

How Do CAPC & CPNP Programs Impact the Health of Canadians?

Injury Prevention

Deaths from injury for Canadian children are greater than all other causes combined. The economic cost of injury among children has been estimated at \$5.1 billion per year.

Children living in the highest levels of poverty have the highest rates of injury, and are twice as likely to die of an unintentional injury. The likelihood of a child being injured or killed is also associated with single parenthood, low maternal education, low maternal age at birth and poor housing.

CAPC & CPNP programs reach teen moms, single parents, parents with low education/literacy and families living in poverty. They are in every province and territory, and can be valuable partners in the efforts nation-wide to lower injury rates.



Ontario Coalition of CAPC & CPNP Projects, 2008,
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In keeping with this broad environmental approach, I suggest that we not only consider targeted interventions for poor children but that we also look at the facet of the social environment that is at the root of the disparity in injury-related death rates — child poverty.

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Island Health Authority, 2006*

The CAPC (Community Action Program for Children) and CPNP (Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program) are national programs, funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada. 88% of funding (\$90 million) goes directly to communities. There are 440 CAPC and 330 CPNP projects across Canada.