



# Upstream Approaches

## Community of Interest (Col) Project Overview

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The purpose of this Col is to provide an opportunity for interested individuals to learn about, develop, and deepen their understanding of upstream approaches.



### Goals

1. Deepen our collective understanding of upstream approaches and determinants, and the role they play in addressing inequity and harm
2. Raise awareness on the importance of upstream approaches to achieving greater community safety and well-being
3. Build capacity to identify interventions and strategies to address structural inequity and advocate for the inclusion of upstream approaches



### Objectives

1. Develop learning materials and coordinate learning events to raise awareness and deepen understanding of upstream approaches
2. Develop knowledge mobilization tools to engage and inform decision-makers, policy-makers, and the broader community

### Membership

Individuals across Canada interested in learning collectively about upstream approaches and determinants are welcome to join the Col at any point.

#### Benefits

- First access to knowledge products and learning events about upstream approaches
- Participation in a learning journey with individuals and organizations across Canada
- Opportunity for networking

#### Contributions

- Attend and participate in learning/knowledge-sharing events
- Come to events prepared and willing to engage in critical reflection and dialogue
- Communicate with respect and openness to ideas and concepts

### Timelines

- The Col will continue to meet until consensus is reached to disband the group
- EENet knowledge broker support is available until March 31, 2024
- A knowledge mobilization plan with more details is in development



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### Resources

1. An assigned EENet knowledge broker will provide ½ day per week of support to the Col. The knowledge broker support may include:
  - Facilitation to identify common goals and stakeholders
  - Planning and implementing a knowledge mobilization plan
  - Building partnerships and brokering relationships
  - Identifying and synthesizing evidence, and supporting the development of knowledge products
  - Hosting learning events and webinars
  - Supporting ongoing evaluation of the Col and its impact
  - Developing and updating online content
  - Creating a Col webspace on [eenet.ca](http://eenet.ca) and a subgroup space on [EENetConnect.ca](http://EENetConnect.ca)
  - Sharing knowledge products and other resources through EENet's communication channels
2. A steering committee has been established to oversee this work.

### Activities

#### In-scope

- Developing knowledge mobilization products and tools
- Hosting knowledge sharing events
- Learning about other communities' upstream approaches

#### Out of scope

- Conducting external research and data collection
- Conducting community assessments

### Considerations

- No additional financial resourcing
- Capacity of members to take on additional workload
- Support from the Knowledge Broker is limited to a ½ day a week
- Knowledge Broker support is available until March 31, 2024

### Contact information

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