

KNOWLEDGE HUB

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SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

The Mid-term evaluation of the Knowledge Hub identified Sustainability as a topic of interest and concern among Community of Practice members. In response, a Sustainability Working Group was formed, and three online meetings were held between December 2024 and February 2025.

At the first working group meeting, held December 4, 2024, participants shared their motivations for attending the meeting and their connection to the topic of sustainability. Four projects are approaching the end of their funding agreement with the Public Health Agency of Canada in March 2025, and sustainability of programs after the funding period is an ever-present concern. Participants emphasized the need to explore strategies for continuing these programs with limited funding while maintaining their impact. The meeting explored various aspects of sustainability and the [Program Sustainability Assessment Tool \(PSAT\)](#), was introduced.

Program Sustainability Assessment Tool [PSAT – PSAT/CSAT](#)

- Designed to evaluate program sustainability capacity across 8 domains
- Tailored for a broad range of public health programs
- Rigorously tested at both community and state levels, ensuring its reliability and adaptability.
- Complete the assessment online and receive a summary report of overall sustainability
- Available in English and Spanish



At the next meeting held on January 15, 2025, insights from a review of final reports from projects within the previous investments were shared. Examples of sustainability were sorted into five categories:

- Sustaining knowledge
- Sustaining effective programs
- Scaling programs
- Sustaining collaboration
- Sustaining Impact

Final reports from the first investment group are available on project pages on the KH website: [Project Profiles \(2015-2022\) - Knowledge Hub - Western University](#):

Sustaining Knowledge (KM to stakeholders)	Sustaining Effective Programs (integrating into existing orgs)	Scaling Programs (expanding delivery to additional sites)	Sustaining Collaboration (maintain productive working relationships)	Sustaining Impact (integrating programs into organizations and systems)
Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • manuals • training materials • website • journal articles • toolkits 	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community of practice • program embedded into CAPC • additional funding obtained • trained “master” trainers and all frontline staff 	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adapting for Indigenous partners and women who have immigrated • expanding to different kinds of organizations 	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community stakeholders engaging in implementation studies • communities of practice 	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community of practice • training • successfully embedded in organizations • additional funding sought secured

Four pathways to sustainability were explored:

1. Research to Practice Pathway
2. Advancing a political agenda
3. Funding Pathways, Costing Analysis, and Sustainability
4. Foundations and private funding.

Discussions were facilitated with a whiteboard where each member added comments and ideas about the pathway identified.

The February 12, 2025, meeting focused on strategies for securing sustainable funding for various initiatives, including exploring alternative funding sources and improving sustainability plans in funding applications. Participants shared experiences and challenges related to program sustainability, emphasizing the importance of collaboration, community connections, and government coordination. The group also discussed concrete suggestions to support instructions related to sustainability in future funding applications.

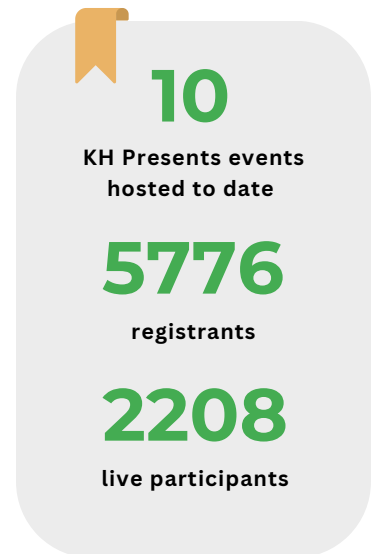
Next steps

The Knowledge Hub team is conducting interviews with projects from the previous investment to gather information about how sustainability has looked after the investment from PHAC. We will share our learnings from these interviews, the working group meetings and our literature review with CoP members in a final report in the coming months. As always, we encourage CoP members to provide feedback on any specific aspects of sustainability they want to explore further.

KH PRESENTS WEBINAR SERIES

The Knowledge Hub has hosted 10 *KH Presents!* Webinars with another one planned for the end of [March 2025](#). The *KH Presents!* webinar series offers a brief overview of research and /or program highlights for Community of Practice member projects. Recordings are available in English and French and posted on the website.

We are so thrilled with the audience engagement for these short webinars. To date we have engaged over 5700 registrants and more than 2200 people attended the events live online. Following their presentation on February 18th, folks at Cross Sectoral Solutions received over 30 new registrations for their upcoming conference. As we move into our final months in this investment, and we are all thinking about knowledge mobilization and sustainability, we encourage everyone to reach out to schedule your own *KH Presents!*



Knowledge Hub Presents Conference: Innovations in Addressing Gender-Based Violence and Trauma and Violence-Informed Health Promotion.



Location: Delta Hotels Toronto Airport & Conference Centre - 655 Dixon Rd, Etobicoke, ON M9W 1J3

Date: October 1-2, 2025

This conference offers an opportunity for Trauma-and Violence-Informed Community of Practice members to share their work through the “Preventing and Addressing Family Violence: The Health Perspective” investment.

Conference programming will include interactive workshops, creative sessions, panel discussions, and networking opportunities designed to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing. This is your opportunity to share your insights, practices, and research with a broader community while working to build healthier, safer communities.

[Register for conference here! Early Bird Rates available until April 30th, 2025](#)

Check your email

You will receive an invitation to share your project results at the conference through one of the following:

- Research Presentations: sharing the results of the research conducted through your project with peers, stakeholders, policymakers, etc.
- Workshops: Interactive sessions focusing on practical skills and knowledge-sharing, may include creative, arts-based or participatory activities that engage attendees in innovative approaches.
- Conversations: Includes panel discussions, storytelling sessions, and case studies. Sessions will explore diverse perspectives of a topic or issue incorporating programmatic successes to inspire and inform.
- Poster Presentations – from students or other partners sharing results and information related to the projects.

Why Present?

- Showcase your work to a national audience of practitioners, researchers, and policymakers.
- Contribute to advancing trauma- and violence-informed practices across diverse settings.
- Build connections and inspire collaboration in the growing field of violence prevention and health promotion.
- Contribute to sustainability of knowledge and programs developed through this investment.

FAREWELLS

Happy Parental Leave, Jade!

Our dear Jade Vajna will be going on parental leave starting April 2025, and on behalf of the entire community of practice, the Knowledge Hubs sends our best to the family for this beautiful new chapter. We will miss her greatly, but we know this new adventure will be incredibly rewarding.

Congratulations and Farewell, Jenna!

The Knowledge Hub team sends heartfelt congratulations and farewell to Jenna Lopez on her new position as Research & Knowledge Mobilization Specialist at the Learning Network!

While we will miss her, we are excited for this new opportunity and glad that we will continue to work together on the Webinar Series. We will be posting a Research Associate Position in the coming weeks on the Western Recruitment page.

Acknowledging Community of Practice members

Contribution agreements from the Public Health Agency of Canada for the following four projects draw to a close in March 2025:

- Kids Club Mom's Empowerment (Ginette Landry, Julie-Pier Montreuil)
- Cross-Sectoral Solutions (Kelsy Dundas, Gifty Asare, Nikki Plant)
- Sharing in the Healing Journey (Maria Palma, Melissa Foong)
- Art et Contes (Fernanda Camejo, Laurence Gauthier)

We look forward to staying connected through the Community of Practice and other events for those who are able to do so. As projects wrap up, a reminder that each project has a page on the Knowledge Hub website where information, resources, and updates can be situated.

WELCOME TO NEW KH MEMBER, MEAGHAN FURLANO!

Meaghan Furlano (she/her) is a PhD student in the Sociology department at Western University. As a feminist media and cultural studies scholar, her research interests include gender inequality, feminism, antifeminism, neoliberalism, body culture, social media, menstruation, and qualitative research.



KH TRIP TO OTTAWA

In January, the KH Team travelled to Ottawa where we got to visit Dr. Francine Darroch of the [Trauma and Violence-Informed Movement project](#), and members of the PHAC team. It was such a pleasure getting updates about the last year of funding and sharing ideas about sustainability!



*Anna-Lee Straatman, Jessica Laurin,
Elisabeth Steumpel, and Sara Lefebvre*



*Sabry Adel Saadi, Francine Darroch,
Jade Vajna, and Jessica Webb*

CELEBRATING COP MEMBERS

Did you miss **Jessica Martin's** webinar on child sexual abuse prevention and intervention? No worries! You can watch the [recording here](#).

Jessica, a project manager and trainer at Marie-Vincent, shared insights on the scope of the issue, its impact, and best practices to prevent and respond to sexual violence in childhood and adolescence. She also discussed trauma-sensitive approaches and ways to reduce secondary victimization in the socio-judicial process.



Congratulations to **Marilyn Ford-Gilboe** who has received the Excellence in Policy & Practice Award from the Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International.



Mobilizing for Change: Addressing Anti-Black Racism Conference

On February 27, 2025, the [Mobilizing for Change: Addressing Anti-Black Racism](#) conference, organized by **Dr. Duhaney**, took place in-person and online. This event provided a crucial space for dialogue, action, and collaboration, bringing together community leaders, activists, academics, and allies dedicated to racial equity and Black excellence. Congratulations to Dr. Duhaney and team for hosting a beautiful event!



Thank you to the **HEAL Team** for sending us these lovely calendars with art work from HEAL participants. Not only is the art beautiful, but we think this is an awesome example of knowledge translation.



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