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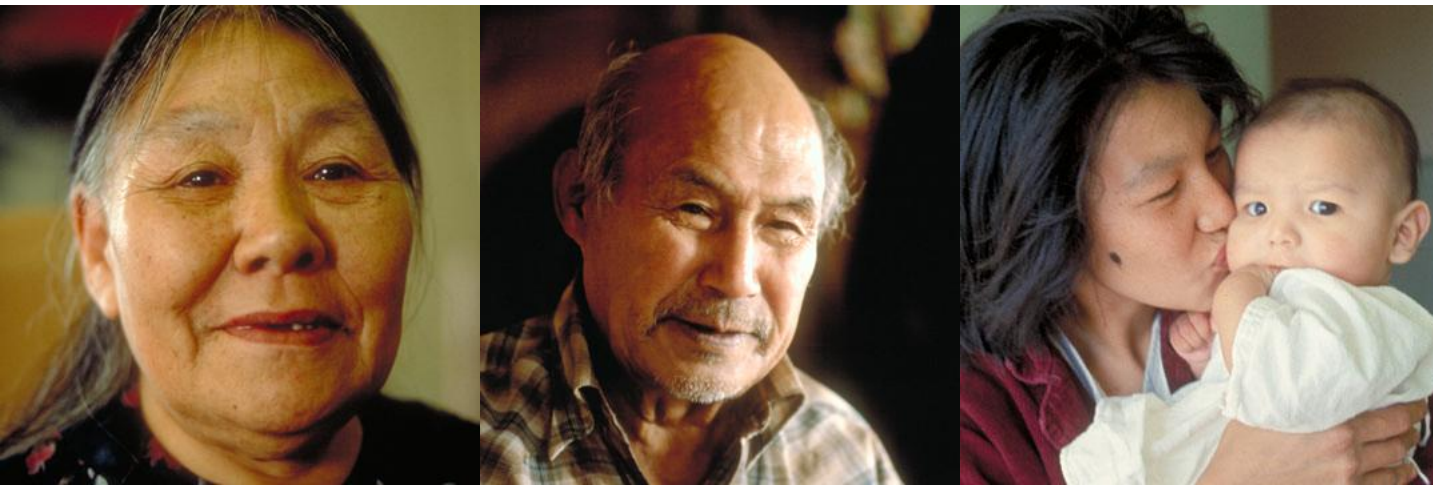
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# First Nations & Inuit Health Branch Update to Chiefs of Ontario Health Forum

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# Overview

- **To provide an update on key activities**
- **To highlight investments and activities going forward**



## Key Accomplishments

- **National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP) Funding and Program Case Study in Ontario Region**
- **Investments in capital infrastructure**
- **Mental health funding to improve capacity and access to services**



# Partnership and Planning



# Mental Health & Addictions

## Mental Wellness Enhancements

**All Partners Technical Table on Mental Health took place in Toronto on January 17 – 18, 2017 that resulted in some key recommendations:**

- **governments commit to funding full-time resources to build capacity in First Nation communities to deliver their own services;**
- **federal and provincial governments pool resources and provide a streamlined, cohesive process for First Nations to access funding for mental health services**
- **eliminating competitive funding processes (calls for proposals) and instituting universal service availability in First Nation communities**



# Mental Health & Addictions

## Moving forward...

- **Further discussion with participants and partners on the 4 phased implementation plan**
- **Discussions with service providers and partners on options for a funding model for Mental Wellness Teams**
- **Development and Implementation of a social emergencies protocol**
- **First Nation partners will be engaged on a move forward strategy for Prescription Drug Abuse (PDA) in early Spring**



# Healthy Living & Child Development

## Nutrition North Canada (NNC) Program

- **17 of 19 new NNC communities received funds for 2016-17. Anticipate eligible communities (27) will opt to use funding in 2017/18**
- **A variety of NNC webinar nutrition education sessions offered during fall and winter nutrition webinar blitz's**



# HSIF & System Transformation

## Health Service Integration Fund (HSIF) 2016/17

- Allocated \$2,068,380 for projects and \$325,000 to support trilateral tables
- Key areas of focus were devolution and service integration
- 5 of the projects will be ending 2016/17
- Advances in devolving nursing, public health, triparty partnership processes towards seamless service delivery

## HSIF 2017/18

- Have requested an annual budget of \$2.4 million
- Focus areas will be devolution, trilateral tables Canada-Ontario activities related to First Nations health governance





# Moving forward Transformation

- **Support the development of new funding and governance models using lessons learned from HSIF and First Nations driven processes, such as:**
  - **Mental Wellness Continuum Framework,**
  - **Honouring our Strengths,**
  - **All partners Mental Wellness Table**
- **Move towards offering a common federal and provincial funding agreement for health services for interested First Nation communities.**



# Clinical and Client Care – EMR

## Electronic Medical Records (EMRs) - FNIHB is supporting:

- **service delivery in nursing stations where Health Canada provides primary care nursing services:**
  - shared instance of Telus Practice Solutions in Kashechwan and Peawanuck (collaboration with Weeneebayko Area Health Authority - WAHA)
  - Initial discussions with Sioux Lookout First Nation Health Authority (SLFNHA)
- **service delivery in First Nation health centres:**
  - such as the GHL (Giiwednong Health Link) Project



# Non Insured Health Benefits

- **‘Contact Us’ web page through the HC website and the ‘NIHB Feedback Form’ provides access for direct inquiries and feedback**
- **More than 50 drug products and medications have been added as open benefits in 2016**
- **Recent Medical Supply and Equipment policy changes:**
- **Medical Transportation Update:**
  - **Travel to shelters and interval houses now eligible**
  - **High risk prenatal patients eligible for escort**



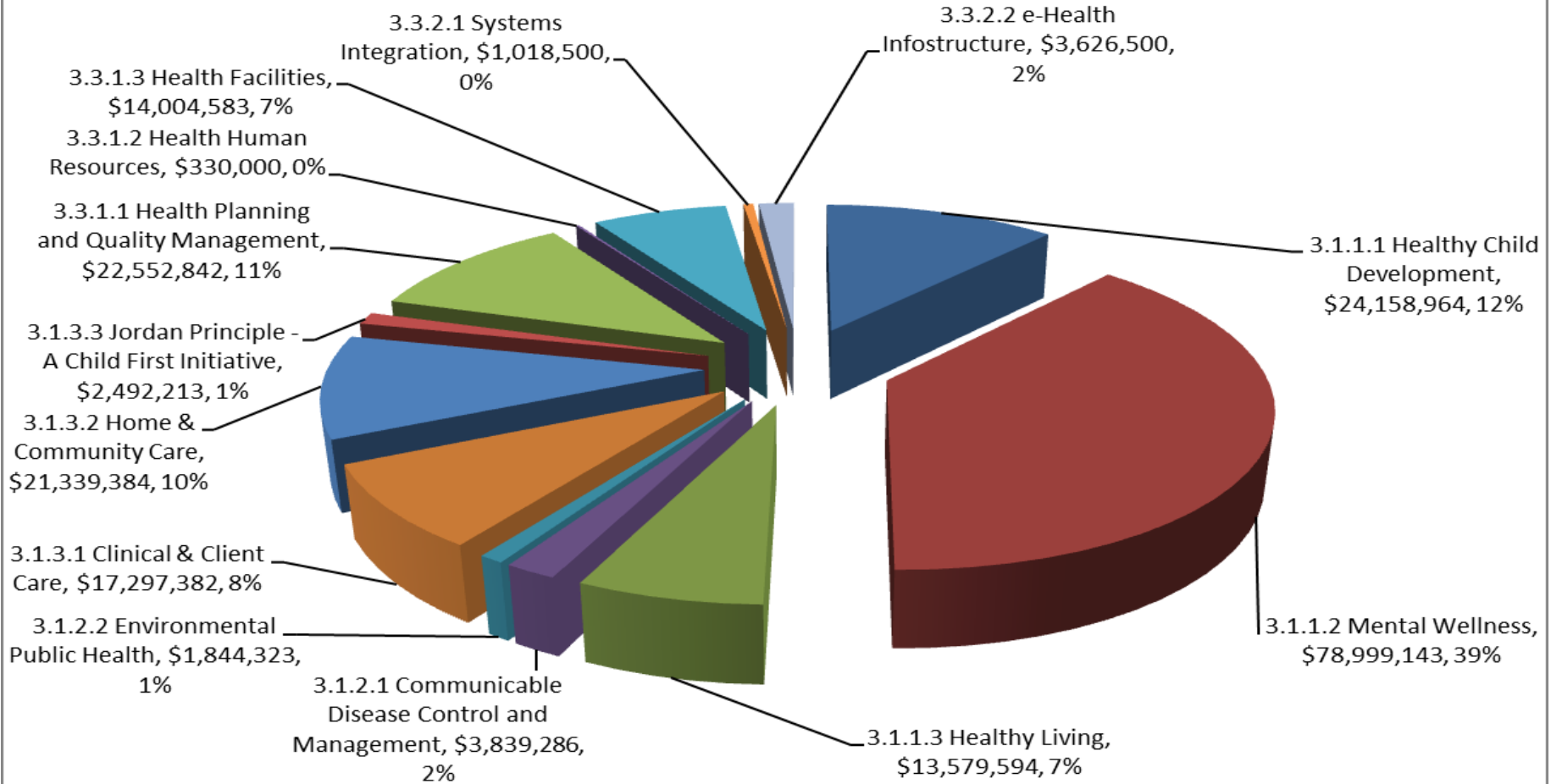
# Capital and Facility Infrastructure

- **7 First Nation communities have started major renovations or new construction of nursing stations**
- **5 Aboriginal Head Start On-reserve programs have received funds for major repairs and renovations**
- **Facility Condition Reports were completed on all NNADAP Treatment Centres**



# Ontario Grants and Contribution Budget 2017/2018

**FY17/18**



# Looking Forward

## **Continue to address Mental Health**

- **service needs**
- **social emergencies**
- **co-ordination**

**Continue implementation of Jordan's Principle through the JP Focal Points and continue to address children's needs**

**Further the Alternative Service Delivery approach with First Nations who express interest through continued work on HSIF**

**Working with trilateral steering and technical committees, focus on eliminating long term drinking water advisories in ON First Nation Communities.**



# Key Contact Numbers

***First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness  
Help Line 1-855-242-3310***

***Jordan's Principle Case  
1-800-567-9604***



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**Thank You!**

**COMMENTS / QUESTIONS**

