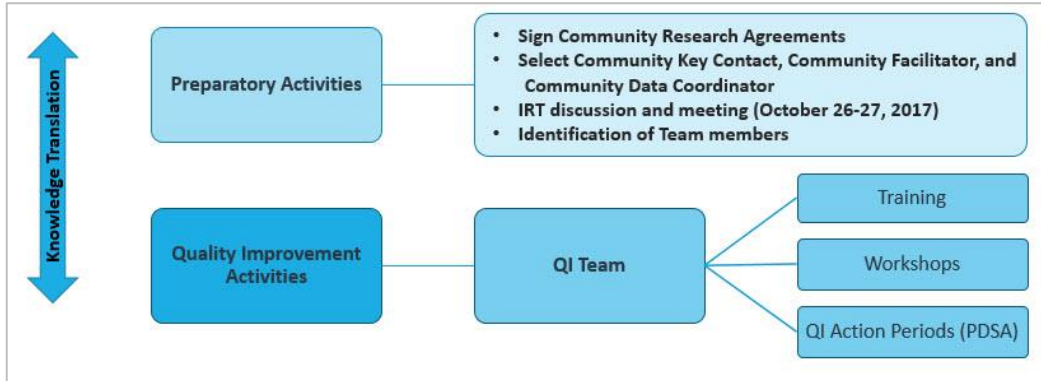


Pathways for Health Equity Program

Goals, Objectives & Activities

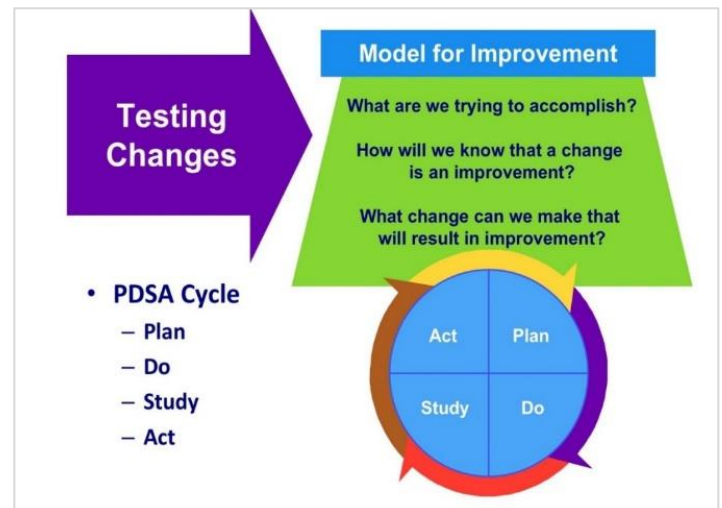
A **community-driven, community-paced** and **culturally-relevant** program aimed at strengthening the effectiveness and scalability of a promising **Quality Improvement** (QI) program that fosters community-initiated innovations to improve diabetes management and prevention in First Nations Communities.



- Before starting: get advice for changes to the QI program
- QI program will be adapted
- Communities will start the adapted QI program
- During the program: track the challenges and changes as they proceed

What is a Quality Improvement Approach?

- A collaborative approach in assessing needs and addressing gaps aimed to positively impact care
- A set of steps, based on the Model for Improvement, and a variety of tools for implementing QI changes that allows teams to learn quickly what works and what doesn't work and why, all on a small scale
- Founded in **small, rapid tests of change**



Pathways Team: Multi-disciplinary & Cross-jurisdictional

- First Nations Community Partners
- Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Healthcare Providers
- Scientists & Researchers
- Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Organizations (NADA, Diabetes Canada, Heart & Stroke, FNIGC – pending final signatures)
- Policy Decision-Makers

Potential Benefits for the Community

Informational

- Picture of your community's resources, priorities, strengths and challenges as relates to diabetes care
- New information generated

Educational

- Raise community awareness of diabetes
- Enhanced knowledge of the impact of QI initiatives in improving health benefits

Health

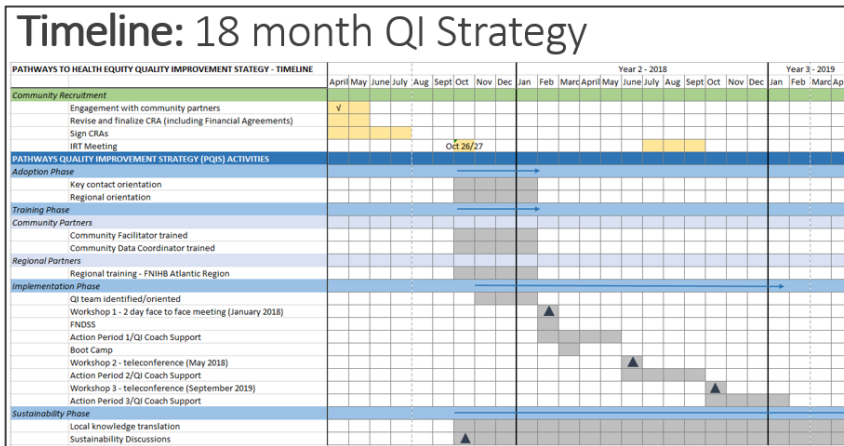
- Potential for reorganization of health care delivery for improved prevention and management of chronic diseases

Capacity

- Increase capacity to deliver optimal care
- Collaborative relationships with Program team and other partnering communities

Financial

- Potential to influence how funding agencies & government address diabetes in Indigenous communities
- Specific financial benefits are outlined in the CRAs



Important Date:
OCTOBER 26-27
Launch Meeting

By this meeting...

- CRAs signed
- Community Key Contact selected
- Community Facilitator selected

Commitments of a Community Partner:

- Commitment to make a sincere and honest effort to provide input/feedback and participate to advance health outcomes in the Community and to advance the Program
- Inform Program team of key policies, concerns, and relevant community & Indigenous protocols
- Program governance structure will include community representative at all levels & will be centred around our community partner voices
- Commitment to engage in knowledge translation activities, promote community engagement and participate in sustainability discussions
- ALL Program activities, materials and tools will be decided jointly by community partners, academic researchers and the Program team → ONE TEAM

Activities of a Community Partner:

- Communities will sign: a Community Research Agreement (includes financial details)
- COMMUNITY ROLES:** Key Contact for Western to communicate with, Community Facilitator, Community Data Coordinator, QI Teams members, later Community Research Assistant (Yr 2-3), Community Advisor Board
- WORKSHOPS:** 3 workshops: 2 days face-to-face and video/teleconferences (workshop 2 & 3)
- QI ACTIVITIES:** Readiness consultations, web-based registry & surveillance system, QI innovations
- WRAP-UP ACTIVITIES:** knowledge sharing, sustainment, spread and policy impact
- Next Steps:**
 1. Discussions with community leadership
 2. Signing a Community Research Agreement (includes financial details)
 3. Identify Community Facilitator, Community Data Coordinator, Key Contact, CAB, and QI Team members
 4. Attend Pathways Launch Meeting, October 26-27, 2017 in London, ON (travel funded)