Public Health Training for Equitable Systems Change (PHESC)

On-Demand Webinar 3: Approaches to developing equitable public health interventions and strategies

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Thank you for choosing to complete an on-demand webinar from the Public Health Training for Equitable Systems Change (PHESC) series.

To further your learning, we have compiled a list of readings to complete before watching the webinar recording, as well as suggested resources and self-reflection questions to review after the webinar is complete.

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Suggested pre-webinar readings:

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Suggested post-webinar readings:

- **Canadian Council on Social Determinants of Health.** (2013). *Communicating the Social Determinants of Health: Guidelines for Common Messaging.* Ottawa, ON: CCSDH.


Self-reflection questions to incorporate into your professional practice:

1. Are your programs responsive to the needs of communities being impacted by structural disadvantage?
2. Identify a public health initiative in your community.
   a. What concern was the initiative designed to address?
   b. Is the approach universal, targeted, targeted universal or proportionate universal?
   c. How can the initiative be modified to reduce health inequities?
   d. How will you evaluate the initiative’s impact on health equity?
3. Identify a health equity concern in your community.
   a. What evidence and values underlie this concern?
   b. Does this concern lend itself to a universal, targeted, targeted universal or proportionate universal approach?
   c. If you were to design an intervention to address this concern, where would you start? What evidence or tools would you gather to help you develop an intervention? What community assets can you draw on to inform the initiative?
4. What language do you use to describe communities experiencing health inequities?
5. Does the language you use place the need for change on communities or on policies and structures?
6. What are the benefits, drawbacks and power dynamics of your language?
7. How does your language change when you are in different settings (e.g., health department, school, municipal office)? Is this appropriate?

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