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BEYOND BANDAIDS: Delivering Healthcare Fit for Kids

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CHEER Community Webinar Series

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Why Right-Sizing? Why Now?

- Children's health systems (including children's health research) have been underfunded for decades.
- Investments in Canada's health research ecosystem fall short in relation to international comparators.
- Health outcomes of children and youth living in Canada are worsening.



Why Right-Sizing? Why Now?

- Existing funding models do not incentivize collaboration or integration of services, nor do they support families in the flexible ways they need.
- Highly specialized health workforce (including clinician scientists) serving children is depleted and diminishing.
- Canada has a growing population of children and youth with increasingly complex healthcare needs.



Why Right-Sizing? Why Now?

- Access to essential services and experiences of care (for patients and providers) are worsening.
- Data gaps persist making it difficult to understand or meet the needs of children and youth today, and into the future.



Co-Defining Solutions: Purpose of The Right-Sizing Initiative

Develop concrete recommendations for integration of children's health services and health research across Canada to improve health outcomes and guide policy and advocacy efforts (and investments) across Canada.



Co-Designing Priorities & Solutions

Inspiring Healthy Futures 2.0 Summit (October 2023)

- Cross sector engagement to identify right-sizing as a collective priority of organizations with an interest in children and youth health and wellbeing.
- Support a fully integrated, collaborative research ecosystem that enables sustainable discovery science, shapes improved health outcomes, and informs equitable, child and youth centred policy.



Co-Designing Priorities & Solutions

Child Health Sector Engagement: Virtual roundtables facilitated by the Potential Group (Oct – Dec 2023)

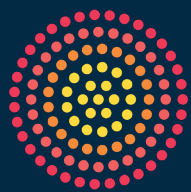
- Engaged CHC members and non-members, CHC Executive Network, Family Network and the Young Canadians Roundtable on Health
- Focused conversations on Hospital Based Care, Community Based Care, Mental Health Services, Health Equity, Children with Medical Complexity, Data and **Child Health Research**



Who Was Engaged

- Over **600** targeted engagements across **7** virtual consultations
- **400** delegates at the Children's Healthcare Canada Conference
- **95** Participants in Inspiring Healthy Futures Summit

- Families, Youth and Caregivers
- Children's Health System Leaders
- Clinicians
- Researchers and Data Leaders
- Educators
- Advocates
- Policymakers
- Social Service Providers



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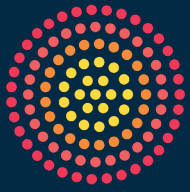
What We Learned & Heard



Our Shared Vision

Accessible, equitable, connected healthcare services designed for the needs of children, youth and families in Canada, underpinned by best available evidence.





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Collective Action: Roles & Responsibilities



Building Blocks for Successful Health Systems Transformation



Dedicated and protected funding envelopes for children's health systems across the continuum of care, including child health research.



Publicly accessible child health data, captured under national health data strategies.



The highly specialized health workforce that cares for children and youth must be an intentional focus of national health workforce planning initiatives.

Roles & Responsibilities

- Federal Government
- Provincial & Territorial Government
- Child Healthcare Sector
- Child Health Advocates

• *“We need joint accountability that we are all in this together to delivery collectively on the wellbeing of children.”*





Role of the Federal Government

The federal government has an important leadership role to play in catalyzing and supporting children's health systems transformation.

- Advancing a national strategy for children and youth
- Implementing a Chief Child Health Officer
- Ring fenced funding for children's health services and health research

Role of Provincial & Territorial Governments

Provincial and territorial governments play an important role as administrators and payors of healthcare service delivery, in accordance with principles defined in the Canada Health Act.



Role of the Child Healthcare Sector

Collaborate meaningfully to create systems of care that share resources, centralize knowledge to apply research findings to evidence-based care, simplify system navigation, and enhance local capacity to better respond to surges



Role of Child Health Advocates

Child health advocates play an important role serving as subject matter experts and as convenors of those with shared priorities with the means to influence change.



Other Champions or Advocates



A National Vision to Transform Health Research in Canada



HealthcareCAN's Health Research Vision

1. Establish Canada as a global research and innovation hub.
2. Accelerate the generation of new knowledge through innovative research
3. Empower a diverse and sustainable workforce
4. Revolutionize health outcomes through innovative adoption, translation and implementation of research



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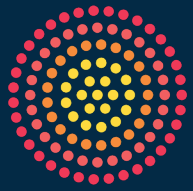
RESEARCH CANADA'S ASK: Budget 2024 needs to reinvest in both research and people by immediately doubling research funding to the Tri-Agency and committing to:

- > a predictable annual increase** that will keep pace with inflation and global benchmarks; and
- > the development of equitable, inclusive and accessible research systems, cultures and practices** in order to engage and empower Canada's diverse population.

How can you participate?

- Engage – Create or share a call to action on social media
- Collaborate with your organization to lead a tour for MPs
- Share examples of how health research is enabling improved care, or care outcomes for children/youth and families
- Elevate health research priorities in the context of the election (at the doorstep)





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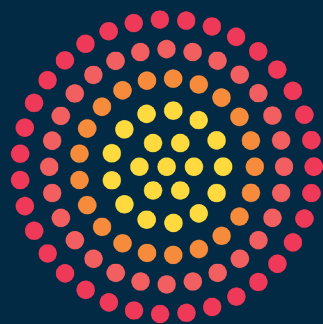
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