

“Learnings from the Centre of Research Excellence in Aboriginal Chronic Disease Knowledge Translation and Exchange”

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Abstract

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Introduction:

The Centre of Research Excellence in Aboriginal Chronic Disease Knowledge Translation and Exchange (CREATE) focuses on translating research to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This presentation will report on CREATE activities with a focus on the development of a resource for the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (ACCHO) sector.

Method:

CREATE was guided by a Leadership Group comprising of nationwide sector representatives established to ensure all research aligned with the priorities of the ACCHO sector. CREATE methods included systematic and scoping literature reviews, capacity building through Masterclass and fellowship programs, capturing best practice in the ACCHO sector through nationwide case studies, and contributing to knowledge translation through development of evidence briefs, case reports, policy briefs and a Guide for the ACCHO sector.

Results:

Nine systematic and scoping reviews were undertaken, and 28 research and evaluation masterclass workshops were attended by 270 participants. Interviews and yarning circles with 136 participants across 10 case studies were used to capture ACCHO practices related to funding, workforce, social determinants of health, health promotion, aged care, continuous quality improvement, accreditation and governance. Qualitative data was interpreted and refined through three face-to-face meetings and five teleconferences with the CREATE Leadership Group. Findings informed the development of a Guide to showcase ACCHO ways of working and policy briefs to identify key challenges and related policy recommendations.

Conclusion:

CREATE activities contributed to the development of evidence, capacity strengthening activities and knowledge translation to promote good practice and policy change. The Guide for the ACCHO sector can be used for workforce capacity building, continuous quality improvement, program design and evaluation activities.