



Prevention of Violence, Abuse & Neglect

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Public Health Core Functions

Overview

- Setting the context - Public Health Core Functions
- Provincial, national & international perspectives
- Addressing the issue – across the lifespan
- Tools and resources
- Next steps

Setting the Context: *Public Health Core Functions for BC*

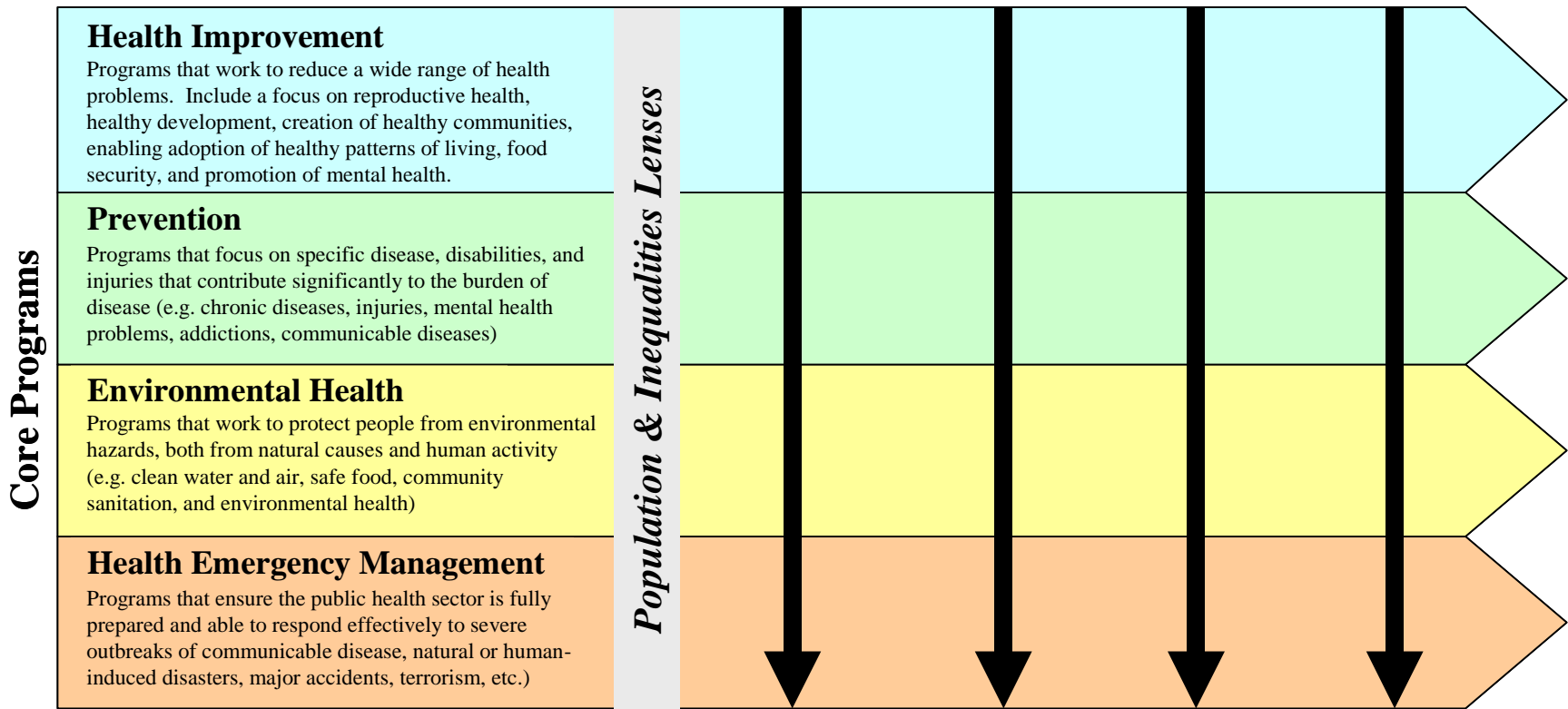


- Public health renewal in British Columbia
- Quality improvement process:
 - Evidence review
 - Model core program
 - Gap analysis
 - Performance Improvement Plan
- 20 Core Programs
- Accountability: GLE, KRA, audited targets

CORE FUNCTIONS FRAMEWORK

Public Health Strategies

Health Promotion	Health Protection	Preventive Interventions	Health Assessment & Disease Surveillance
Develop healthy public policy; advocate/create supportive environments; strengthen communities; develop personal skills; build partnerships	Legislate, Regulate, Tax, Inspect, Enforce, Punish	Immunize, Screen, Counsel, Support behaviour change, Treat	Public health epidemiology, clinical epidemiology, health lab networks, analysis and dissemination



VCH Deliverables

- Completed Performance Improvement Plan is available to the public – posted on VCH website
- Report publicly on progress made towards identified targets in PIP

Project Intranet site:

[Core Public Health Services Review Project](#)

VCH Internet site:

[Staying Healthy – Service Reviews](#)

Model Core Program – Prevention of Violence, Abuse & Neglect

Objectives:

- *Increase healthy interpersonal relationships*
- *Strengthen healthy development, resiliency and self-esteem of children & youth*
- *Strengthen cultural norms and attitudes that reflect social and gender equality and equity*
- *Enhance community involvement in supporting and protecting seniors*
- *Prevent or reduce vulnerabilities, risks and inequities which represent threats to the physical, emotional, sexual, or mental health of specific populations*

Tools & Resources

- 16 Days of Activism – WECAN coalition
- Domestic Violence website – BC government
www.domesticviolencebc.ca/
- E-learning modules – Abuse prevention in Long Term Care www.hccrn.com/resources/eapl_index.html
- Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, Canada's National Day of Mourning - December 6th
- White Ribbon Campaign - Richmond
- The Centre for the Study of Gender, Social Inequities and Mental Health, SFU www.socialinequities.ca/

Next Steps

- Model Core Program paper has been completed
- Issue of domestic violence identified in *Healthy Minds, Healthy People: A Ten-Year Plan to Address Mental Health and Substance Use in BC*
- Establishing best practice related to domestic/intimate partner screening
- Performance improvement planning process will begin in the New Year
- Engagement of stakeholders across the region – outside “traditional” public health

Opportunity for VCH

- Improve **efficiency** through collaborative processes
- Improve **equity** of service access regionally
- Improve **quality** through development of regional service standards
- Improve **accountability** through the development of a robust regional performance management system
- Improve **outcomes** for the healthcare system



Thank you

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