

Community Health Equity Builders Program

Join a growing movement working towards healthier people, healthier communities, a more inclusive society, and a more sustainable health care system!



Who We Are

The Alliance for Healthier Communities is the voice of a vibrant network of community-governed primary health care organizations in Ontario. Founded in 1982 with six Community Health Centres as members, the Alliance has grown to embrace a wide range of community-governed, interprofessional, primary health care organizations from across the province. Today, our association is more than 100 members strong, each committed to advancing health equity and improving the health and wellbeing of people and communities facing barriers.

What is the Community Health Equity Builders program?

Achieving our vision of the best possible health and wellbeing for everyone in Ontario means now is the time to broaden our movement, expand our network, in order to strengthen our collective voice. This path will allow us all to build better connections between different parts of the health, social and community services systems.

If you share our mission, vision and values, but do not meet the membership criteria, we invite you to join the Community Health Equity Builders program. This program is open to non-profit organizations, networks, and individuals who operate, work or live anywhere in the world. As a Community Health Equity Builder, you will enjoy access to a range of benefits and services. You will also become part of a growing movement to advance health equity in Ontario.

Who can become a Community Health Equity Builder?

The Community Health Equity Builders program is open to:

- Non-profit organizations that are not eligible for Alliance membership
- Networks and associations
- Individuals

To join the Community Health Equity Builders program, organizations/networks/individuals need to:

- Support the Alliance's commitment to advancing the best possible health and wellbeing for people and communities facing barriers;
- Support the Alliance's vision, mission and values;
- Support the Health Equity Charter;
- Support the Model of Health and Wellbeing or Model of Wholistic Health and Wellbeing.

Why should you join the Community Health Equity Builders program?

The program provides access to a wide range of benefits, resources and learning opportunities. You'll be part of a growing health equity movement in Ontario, have the opportunity to lend your voice to important advocacy efforts, and chances to directly connect with like-minded organizations, networks and individuals working to improve the health and wellbeing of people and communities facing barriers in Ontario and around the world.

Benefits of the Community Health Equity Builders program include:

- Timely access to health system developments, trends and analysis via bulletin, webinars and other communications;
- Sharing best practices, tools and resources through webinars, lunch & learns and communities of practice;
- Access to the Alliance's interactive portal, filled with useful resources and ways to connect with health equity and community health leaders across Ontario and beyond;
- Discounted postings on the job board on the Alliance's website (for organizations and networks);
- Reduced cost to participate in the Alliance's annual conference, our professional learning events and capacity building resources developed by the Alliance;
- Access to the Health Equity Charter and Model of Health and Wellbeing resources;
- Access to the latest primary health care research and evaluation via the EPIC bulletin;
- Networking opportunities for early career professionals;
- Opportunities to lend your voice to important advocacy campaigns and participate in communication efforts in support of health equity;
- Chances to build connections for collaboration with Alliance members and other health equity leaders across the province

How is the Community Health Equity Builders program different from Alliance membership?

The Community Health Equity Builders program doesn't confer the rights of membership, and excludes voting rights, participating in committees, as well as joining the Alliance Board, submitting resolutions for the Annual General Meeting, and so on.

In addition, only Alliance members receive operational and resource management supports provided by the Alliance, including support with capital and infrastructure projects, Ontario Health Team development, MSAA negotiations, etc. Also, Alliance members are eligible to participate in the PS Suite EMR contract with Telus and access performance management tools like BIRT.

Should you join the Community Health Equity Builders program or become an Alliance member?

We are always open to like-minded organizations, individuals and networks. See the chart to determine where you belong.

Criteria	Alliance Members	Community Health Equity Builders
Be incorporated as a not-for-profit organization or be recognized by the Federal Government as a First Nations Government	Required	Required <i>(organizations that are eligible for full Alliance membership cannot participate in the Community Health Equity Builders program)</i>
Network	Not eligible	Eligible
Individual	Not eligible	Eligible
Operate in Ontario	Required	Not required <i>(program participants can operate/work/live anywhere in the world)</i>
Receive funding for its primary care services from the Ontario government or Federal government for Indigenous organizations	Required	Not required
Deliver interprofessional primary health care	Required	Not required
Apply community-centred approach to service delivery, including community governance	Required	Not required
Support Alliance's vision, mission and values	Required	Required
Endorse the Health Equity Charter	Required	Required
Endorse the Model of Health and Wellbeing or the Model of Wholistic Health and Wellbeing (for Indigenous organizations)	Required	Required

Interested?

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