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Evidence informed practice in the real world: What's your story?

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Purpose

To exchange stories of evidence-informed decision-making, and to share challenges, successes, and strategies for bridging the research-to-practice gap in community health.



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What is

Evidence-Informed Decision Making

in Public Health?

In addition to the best available research evidence, evidence-informed decisions in public health consider valuable evidence from a variety of sources:

community health issues and local context

existing public health resources

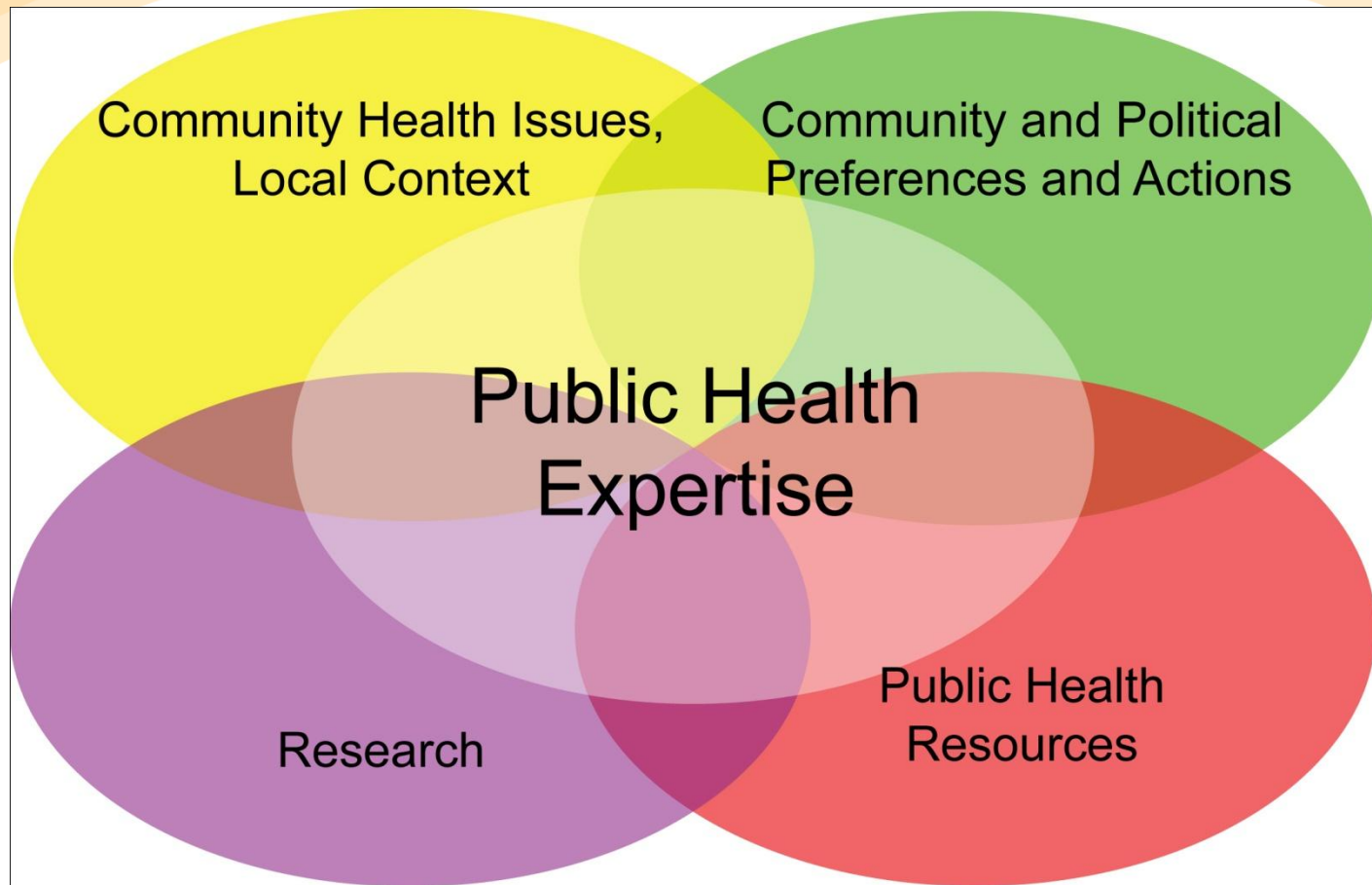
community and political climate



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A Model for Evidence-Informed Decision-Making in Public Health



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What is

Evidence-Informed Decision Making

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Decision makers must rely on their public health expertise to integrate all relevant factors into any conclusions or recommendations.



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What is Evidence-Informed Public Health?

... the process of distilling and disseminating the best available evidence from research, context and experience, and using that evidence to inform and improve public health policy and practice.



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What is Evidence-Informed Public Health?

Put simply, it means finding, using and sharing what works in public health.

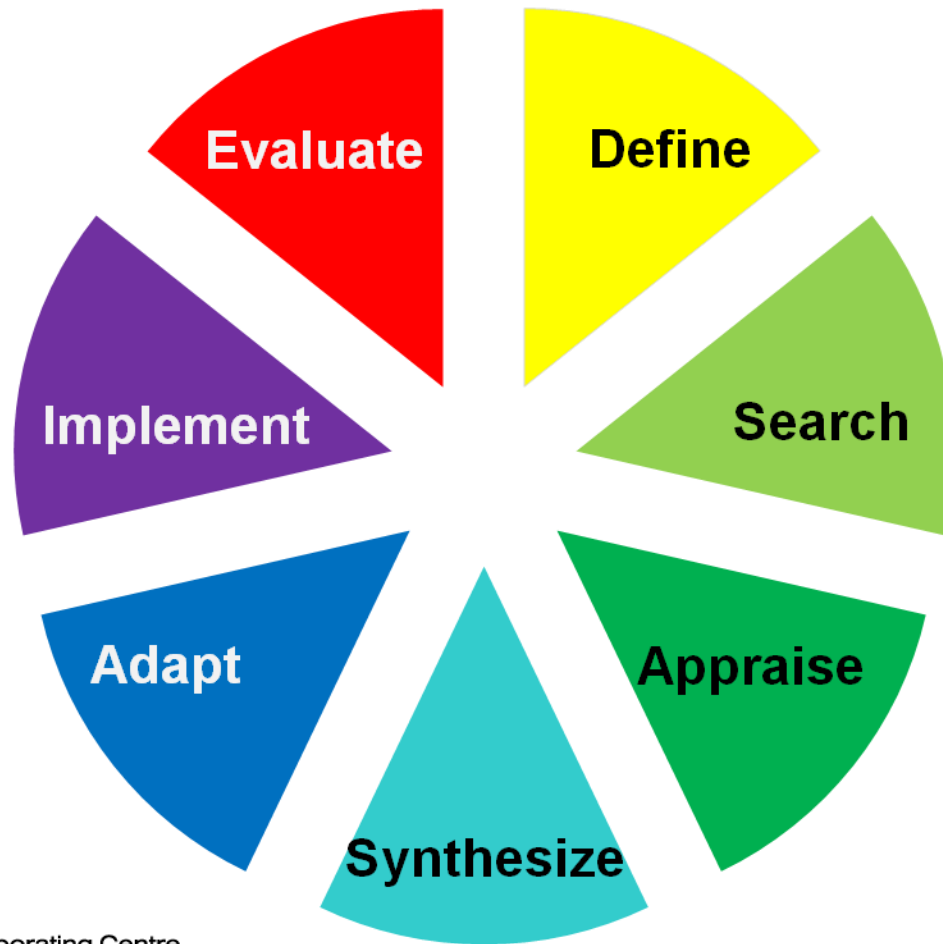


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Stages in the process of

Evidence-Informed Public Health



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Why implement Evidence-Informed Public Health?

- Effectively transfer knowledge from both quantitative and qualitative research into practice and policy.
- Efficiently use limited health care resources.



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Why implement Evidence-Informed Public Health?

- Create programs and actions that are both effective and appropriate for our communities and target populations.
- Strengthen public health in Canada.



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Why implement Evidence-Informed Public Health?

Do what works ...
and don't do what does not work!



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Evidence-informed practice in the real world:

Tracy's story...



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Discussion questions

- How many people have experienced trying to move research evidence into practice?
- Does Tracy's story remind you of a particular experience that you have had in your own work? Please describe.



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Discussion questions

- What are the key lessons that you learned from this experience?
- What have we learned here from this discussion that we need to carry forward?



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NCCMT products and services

- DialoguePH
- Public Health+
- Workshops
- Online learning modules
- Webcasts
- Searchable Registry of Methods and Tools
- Online Health Program Planner



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sharing what **works** in public health

NCCMCT future directions

- Renewed website
- Networking opportunities: CHNC, CPHA
- New modules
- Web casts
- Digital stories..share yours with us!
- Teleconferences and discussion forums linked to topics from CHNET Works Fireside Chats



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Feedback

- Your input is needed to determine whether this networking café was effective in meeting your learning needs.
- Please take a minute to complete the evaluation form in your packages and provide your comments or suggestions.



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