

Building Safe & Inclusive Communities: The Public Health Approach

November 15th & 16th, 2018

The Sutton Place Hotel, 845 Burrard St, Vancouver, BC

Exhibitor Booths

Please join us at the Networking Social Event and Poster Session, Thursday, November 15th from 3:45pm to 5:00pm where individuals will be on hand to discuss the work their organizations have been doing for public health in BC and how you can get involved.



I Boost Immunity™

I Boost Immunity™ (IBI) is a Canadian-based online grassroots immunization advocacy program, managed by the Public Health Association of British Columbia (PHABC), and funded by the BC Ministry of Health. Our content strategist works at the BC Centre for Disease Control supporting I Boost Immunity and Immunize BC. Our goal is to educate and empower the people who are pro-vaccination by providing a safe platform to discuss ideas, fact based research, and the latest immunization news. I Boost Immunity is based on a simple idea: raising local awareness about immunization benefits you and your community. At the same time, we recognize that diseases cross local and national boundaries. It means that vaccinating anyone, anywhere in the world, benefits all of us. This is why we aim to educate our local communities, while simultaneously helping immunization efforts globally through UNICEF.

Farm to School BC

The Farm to School BC Network is a diverse and expanding provincial network that promotes, supports and links schools and communities working to bring healthy, local, just and sustainable food sourcing and food systems education into BC schools.

The Farm to School framework enriches the connection school communities have with their local food producers by working to change food purchasing and education practices in schools. Students gain access to healthy local food, as well as hands-on experiential learning opportunities that foster food literacy such as school gardens, cooking lessons and farm/food system field trips.

Farm to School empowers students and school communities to make informed food choices while contributing to vibrant, sustainable regional food systems that supports the health of people, place and planet.



BC Population Health Network

The BC Population Health Network is a network of population health stakeholders from the health, research and allied sectors with a common interest of advancing the application of the population health approach to improve the health of the population in BC. Our goal is to improve the health of the population and reduce inequities in health status between populations by identifying and supporting the use of the population health approach in policies, strategies and interventions within and beyond the health care system.





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BCCDC Foundation for Public Health

The mission of the BCCDC Foundation for Public Health is to protect and promote health, prevent harm, and prepare for threats by inspiring vision and philanthropy. We work in partnership with the BC Centre for Disease Control to foster the development of key partnerships and collaborations that will result in the advancement of public health in BC and beyond. Our vision is people living in healthy communities protected from infectious disease and environmental health hazards through innovative research and collaborative public health solutions.



BC Alliance for Healthy Living Society

Formed in February 2003, the BC Alliance for Healthy Living Society (BCAHL) is a group of organizations that came together with a mission to improve the health of British Columbians. Through leadership and collaborative action, BCAHL advances health promoting policies, programs and environments that support the physical and mental well-being of British Columbians. On June 1, 2017, the alliance was incorporated as a society and our name changed to the BC Alliance for Healthy Living Society. Collectively, BCAHL members capture the attention of over 40,000 volunteers, 4,300 health and recreation professionals and 184 local governments across British Columbia. As an advocacy group, we work with government and hold them accountable to promote wellness and prevent chronic disease.



BC Health Literacy Networks

The British Columbia Health Literacy Networks, hosted by the Public Health Association of British Columbia (PHABC), was established in 2011 following two Roundtables on health literacy organized by a multi-sectoral planning committee of people and organizations interested in the issue. It was established to pursue the following three goals articulated in a Strategy paper developed by the planning committee:

The BC population has increased skills to better access, understand, communicate and evaluate health information in order to make informed decisions about their health. The BC Health system has structures and expertise to support members of the public with different levels of health literacy. Stakeholders from different fields and sectors are working collaboratively in an innovative and articulated manner.

In order to pursue these goals, a number of networks and organizations from various sectors committed to health literacy agreed to a structure consisting of a Steering Committee of representatives from the various types of networks and organizations interested in health literacy, as well as the broader Network consisting of members from all of the networks and organizations. Since the establishment of this structure, the Steering Committee, hosted by the Public Health Association of B.C. (PHABC), has met almost monthly to keep abreast of developments related to health literacy in British Columbia (and elsewhere) and to organize a number of activities in pursuit of the above goals.





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Health Promotion BC Network

The Health Promotion BC Network is an informal community of practice that has been established to strengthen relationships between everyone in British Columbia doing health promotion work, and to actively support the work of Health Promotion Canada, a national non-profit organization exclusively devoted to advancing the practice of health promotion in Canada. Members of the Health Promotion BC Network share information using the LinkedIn Groups platform, posting interesting links, asking for help and sharing ideas. Members receive regular updates about what has been happening around BC, and the Network is always looking for volunteers to help plan and deliver professional development activities (webinars, in-person meetings etc.).

Bridge for Health

Bridge for Health is a start-up cooperative committed to social innovation to improve health and wellbeing and was originally founded in 2013 as local Vancouver-based volunteer network to foster collaboration, knowledge-sharing and action to promote citizen engagement in health. Bridge for Health is part of a global conversation about how psycho-social, spiritual, economic, political and environmental dimensions are impacting our health. The network quickly evolved into an incubator of social innovation in health, reaching people across Canada and abroad, through community and networking events, IDEA LABs, research projects and social media campaigns.



Community Action Initiative

Community Action Initiative (CAI) was created to support community-led projects that promote mental health, prevent substance use problems and promote effective treatment and support for individuals and families experiencing mental health and/or substance use challenges in BC. We take a localized, collaborative approach by creating networks and encouraging dialogue within and across sectors. Our goal is to bring together diverse community-based organizations to work to establish innovative, community-generated models for delivering mental health and/or substance use services in BC.

The CAI Leadership Council represents a coalition of non-government organizations (NGO), First Nations Health Authority, Metis Nation British Columbia and BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres, provincial government bodies and other key stakeholders.





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BCCDC provides health promotion and prevention services, analytical and policy support to government and health authorities, and diagnostic and treatment services to reduce communicable & chronic disease, preventable injury and environmental health risks. Our unique integrated structure, one that combines service delivery, policy advice and research, contributes greatly to our ability to identify and respond to emerging public health threats. **Our mandate:** Working together to protect health, prevent harm, prepare for threats. We believe that there are no boundaries to what we can do to better the health of British Columbians. Each team member dedicates energy, expertise and passion to the prevention, detection and cure of disease. We lead through research, innovation and action. BCCDC is dedicated to embedding a culture of quality and safety into all aspects of its' programs. We work closely with partner health authorities, health professions and other stakeholders to continually improve Patient Safety & Quality of services.



Nurses and Nurse Practitioners
of British Columbia

Equality • Collaboration • Unity

Nurse and Nurse Practitioners of BC

B.C.'s four nursing associations, which represent the four nursing designations in B.C. - RNs, LPNs, NPs and RPNs - have been collaborating closely since 2013 on the BC Coalition of Nursing Associations (BCCNA or the Coalition). This collaboration has been ground breaking in demonstrating the importance of collaboration and nursing unity to strengthen the profession.

Over the past several years since the Coalition was formed, we have learned that equal representation, regardless of the numbers of nurses working in each designation, is a very important part of an effective and fair Board. Whether there are 400 NPs or 40,000 RNs, it is so important to the smooth running of the organization, that each designation has an equal and valued voice at the table and in our decision-making processes.

While the Coalition was a powerful force in bringing together the nursing profession in the province and demonstrating that it is possible to break down the siloes and hierarchies that exist in the profession, the nursing groups were not unified under a single umbrella, until now.

Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC (NNPBC) serves as country's first professional nursing association representing all of BC's nurses.



Canadian Mental
Health Association
British Columbia
Mental health for all

Canadian Mental Health Association

The Canadian Mental Health Association's BC Division (CMHA BC) is a nation-wide charity that helps maintain and improve mental health for all, and supports the resilience and recovery of people experiencing mental illness, substance use and addictive behaviours. It also promotes inclusion, advocacy, and research, and provides consultation to 14 CMHA branches and other groups involved in community-based programs for people with a mental illness and substance use issues across BC. For more information please check out our website at www.cmha.bc.ca



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Kids Boost Immunity™

Kids Boost Immunity™ (KBI) is a free online learning resource for Canadian students that pairs local learning with a global reward: vaccines for children in need through UNICEF. Designed for students in grades 5-9 in Canada, KBI has carefully curated lessons linked with science, health or socials curriculums for teachers. Topics include: germs and infections, the immune system, vaccines & antibiotics, evaluating online information sources and global inequality in health. After completing a lesson, students are directed to take a quiz where they earn vaccines in support of children through UNICEF for questions they answer correctly. Kids Boost Immunity is a national education and advocacy initiative administered through the Public Health Association of British Columbia, with financial contribution from the BC Ministry of Health and the Public Health Agency of Canada. The program is coordinated through the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control.



posAbilities

posAbilities is an innovative not-for-profit community living association that assists persons with developmental disabilities to lead meaningful and healthy lives. We partner with the community to provide a comprehensive range of person-centred services for individuals and the families who care for them. **posAbilities** focuses on service excellence and innovation, offering a wide range of programs, services and new initiatives throughout the Metro Vancouver area, Vancouver Island and the Okanagan. Our services to children, youth and adults include: behaviour consultation, training and support; community inclusive art, theatre, and engagement programs; employment services; and home or shared living supports. Can You Dig It is an example of a collaborative innovation designed to reduce social isolation while improving local food security. Gardens and their respective networks of animators, have taken root in over 30 neighbourhoods/communities to date. We invite you to visit our Can You Dig It YouTube channel to learn more. We are also involved with Real Talk, a sexual health initiative aimed at people with intellectual disabilities and their supporters. They host educational/social events where people can have open, honest conversations about dating, love, sex and relationships. This initiative has been made possible through a financial contribution from the Public Health Agency of Canada. To learn more about the work we do, please visit www.posAbilities.ca and connect with us in the exhibition hall.