



Trauma-Informed Community of Practice meeting
Wednesday, June 11, 2025
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Meeting Summary

1. The meeting was opened with a land acknowledgement. The KH introduced 3 new team members: Dr. Nicole Jeffrey, Esther Li, and Zayah Samad.
2. Presentation by Shannon Hurley, Public Health Agency of Canada. Title of presentation: Sustaining impact by influencing policy: Engaging public sector officials.

Highlights from the presentation include:

- i. Three different functions for a typical department structure: policy functions, operational functions, and corporate functions. All three are complex functions with many attributes.
- ii. Put simply, policy functions are regarding legislative drafting instructions,
- iii. Operational functions engage in funding and communications.
- iv. Corporate functions focus on ensuring compliance with internal regulations and policies.

[PowerPoint](#) slides and a [recording](#) of the presentation are available in the Community of Practice portal.

After the presentation, a discussion followed. Highlights from the discussion include:

- a. The difference between advocacy and lobbying. Advocacy is when an organization has a particular goal (could be for the benefit of the public), but they're speaking on what the organization wants to do as opposed to lobbying, which is when they do what they know and feel is best for the public.

- b. Who a person should approach if they would like a meeting to alter policy was explored as well. A person should approach the minister, and even if the meeting request is denied, they will likely delegate it to someone in the department. Additionally, when trying to meet with someone at the provincial level, a person should make their proposal or organization to be of provincial-level relevance.
- 3. Sustainability work

A draft sustainability report was presented by Meaghan Furlano.

Some key points of the presentation include:

 - a. The definition of sustainability includes the continuation of a productive program as well as sustaining factors such as knowledge, relationships, scaling programs, etc.
 - b. The short-term nature of models that are funded results in sustainability difficulties at the systemic level.
 - c. Scaling productive programs, adaptation, and institutionalization contributes towards successful sustainability outcomes.
- 4. Planning and information sharing related to Knowledge Exchange and Conference - September 30, October 1-2, 2025
 - a. Knowledge exchange – will take place on September 30, 2025, at the Delta Toronto Airport Conference Centre, 699 Dixon Rd.
 - b. This one-day meeting will be a Capstone event where CoP members will be asked to share brief (5 minute) presentations about the work they have done over the past 4 years.
 - c. Project presentations will follow the following template/guideline. Using 5 slides:
 - i. Title
 - ii. Reach of your project: how many? Who?
 - iii. Lessons learned – what you might do differently next time.
 - iv. What is being sustained at the end of the project, and how?
 - v. One slide includes an image or photo that reflects one aspect of success from your project.
 - d. Slides must be submitted to Knowledge Hub by September 2, 2025, in order to be translated.
- 5. Conference Updates:
 - a. There are more than 120 submissions for mini-presentations and posters.
 - i. More than 30 submissions from CoP members.
 - b. Expecting more than 250 people to attend the conference.
 - c. The full agenda should start to circulate by early- mid-July.

6. Projects - Sharing Opportunity

a. ConnectED Parents:

- They are recruiting new cohorts of parents to participate in the texting component of their projects.
- Additionally, research shows that even 3 months after completing the project, parents can have healthier relationship conversations.
- You can find the link to ConnectED parents project profile [here](#)

b. Connections for Breaking the Cycle

- They started dissemination of the knowledge learned from their projects.
- A paper was recently published: *[Perceived Pathways of Change in an Interpersonal Violence Intervention for Mothers: The Importance of Self-Compassion](#)* (MacAulay, K., Andrews, NCZ., Motz, M., Lee, G., & Peper, DJ. 2025).
- An experience of self-compassion and care resulted in empowerment and the capacity to make change.
- The link to Connections for Breaking the Cycle project profile can be found [here](#).

c. HEAL

- In the writing and analysis phase of the project, they have also completed all processes to design a webpage.
- The link can be accessed [here](#)

d. COMPASS

- Hosted a conference on June 3, 2025 Learn more here: [Preventing Sexual Violence from Ages 0 to 17: Strong Mobilization at the Marie-Vincent Symposium](#)
- Target reached, 250 people participated.
- The project profile can be accessed [here](#).

7. KH Coming events – list webinars and KH Presents

a. Webinars

- i. Strengthening Community Responses to Elder Mistreatment: Innovations, Interventions, and Lessons learned.
 1. Held on June 19, 2025 - link of recording [here](#)
- ii. Arts for Creative Healing Communities: Gender-based Violence Work and Prevention with Immigrant and Refugee Families. July 10, 2025 [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
- iii. Nowhere to Go: Confronting Canada's Housing Crisis and Advocating for Change for Survivors of Gender Based Violence. June 24, 2025 – [Upcoming Webinars | Webinaires à venir - Learning Network - Western University](#)

8. KH presents, Findings from Sharing in the Healing Journey – June 25, 2025 [Knowledge Hub Presents - Knowledge Hub - Western University](#)
9. Future CoP meetings
 - September 10, 2025, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. ET
 - December 10, 2025, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. ET
 - March 4, 2026, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. ET