

Health Promotion Domain

Introduction

The Health Promotion Domain aims to assist the Aboriginal Health sector by synthesising existing knowledge and experiences and translating the evidence into practice and/or policy as appropriate. This Domain also aims to strengthen the capacity of the sector to evaluate and document its health promotion activities, which will add to the health promotion evidence-base.

Project 1: Scoping Review of health promotion programs and activities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

The Scoping Review will map the existing literature on health promotion programs and activities that focus on reducing chronic disease risk and improving management for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples via primary health care services. The review will also inform topics that could benefit from a synthesis of knowledge to inform health service delivery or policy.

Progress to Date:

The research protocol paper for the scoping review has been submitted to the JBI Library for publication. The systematic search of databases and selection of full text retrieval is now complete.

The research protocol paper for a Systematic Literature Review for group-based physical activity programs has been submitted to the JBI library for publication and reviewer comments have been received.

Next Steps:

The scoping review team will complete data extraction in August and September 2015. The publication will be drafted and consultation will occur with Health Promotion experts in the Aboriginal Health Sector, especially for advice regarding the implication of the findings.

Additional reviews that may be conducted by CREATE staff or by affiliates of CREATE (i.e. postgraduate students mentored by a CREATE team member or CREATE Fellows) will commence in early 2016, including the Systematic Literature Review on group-based physical activity programs.

Expected Outcomes:

- Publication of the scoping review protocol (Oct 2015)
- Publication of the scoping review paper (Feb 2016)
- Publication of the Systematic Literature Review on group-based physical activity programs (July 2016)
- Additional Systematic Literature Review publications (2016-17)

Project 2: Health Promotion Evaluation Framework

Through consultation and collaboration with health promotion practitioners, CREATE will develop an evaluation framework to assist the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healthcare sector to evaluate its health promotion activities. This project will include capacity strengthening activities to support the sector to use the framework, to evaluate its activities and to share its learnings with others.

Progress to Date:

CREATE has been involved in assisting an Aboriginal Primary Health Care Service to evaluate some of its health promotion programs. This experience will inform the development of the draft framework.

Next Steps:

Consultation with health promotion practitioners will be conducted in order to guide the development of a framework that will meet the needs of the sector (Feb/Mar 2016).

A draft tool will be developed and workshopped with a small group of potential end-users.

Expected Outcomes:

- The framework will be made available to the sector (2016)
- A training course on using the framework and evaluating Health Promotion programs will be developed and offered to the sector (2016)