

Resource Directory for the Development of Public Policy Knowledge and Competencies for Public Health



FOREWORD

This navigation guide is designed to assist users in utilizing the resource directory created to support the development of public policy knowledge and competencies in public health. It is intended for public health actors and other actors who wish to acquire knowledge and develop key competencies in healthy public policies

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KEY MESSAGES

- The National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy (NCCHPP) has developed a directory of relevant resources for developing public policy competencies for public health professionals.
- The directory is structured around eight key public policy competency categories essential for public health work, as identified in a [literature review conducted](#) by the NCCHPP in 2021.
- The directory, available in French and English, includes 100 resources: 66 accessible in both languages, 20 in English only, and 14 in French only. These diverse resources (guides, analytical frameworks, tools, webinars, etc.) are organized in a sortable Excel file.
- This navigation guide is designed to help use the directory effectively, making it easier to explore and maximize the use of its resources.

1 CONTEXT

The National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy (NCCHPP) has developed a directory of relevant resources to the development of knowledge and competencies in public policy for public health. This directory is designed to facilitate access to various resources (trainings, guides, tools, etc.) and support the capacity building of public health professionals seeking to effectively engage in the promotion and development of healthy public policies (HPPs).

The directory includes 100 selected resources chosen for their educational and learning potential. It is structured around eight key public policy competency categories essential for public health work, as identified in a [literature review conducted by the NCCHPP in 2021](#). The eight categories are:

- Policy Analysis/Development (PAD)
- Influence/Advocacy (I/A)
- Partnership/Collaboration (P/C)
- Communication (C)
- Policy Context (PC)
- Social Determinants/Equity (SDE)
- Policy Theory (PT)
- Other (O)

For more information on the methodology used for resource selection, [click here](#).

This work was carried out through a collaboration between the NCCHPP, Carole Clavier (Université du Québec à Montréal and the Public Policy and Population Health Research Group [GÉPPS]), and her student Shyana Charest (Université du Québec à Montréal).

2 OVERVIEW AND TYPES OF RESOURCES

The directory consists of **100 resources**, including 14 available only in French, 20 available only in English, and 66 available in both languages. The resources are divided into various formats:

- **Analytical frameworks (4):** Documents presenting theoretical frameworks or models to understand public policy development processes.
 - Useful for guiding reflection and action on public health issues from a policy perspective.
- **Online trainings (10):** In-depth courses or training sessions available online on specific public policy and HPP topics.
 - Useful for developing specific skills related to public policies and HPPs.
- **Guides (23):** Detailed documents offering knowledge, recommendations, and guidelines on policy development and HPP.
 - Useful for understanding specific public policy topics and accessing practical strategies to support action.
- **Guides/Tools (9):** A combination of guides and practical tools describing how to mobilize one or more tools to act on public policies and HPPs.
 - Useful for both theoretical guidance and practical application.
- **Tools (9):** Instruments designed to support the implementation of public policy actions and HPPs.
 - Useful for carrying out specific tasks related to public policies and HPPs.
- **Conceptual references (14):** Documents that define key concepts in public policy and HPPs.
 - Useful for gaining a deeper understanding of key concepts and guiding interventions in public policies and HPPs.
- **Webinars (31):** Recorded webinars or webinar series on specific public policy and HPP topics.
 - Useful for continuing education and professional development, as well as fostering team discussions on specific policy-related issues.

3 DIRECTORY STRUCTURE


The directory is presented as an Excel file consisting of four tabs: "Context," "How to Use the Table," "Directory," and "Credits." The "Directory" tab presents the resources, organized in a sortable table. It begins with the eight competency categories and their acronyms, which are used throughout the document. The remainder of the file is structured around the following columns:

- **Resource title:** Name of the resource.
- **Nature of the resource:** Type of resource (guide, tool, online training, etc.).

- **Language:** Language of the resource (French and/or English).
- **Competencies covered:** Acronyms of the relevant competency categories:
 - Policy Analysis/Development (PAD)
 - Influence/Advocacy (I/A)
 - Partnership/Collaboration (P/C)
 - Communication (C)
 - Policy Context (PC)
 - Social Determinants/Equity (SDE)
 - Policy Theory (PT)
 - Other (O).
- **Resource description:** Brief summary of the content.
- **Organization and link:** Name of the organization and URL to the resource.
- **Availability in the other language (provide the URL if applicable):** Indication of availability in another language. If the resource is available in another language, the URL link is provided.
- **Reference:** Complete resource reference in APA style.
- **Date:** The year of publication of the resource

3.1. Navigation and searching in the directory

Here are some tips to optimize your searches in the Excel file:

- **Use filters** to sort data based on relevant criteria (nature of the resource, language, competency, date or organization).
 - Among the four tabs in the Excel file, only the “Directory” tab is unfixed and allows data sorting.
 - To filter results, click on this button  at the top of each column,
 - After selecting the categories and criteria that interest you, Excel will filter the documents and display only those that match your choices.
 - To reset the table or modify your search, click the button again and clear or adjust the filters.
- **Use keyword searches** in Excel’s search bar to find specific content.

BOX 1. TIPS FOR OPTIMAL USE

- **Clarify your objectives:** Identify the specific competencies you wish to develop before exploring the directory.
- **Refine your search:** Use competency categories and filters to target the most relevant resources.
- **Diversify learning approaches:** Combine different types of resources (guides, tools, online trainings, webinars) to enrich understanding and promote practical application.
- **Plan your learning journey:** Prioritize resources based on their relevance to your needs.
- **Encourage sharing and discussion:** Engage with colleagues or partners to deepen learning and explore practical applications for your projects.

By following these recommendations, you will be able to maximize the usefulness of the directory and enhance your capacity to promote and develop HPPs.

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