

**The National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health
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The National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health (NCCDH) will work in close collaboration with researchers, the public health community, and government and non-governmental organizations to examine ways of addressing the "social determinants of health" - factors such as physical and explore cultural isolation, income/socio-economic status, employment, immigration status, mental illness.

The Nova Scotia Department of Health is the sponsor of a Population Health Fund project to establish the future direction of the NCC's. It will work in close collaboration with the Atlantic National Collaborating Centre Working Group for the Social Determinants of Health which includes representatives from provincial health departments in Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and New Brunswick.

The activities the organization will undertake to meet the objectives include organizing cross-country focus groups and workshops with key individuals and organizations to develop the vision, goals, priorities, roles, structures and identify the to key players for the NCCDH; completing an environmental scan to identify experts, leaders, best practices and existing networks in the field; examining current strategies being used for knowledge translation and identifying knowledge gaps that will need to be addressed; developing a range of mechanisms to communicate with stakeholders including a web site, list server, newsletter and the establishment of liaison functions with key **aboriginal** organizations; identifying potential sources for future funding; developing proposals which address priority areas of activity; and collaborating with the other National Collaborating Centres (NCCs).