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The National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health (NCCAH) seeks to support Aboriginal communities across Canada to realize their health goals and in doing so reduce the health inequities that currently exist for Aboriginal peoples. The work of the NCCAH is national in scope and directed to serving First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples across the country.

The fundamental role of the NCCAH is to build bridges between Aboriginal people's approaches to public health and existing research centres, repositories of public health related information and service delivery agencies. The NCCAH will increase Aboriginal capacity for action on their determinants of health by: being a resource and facilitating the development of ideas and information to support and inform future public interventions; and, supporting the development of practices and policies through knowledge synthesis, knowledge translation, and knowledge exchange.

Activities the organization will undertake to meet these objectives include: organizing cross-country focus groups and workshops to develop the vision, goals, priorities, and roles for the NCCAH; conducting an environmental scan to identify experts, leaders, best practices and existing networks in the field; examining current strategies for knowledge translation and identifying knowledge gaps; developing a range of mechanisms to communicate with stakeholders including the establishment of liaison functions with 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).