

Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) in the OPHS Standards and Protocols

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Purpose

- To describe key aspects of the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) Strategic Framework and explain its relevance as a key document for boards of health in the delivery of the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program (HBHC).
- To highlight the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Protocol (2008) which supports delivery of the HBHC program.

Context for Implementation of HBHC

- All MCYS programs, including HBHC and other early years programs, are to be integrated and delivered in accordance with the MCYS Strategic Framework.
- The MCYS Strategic Framework 2008-12 “Realizing Potential: Our Children, Our Youth, Our Future” is a key document which aims to:
 - guide the ministry and its partners in delivering our shared commitment to Ontario “*where all children and youth have the best opportunity to succeed and reach their full potential*”.
 - provide a common foundation for working with our partners to build on achievements, respond to new challenges and maximize opportunities.
 - articulate an agenda for continuous improvement that encompasses the entire children and youth services system from policy development and program design through to program management and frontline service delivery.
- Boards of health should utilize the MCYS Strategic Framework in alignment with the Ontario Public Health Standards to bring about continuous quality improvement to public health programs and services delivered for children and families in Ontario.

Context for Implementation of HBHC (cont'd)

Strategic Goals for the MCYS Strategic Framework

EVERY CHILD AND YOUTH HAS A VOICE

**EVERY CHILD AND YOUTH RECEIVES
PERSONALIZED SERVICES**

**EVERYONE INVOLVED IN SERVICE DELIVERY
CONTRIBUTES TOWARD ACHIEVING COMMON OUTCOMES**

EVERY CHILD AND YOUTH IS RESILIENT

**EVERY YOUNG PERSON GRADUATES FROM
SECONDARY SCHOOL**

HBHC in the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS)

- HBHC is embedded in the Family Health Standards (OPHS) with specific requirements for boards of health to provide services to women and their families in the prenatal period and to families with children up to 6 years of age.
- Goals of HBHC fit into the OPHS while its delivery falls within the context of the MCYS Strategic Framework.
- MCYS will continue to work with its partner ministries, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ministry of Health Promotion to continue to work collaboratively to achieve similar outcomes for public health programs and services delivered for children and families in Ontario.

HBHC Protocol in the Family Health Standards

- The HBHC Protocol (2008) provides direction to boards of health on the specific requirements for the HBHC program.
- The protocol has been drawn from and is consistent with the HBHC Consolidated Guidelines (2003).
- No substantive change in HBHC program policy was made in drafting the protocol.
- The HBHC Guidance / Best Practice document is currently in development in accordance with the HBHC Protocol (2008). The purpose of the document is to support implementation of the HBHC program. The document is being developed, drawn from information contained in the existing HBHC Consolidated Guidelines (2003). Until its release boards of health should refer to the Consolidated Guidelines (2003) as the guidance/best practice document for the program.