

# Bringing Health Back Into Planning: Overview of Canadian Tools and Cross-Sector Action

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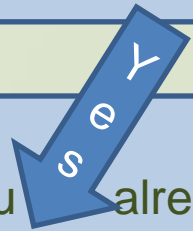
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# Agenda

- Welcome
- Health 201, Alice Miro
- Healthy Built Environment Inventory
- CLASP Initiative
- Exercise
- Closing

# Exercise

Are you already working across sectors?

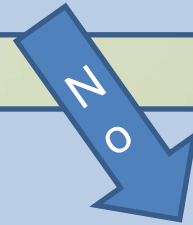


Describe how you already working across sectors in your role as a planner/health professional/other.

Identify sectors

Illustrate your experience –

- Success?
- Barriers/challenges?
- Lessons learned



Identify the types of projects where health and planning are working together. For example municipal policy, planning specific projects, permitting etc.

opportunity to learn from others

## Where to start?

# Buried in toolkits and other resources?

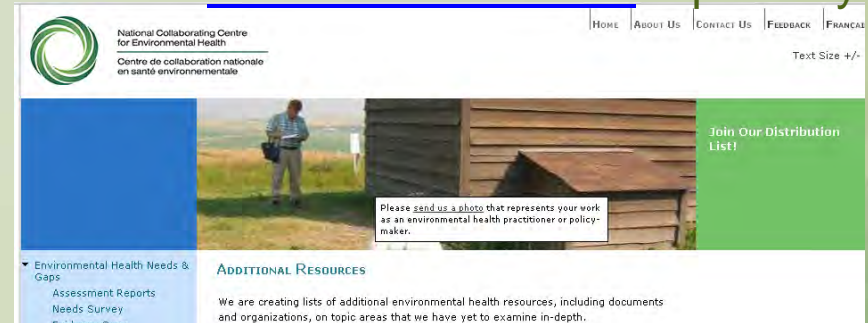


Guidelines for each of Canada's 10 provinces and for rural areas have been developed as tools for achieving transportation and land-use arrangements that meet the needs of children and youth. They are intended for municipal transportation and land use planners.



Look in:

NCCEH's [additional resources](#) repository



The document is designed to help community-based organizations recognize that brownfields are opportunities for neighbourhood revitalization and to help them participate more effectively in the complicated process of brownfield cleanup and redevelopment. The process is illustrated with case studies.



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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

We are creating lists of additional environmental health resources, including documents and organizations, on topic areas that we have yet to examine in-depth.

The documents in the lists are relevant to environmental health practice or policy. Scientific articles are from peer-reviewed journals and grey literature (reports, etc.) has been evaluated using our [Evidence Review Process](#). Some documents, websites, and other media do not meet all evaluation criteria. The organizations listed are chosen based on their relevance, their credibility and authority in the field, and the quality of material they produce.

To access the listings, click on the links below. If you have suggested resources, please [send them](#) to us.

Search results for: **Environmental Planning, Built Environment**

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Aboelata, M [Emerging issues in improving food and physical activity environments: Strategies for addressing land use, transportation and safety in 3 California-wide initiatives](#). Oakland, CA: American Journal of Public Health, 2010 November  
*Theme(s): Physical Activity/Active Transportation, Active Living*

This article reviewed three California-wide initiatives and identified land use, transportation and safety are important in improving eating and activity environments. Engaging advocates, linking safety to health and collaborating with government were essential for the implementation of community improvement efforts.

Active Living Research [Resources for policy makers and advocates](#) San Diego, CA: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; 2010.  
*Theme(s): Active Living*

Active Living research is a U.S. program that contributes to the prevention of childhood obesity in low-income and high-risk communities. The website contains tools and literature databases about the relationship of environment and policy with physical activity and obesity.

## Search this Section

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Resources with summaries

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# Scenario

# Methodology

## Themes

Planning & design  
Active living  
Greening strategies  
Social determinants  
Nutrition & food  
Indoor environment  
Mental health & perception  
Air quality

## Types

Background documents  
Policy  
Case studies  
Evaluation  
Guidelines & tools  
Networks  
Education  
Scientific review

## Population

General  
Children  
Seniors  
Aboriginal  
Vulnerable populations

## Criteria

- Purpose
- Funding source
- Practical/actionable
- Relevant: improves built environment
- Open access

# Limitations

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- Not comprehensive
  - No outcome evaluation

- Limited quality assessment
- Dependent on what's posted

- Open access
- Budget: 40-word summaries
- Does not address all public health issues



# About NCCEH

- One of six national collaborating centres



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- Function: synthesizing, translating and exchanging knowledge; identifying gaps; building capacity

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