

Collaborating for Youth Health in PEI: The Experience of the CSHR Group -- Brandi Bell and Tasha Herrell, Comprehensive School Health Research, UPEI

Led by researcher Donna Murnaghan, the aims of the Comprehensive School Health Research Group are to conduct high quality policy-relevant research to contribute to healthy school environments and build capacity in school health research. This multidisciplinary team includes multiple partners and stakeholders across Canada. Their areas of research include physical activity, healthy eating, staying smoke-free, and mental health.

Previous projects of the CSHR Group include

- * Taking Action to Enhance Health Behaviours in Teens (CIHR)
- * Youth Tobacco Use and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) (HC)
- * PEI Sport Strategy (Prov/Fed Government)

Currently, the group is involved in two major research projects: SHAPES (Department of Education and Early Childhood Development) and YSS (Health Canada). The group is busy working on knowledge translation/exchange activities, data analysis, and publications, and working on various communication tools such as the CSHR quarterly newsletter and CSHR Virtual Research Environment (VRE). These knowledge exchange and collaboration activities are possible through the group's participation in the Atlantic Networks for Prevention Research (CIHR) School Health's Unit.

