

**Tools to Support the  
Ontario Public Health  
Foundational  
Standards**

*teip*

**Towards Evidence-Informed Practice**  
**A Project in Chronic Disease Prevention**

# Outline

1. Introducing TEIP
2. Capacity-building tools
3. Resources & Supports
4. TEIP Benefits
5. Supporting Foundational Standard Requirements
6. Questions?

# TEIP's Goal

*Strengthen the effectiveness of local health promotion & prevention initiatives by building capacity for:*

- Continuous quality improvement*
- Use of relevant evidence*
- Creation of practice-based evidence*

# TEIP Approach

- Practical, field-tested & step-by-step capacity building tools
  - Program Assessment
  - Program Evidence
  - Program Evaluation
- Relevant to Public Health context
- Support knowledge exchange & decision-making

# Development of Tools

## Expert Advisory Committee

- Community researchers
- Knowledge exchange experts
- Practitioners

## Field tested

- Assessment (2005-06)
- Evidence (2007-08)
- Evaluation (pending)

## Evaluated & Revised

- Formative & process evaluations

# Routes to Effectiveness



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## 1. Program Assessment

- Continuous improvement (CQI)
- Evidence-based criteria
- Identify strengths & weaknesses
- Builds collaboration among diverse partners
- Strengthens local evaluation processes

## TEIP Program Assessment Tools

# Routes to Effectiveness (2)

## 2. Identify & Use Evidence

- Relevant to public health context
- Guided process:
  - Focus evidence question
  - Develop search strategy
  - Extract, summarize & synthesize findings
  - Interpret findings for local context
  - Implement & evaluate
- Promotes linkage & knowledge-exchange

## Program Evidence Tools

# Routes to Effectiveness (3)

## 3. Program Evaluation

- For evaluation neophytes
- Promotes positive evaluation culture
- Based on approach by Dr. Brian Rush
- From logic model to evaluation plan
- Realistic and cost-effective evaluations
- Learn from local experience

## Program Evaluation Tools

# Benefits from the Communities

- ↑ practitioner knowledge, skills, and confidence for program evidence and evaluation
- Leads to an intention by participants to change usual practices
- ↑ quality and strength of the partnerships

*“TEIP has provided the tools and support to ensure our programs incorporate evidence into program planning”*

*“Without this process I think we would continue to have very superficial evaluations... the lessons learned can be transferred to other initiatives and planning”*

# TEIP Resources & Supports

## 1. Website: <http://teip.hhrc.net>

- Evidence summaries
- Tools & Online learning modules

## 2. Master Trainer Workshops

- Organizational or regional
- Available from February 2009
- Cost recovery (travel expenses)

## 3. Webinars & e-Newsletters

- Develop skills & share stories

# Linking TEIP Tools to the Foundational Standard

## Research & Knowledge Exchange

- Promote & support engagement in KE activities (*Assessment & Evidence Tools*)
- Help practitioners foster relationships & create a network (*Assessment & Evidence Tools*)
- Creation of practice-based evidence (*Evidence Tools*)

# Linking TEIP Tools to the Foundational Standard

## Program Evaluation

- Development & implementation of process and outcome evaluation (*Evaluation Tools*)
- ↑ the awareness of the criteria for program effectiveness (*Assessment Tools*)

# Questions?

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