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Intersectoral Action – What does the evidence say about the effectiveness of intersectoral action to advance health equity and what are some examples we can learn from?

Organization: National Collaborating Centre for the Determinants of Health

- many different types of knowledge
- intersectoral action as a promising practice
- contribution to evidence base as a promising practice

Systematic Review
3 questions
Public Health focus
- found one strong research study out of 16 primary studies
- difficult to see evidence for intersectoral action in the research; not enough time with evaluation as one year to see upstream affects vs. moderate downstream affects
- evidence is not conclusive
- people do NOT report role of public health
- common tools
- findings
  > 1st time study of the public health role in intersectoral action for health equity
  > early childhood shined in research
  > need evidence base to articulate intersectoral action
  - do not underestimate grey literature

Question and Answer period
- different was to synthesize information, the traditional Cochrane review is difficult to follow
- epistemology differences, how to examine qualitative vs. quantitative evidence (hierarchical)