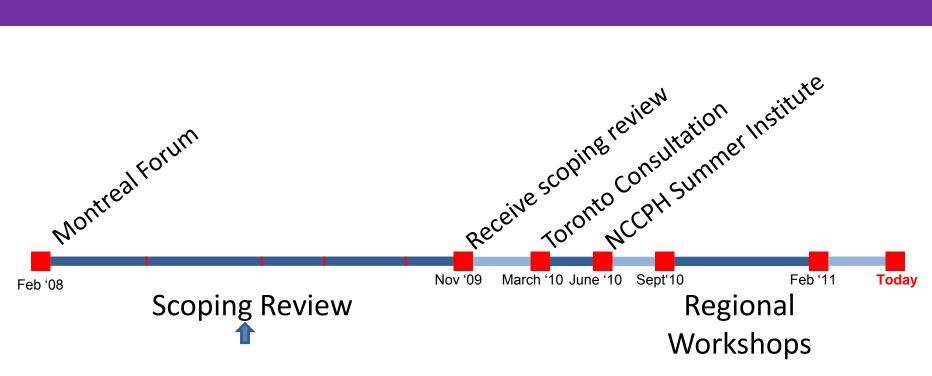
→ Groups representing vulnerable populations



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#### **Project Overview**



#### Outreach Planning Guide Advisory Group



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## The Montreal Forum

 Building and Exchanging Knowledge for Reaching Vulnerable Populations – *February 2008*



#### Feedback

- → Need for national perspective on outreach
- → Lack of knowledge
  about outreach projects
  across Canada



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#### **Scoping Review**

- Completed September 2009
- Based on document review and discussions with practitioners
- Focus on Canadian context
- Outlined 8 common considerations for program design



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#### Common issues in outreach programs

- Balance harm reduction and health promotion
- Balance broad coverage and individual needs
- Reduce imminent harm and promote long-term wellness
- Stand-alone or integrated program
- Open or closed settings
- Who will be delivering services?
- Services provided in "natural setting" or fixed-sites?



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#### Outreach Planning Guide Advisory Group

- Chris Buchner
- Francisco Ibáñez Carrasco
- Pascale Robitaille (end December 2009)
- Margaret Ormond
- Barbara Anderson (as of November 2009)

Vancouver Coastal Health

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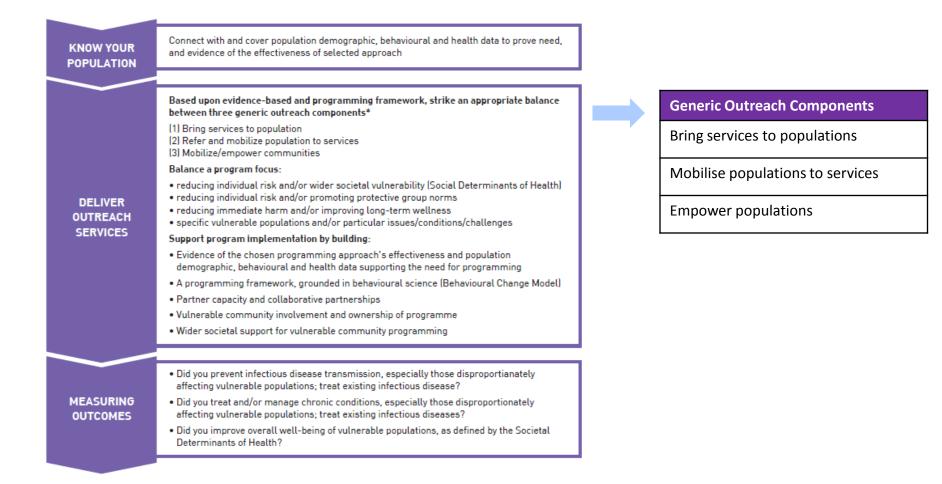
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#### **Original Conceptual model**



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### **Toronto Consultation**

 Outreach to vulnerable populations consultation – *March 2010*

- Feedback
  - → Weakness: Model static



→ Strength: Involve target populations



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#### NCCPH Summer Institute

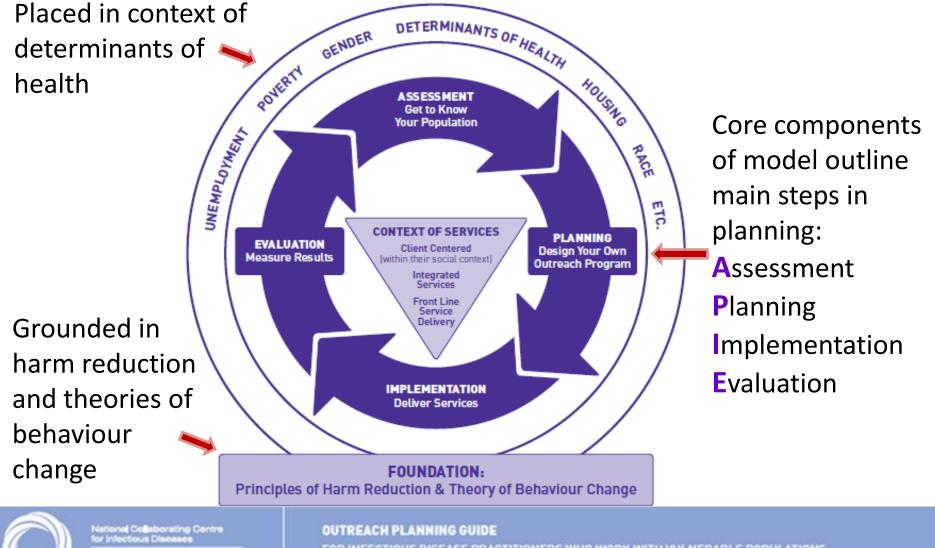
- Revised model presented at NCCPH Summer Institute workshop June 2010
- 47 participants 17 web-based
- Feedback
  - $\rightarrow$  We need to tell the stories

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## **Outreach Planning Model**



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#### Workshops

Organized and facilitated 6 workshops across Canada



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#### Workshop Feedback

- Identified 6 categories of tools/supports needed:
  - $\rightarrow$  Online community of practice
  - $\rightarrow$  Templates and tools
  - $\rightarrow$  Research and evaluation resources
  - → Companion Documents (to guide)
  - $\rightarrow$  Networking opportunities
  - → Professional development/training

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#### Translation

- Challenge identified at Montreal workshop
- Identified reviewers from Quebec, New Brunswick, Manitoba, NWT
- Working together to complete French guide



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#### Next steps

- Complete French version of Guide
- Wider dissemination of Guide now available from NCCID by request, CATIE online ordering centre
- Prioritizing and developing additional tools and support
- Online component



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# Thank you

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