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CACHC e-Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE: CACHC TOWN HALL - NOVEMBER 12TH

For CACHC members and partners only: Join us on November 12th for CACHC's first town hall!

This session, ***Stronger Together***, will bring members together to reflect on our shared work over the past year, explore key insights from the recent National Survey, and discuss how we can advance or collective voice in the national landscape.

Agenda Highlights:

- CACHC Updates
- Key findings from the 2025 National Survey Report
- Open discussion - Member priorities and advocacy focus for the year ahead

Date: November 12th 2025

Time: 1pm EST to 2pm EST

Location: Virtual (Zoom link provided upon registration)

Please register using the link [here](#).

The Canadian Association of Community Health Centres (CACHC) held its 2025 Annual General Meeting on September 17, 2025, bringing together members, board representatives and partners from across the country.

The past year was highlighted as one of continuity and growth, from advancing national projects and advocacy priorities to expanding membership across provinces.

The Executive Director, Iwo Effiong, thanked the Board of Directors, staff, members and partners for their ongoing dedication and collaboration. A special note of appreciation was extended to outgoing chair, Michele Bellows from Rideau Community Health Services, Merrickville, ON, for her leadership and commitment.

CACHC also welcomed its new Chair, Joy Bowen-Eyre from The Alex Community Health Centre, Calgary AB, and Vice Chair, Marie-France LeBlanc from North End Community Health Centre, Halifax, NS, as well as a new Board representative, Mary Chudley from Cool Aid Community Health Centre, Victoria, BC.

Highlights from the AGM included:

- Annual Report Release – The 2024-2025 Annual Report captured key milestones, a year of progress, collaboration and growth.
- National Projects and Advocacy - Key updates were shared on national projects and advocacy efforts.
- The 2025 National Survey Report - The release of the 2025 National Survey Report provided valuable insights into the reach, impact and challenges of CHCs across Canada, reinforcing the vital role they play in advancing health equity.
- Governance Updates - Members approved the updates to CACHC's bylaws, ensuring alignment with CACHC's strategic direction.

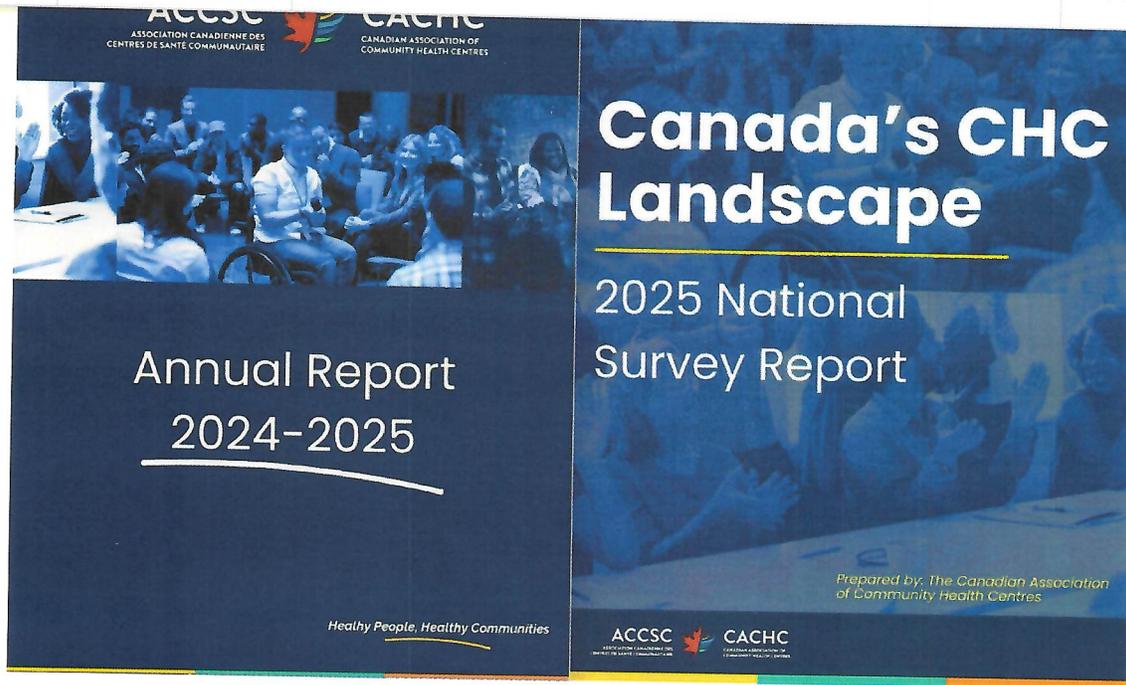
As the network grows, CACHC remains committed to strengthening member connection and knowledge exchange through its projects, the Community Matters podcast and the Community Health Connections webinar series.

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CACHC Annual Report and Survey Report Are Available!

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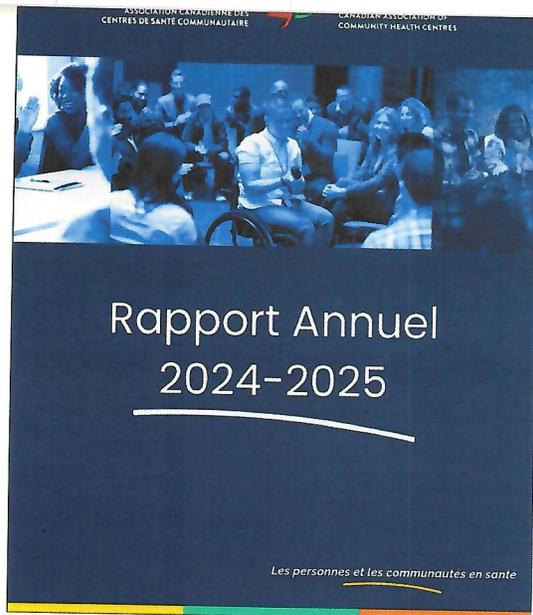
We are excited to share that our Annual Report for 2024-2025 is now available on our website. This report highlights our achievements over the past fiscal year, our changing membership, key projects lead by our team and our financial overview. Thank you to our members and partners as we to continue to grow and look forward to the year ahead.

Read the full report [here](#).

We're excited to announce the release of our 2025 National Survey Report, [Canada's CHC Landscape](#) which offers detailed insights into the experiences, challenges, and impact of CHCs across the country. Based on data from CHCs nationwide, the report highlights Canadian CHC service delivery, workforce capacity, funding sources, and the evolving needs of CHCs. The report also offers policy and practice recommendations to strengthen the effectiveness and long-term sustainability of CHCs across Canada.

Read the full report [here](#). French translation to come.

A PDF copy of the report can be [downloaded here](#).

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annoncer que notre rapport annuel 2024-2025 est maintenant disponible sur notre site web. Ce rapport met en lumière nos réalisations de l'année écoulée, l'évolution de notre adhésion, les projets clés menés par notre équipe et notre aperçu financier. Nous remercions nos membres et partenaires pour leur croissance continue et sommes impatients de l'année à venir.

Consultez le rapport complet [ici](#).

Project Updates



Facing the Season: Strengthening Flu and Respiratory Virus Vaccination in Canadian Communities

CVP-National Project
Thursday October 9th, 2025



Healthy People, Healthy Communities

Community Vaccination Promotion (CVP) National Update and Webinar Recap: *Facing the Season: Strengthening Flu and Respiratory Virus Vaccination in Canadian Communities*

The Community Vaccination Promotion (CVP) - National team has been busy expanding access to equity-informed vaccine information!

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together public health experts and community health leaders to discuss the current landscape of flu and respiratory virus season, and shared practical strategies, challenges, and successes in promoting seasonal vaccine uptake to support effective and equitable vaccination efforts.

Dr. Shelly Bolotin, Director of the Centre for Vaccine Preventable Diseases, delivered the keynote presentation, offering an overview of influenza in Canada and the importance of the seasonal flu vaccine. She was joined by Cliff Ledwos from Access Alliance Multicultural Health & Community Services (Toronto, ON) and Jennifer Gourlay from Norwest Co-op Community Health Centre (Winnipeg, MB), who discussed how their CHCs are engaging their communities through tailored outreach. Their presentations highlighted the need for community-based and equity-informed approaches to address vaccine hesitancy and combat misinformation.

Thank you again to our wonderful panelists and to all who attended the webinar, we hope to connect with you at a future session! You can see all three speakers at our [playlist](#) here.

We're also excited to share that our *Fast Facts* vaccine brochures are now available in French, and our expanded [Multilingual Vaccine Communication Toolkit](#) is now available in **11 languages**. These culturally and linguistically accessible resources are designed to support informed decision-making and promote vaccine confidence. These resources can be accessed at www.cachc.ca/kte

We're also in the process of developing new materials to address emerging needs and support vaccine confidence. Subscribe to the newsletter as we continue to adapt and develop resources that make vaccine information more accessible for everyone.

Do you have vaccine resources, information, and/or tools to share or requests for adaptation/creation? Connect with CACHC's Knowledge Translation Specialist, Ayesha Khan at akhan@cachc.ca.

For more information on the CVP-National Project, visit www.cachc.ca/kte

Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) National Project Update

The Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) - National Project is now reaching the end of its second phase since its launch in July 2025. This project aims to

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trauma-informed SRH information materials. Second is by enhancing healthcare providers (HCPs) capacity to provide SRH care, education and counselling. There has been a number of developments since the projects conception in April.

Over the last few months extensive web-based research has been conducted to perform a gap analysis on the availability of SRH knowledge tools and resources. A Community of Practice (COP) has been established for members to contribute knowledge, feedback and lived experience to ensure that all project activities and outputs are reflective of the realities of the populations CHCs serve. Currently, a baseline survey is being distributed to CHC clients and COP members are participating in interviews to gain more information on gaps in SRH knowledge. During this time an Advisory Committee (AC) has been formed consisting of leadership staff from CHCs nationwide. Members of the AC bring deep knowledge and experience in health promotion and knowledge translation that can speak to SRH needs and priorities from a regional perspective. The findings from the surveys, interviews, COP meetings and web-based research will be integrated into a Gap Assessment Report at the end of this month. The findings will be shared with the COP and Advisory Committee (AC) to begin the development of culturally relevant tools and resources to reconcile the gaps in SRH knowledge and to further strengthen SRH education, counselling and care within community health settings.

Stay tuned to explore new resources as we work together to advance SRH equity nation-wide.

Community Health Connections Webinar Announcement

This summer, CACHC hosted a webinar with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health to learn about their WomenMind initiative and female focused mental health research. Our next webinar will be in November focusing on grief and bereavement as we approach National Grief and Bereavement Day. The webinar will feature representatives from Canadian Mental Health Association - Windsor Essex, Pallium Canada, the Canadian Grief Association and the Canadian Virtual Hospice. We will be sharing insight about grief and bereavement, how they impact mental health and share resources for client facing professionals so they may have the tools to best support someone going through these times.

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members only. Email Hillary to RSVP: hleblanc@cachc.ca

New Episodes of *Community Matters* Podcast



Ep 52 | On this episode of *Community Matters* we spoke with Althea Martin-Risden, Director, Health Promotions and Stephanie Antwi Kyei, Black-Focused Social Prescription Navigator, Health Promotion from Rexdale CHC a Community Health Centre in Toronto, ON as well as Kisa Hamilton of Transform Practice. Rexdale CHC, along with our member CHCs Somerset West CHC and Black Creek CHC worked with The Alliance for Healthier Communities on a Black-Focused Social Prescribing Pilot Project of which Transform Practice was one of the evaluators.



Ep 51 | We visited Guelph CHC to honour World Mental Health Day. We spoke with the CEO, Melissa Kiatkowski as well as two peer leader volunteers and the entire social prescribing team to discuss how the CHC's various social prescribing programs impact the mental health of clients, peer leaders and staff.

Community Health Centre Opportunities



Healthcare Communications Conference

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Featured Speakers



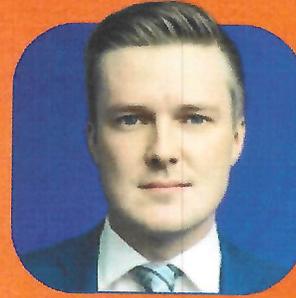
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CHCs in the News

Centre de Santé communautaire de l'Estrie (Russell, ON) - [Centre de Santé communautaire Estrie wins Community Engagement Award](#)

Seaway Valley Community Health Centre and Centre de Santé communautaire



Earlier this month we visited Guelph Community Health Centre who were celebrating 10 years of their SEED program, supporting those with food insecurity to access food. Congratulations Guelph CHC and the entire team on this longstanding and important program.

***** CALLING ALL CACHC MEMBERS *****

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would like to feature through our blogs? Email [Hillary](#) with contact info and some brief details, and we will take it from there!

>> Don't forget to post all of your job openings in the [National Community Health Centres Jobs Board](#), which receives thousands of views from job seekers across Canada every month. Post your job openings by using the "[Add a Job Posting](#)" form which is found under the "CHCommunity" tab of the CACHC website.

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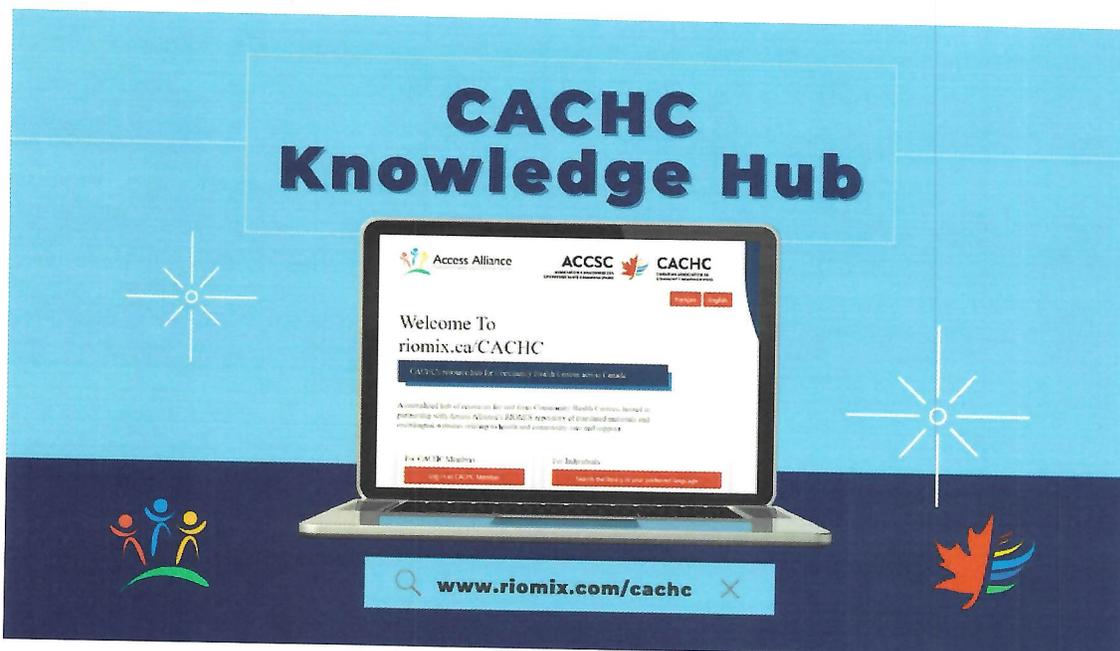
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Add Resources to CACHC's Knowledge Hub



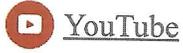
CACHC's [National Knowledge Hub for CHCs](#) allows our member CHCs across Canada to access and share educational and health-related resources for and by CHCs across Canada. The knowledge hub is home to multilingual resources that are available in a variety of formats and languages, with both English and French interfaces. Log-in credentials for the hub have been emailed to the Executive Director/CEO or Lead of all CACHC member CHCs, for use by all staff at the CHC. If you and your CHC needs support accessing your log-in credentials or if you want to share additional resources for the

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