The Health Status of Canada’s First Nations Population: Re-conceptualizing determinants of health

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Historical Context

context is everything
Historical Context – Reserve Lands
Historical Context - Residential Schools

- Transmission First Nations culture, language, and spirituality
- Social norms or boundaries of their communities
- Traditional values and conceptions of extended families
Public Health Agency of Canada

Leadership  Partnership

Innovation  Action

Promote and protect the health of all Canadians
The Key Determinant of Health

- Social support networks
- Education
- Employment and working conditions
- Physical environments
- Biology and genetics
- Personal health practices and coping skills
- Healthy child development
- Health services and social services
- Social environments
- Culture
- Gender
- Income and social status
Four Worlds Institute for Human and Community Development

Development Comes from Within; No Vision, No Development; Individual and Community Transformations Must Go Hand in Hand; and Holistic Learning is the Key to Deep and Lasting Change.
Four Worlds Institute for Human and Community Development: 14 Determinants of Health

- Meaningful work and service
- Basic physical needs
- Spirituality and a sense of purpose
- Morals and ethics
- Safety and security
- Adequate income and sustainable economies
- Adequate power
- Cultural integrity and identity
- Social justice and equity
- Community solidarity and social support
- Healthy ecosystem
- Critical learning opportunities
- Strong families and child development
- Adequate human services and social safety net
- Meaningful work and service
Four Worlds Determinants of Health and Well-being

vs

the PHAC Key Determinants of Health

- Socio-economic climate
- Income disparities

Basic physical needs

- Income and social support
- Physical environments
- Health services and social services
Four Worlds Determinants of Health and Well-being vs the PHAC Key Determinants of Health

- Safety and security
- Social environments

• Past and present cultural marginalization
Four Worlds Determinants of Health and Well-being vs the PHAC Key Determinants of Health

- Culturally unified communities that have the power to effect change

- Community solidarity and social support

- Social support networks
Four Worlds Determinants of Health and Well-being vs the PHAC Key Determinants of Health

- Strong families and healthy child development
  - Social support networks
  - Education and literacy
  - Personal health practices and coping skills
  - Healthy child development
    - The interrelationships between spirituality, cultural integrity and human development
    - Socio-political barriers limiting critical learning opportunities
Four Worlds Determinants of Health and Well-being

VS

the PHAC Key Determinants of Health

- Adequate income and sustainable economies
- Adequate human services and social safety net

- Programs promoting, supporting and enhancing healing and social development are as important as Access to Medical Services
Four Worlds Determinants of Health and Well-being

vs

the PHAC Key Determinants of Health

- Income and Social status
- Neglect non-medical component of human services

- Acknowledges the interrelationship between economic sustainability, quality of life and health status
Four Worlds Determinants of Health and Well-being

Interconnectedness

Cultural identity and integrity

The Key Determinants

Past and present trauma

Health status - physical and psychological well-being
Critical Insights
Strategic Planning & Programming

- Community driven
- Culturally appropriate
- First Nations strategic programming and planning
Strategic Planning & Programming

First Nations groups

Accurate and timely socio-demographic data
First Nations governed public health surveillance programs
multi-faceted collaboration
Solutions adopted to improve First Nations health status

- Building effective healthcare representation
- Achieving consensus on autonomous collection of health-related data
- Needs assessment
- Strategic planning
- Program development
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