

Research Evidence to Support Official Language Minority Communities

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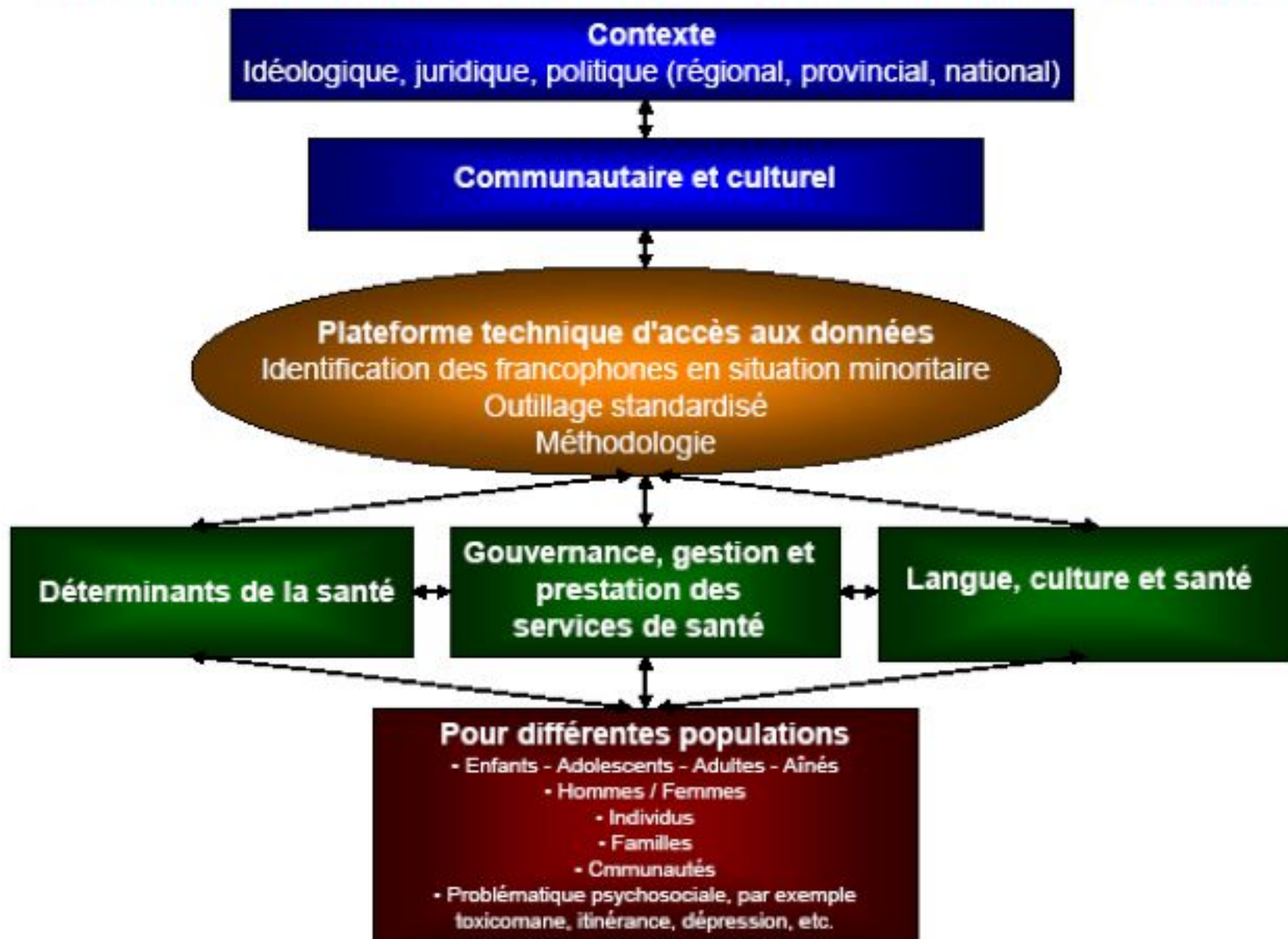
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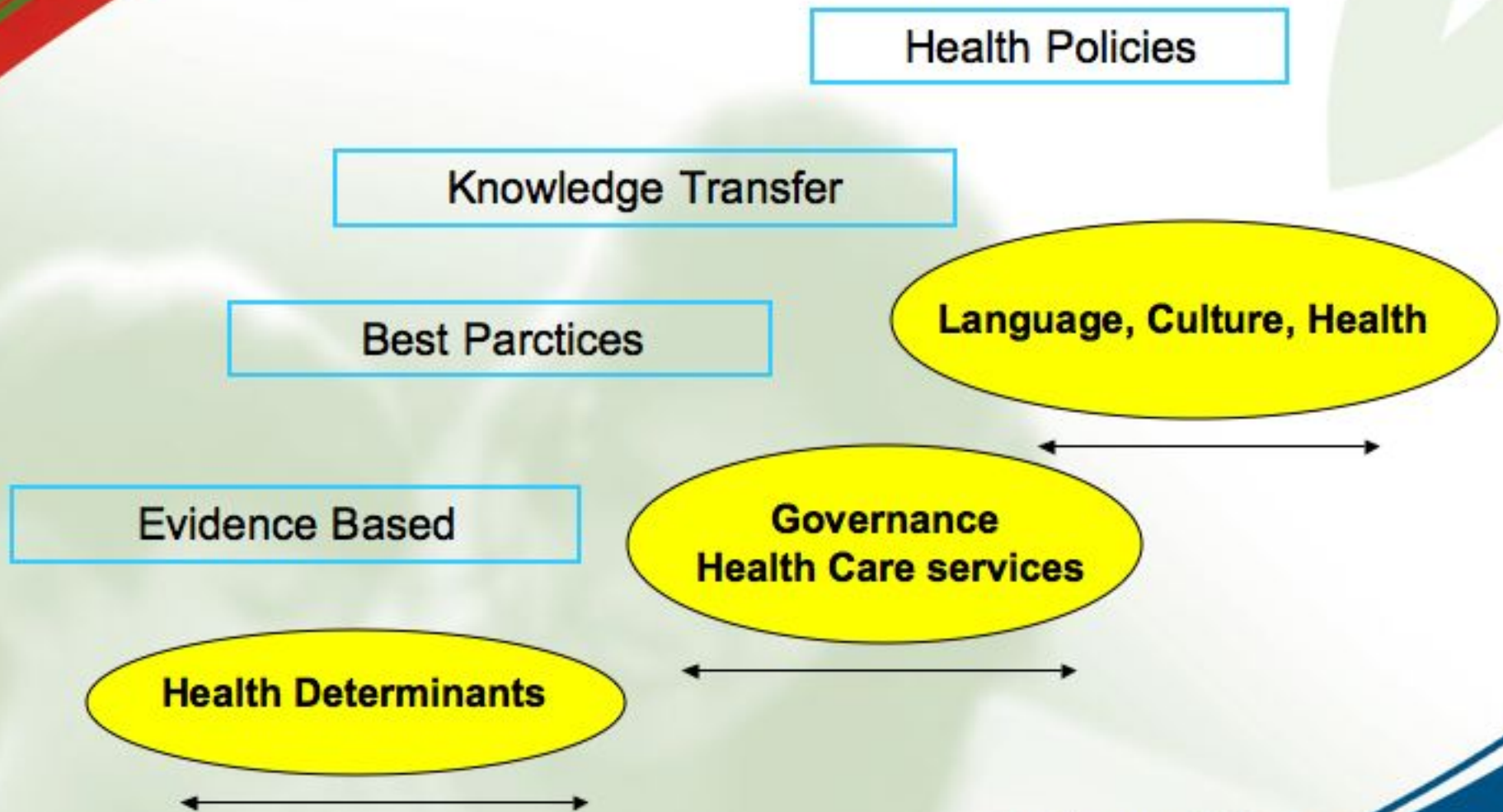
Training

Professionals
Researchers

Cadre de référence pour la recherche sur la santé des communautés francophones en situation minoritaire



Health research on the OLMC





CIHR Research Initiative

On official language minority communities (OLMC)

Mandate

- **Promote** the study of health determinants and the particular needs of the francophone and anglophone communities in a minority linguistic situation.
- **Increase** the number of researchers interested in studying the health issues specific to these communities.
- **Ensure** that the newly created knowledge be transmitted to the researchers, clinicians and decision makers.

CIHR Consultative Committee on Official Language Minority Communities

- Seven meetings (2004-2007)
- Strategic Plan (2006-2009)
- Research funds allocated for the OLMC
 - 1,5M\$ / 4 years
- **Results :**
 - Operating grant - 2006-2007 (2/11 projects funded)
 - Pilot grant - Fall 2007 (8 projects submitted...)
 - Summer Institute - June 2008

Current Research Projects

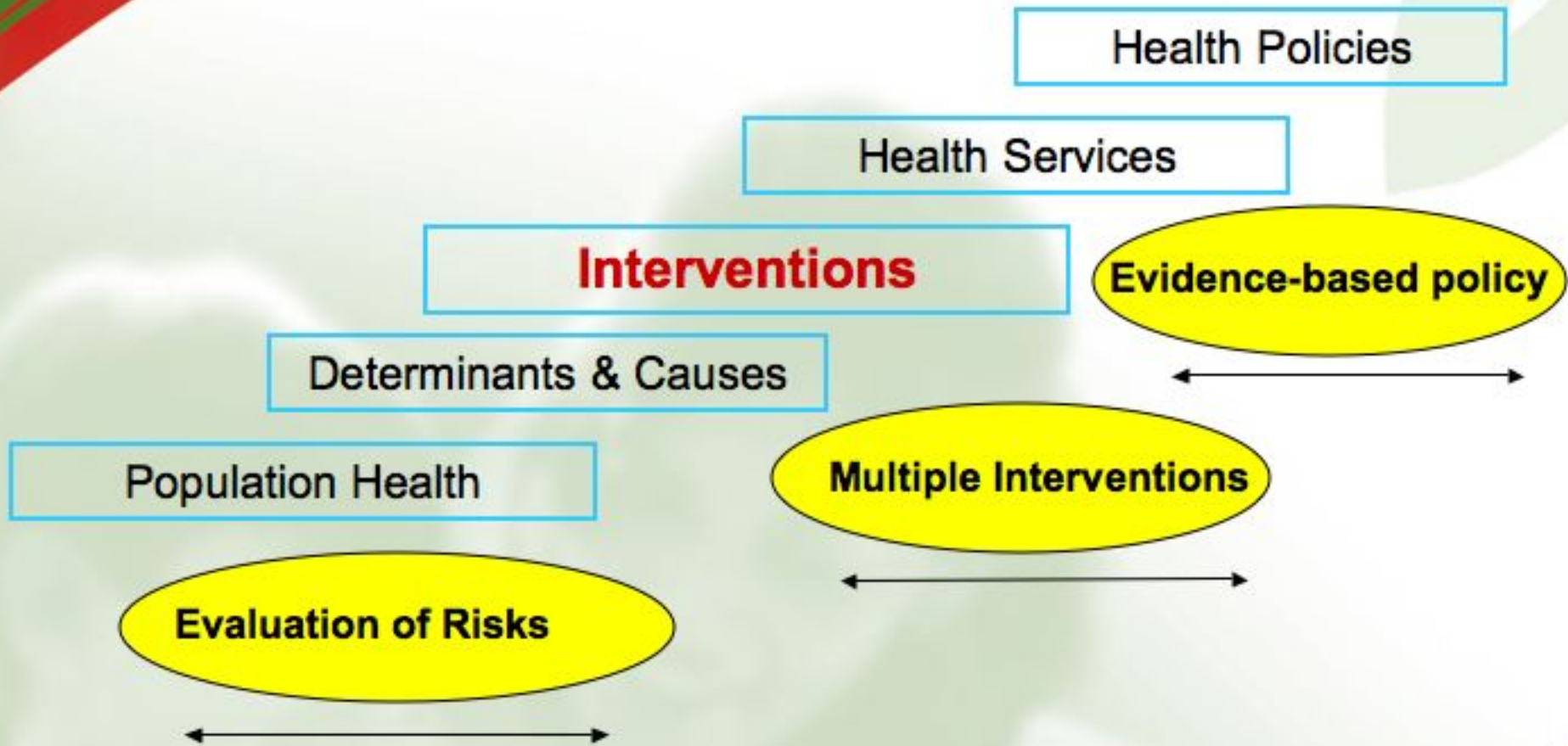
- « Mortality in the official language minority communities, 1991-2001 »
Bouchard, L. et coll. IRSC, 2006-2008.
- « Étude des facteurs socio-environnementaux, culturels et structurels qui influent sur les disparités en matière de santé chez les francophones en situation minoritaire : création d'un réseau national »
Leis, A. et coll. IRSC, 2006-2011.
- « Satisfaction of francophone patients in Eastern Ontario in regards to home care rehabilitation treatments »
Tardif, C et coll., CNFS, 2005

Research projects beyond 2008

2e Forum national de recherche sur la santé des CLOSM

- Further document the psychosocial health determinants and the health status of the OLMC (children, adolescents, elderly, women, immigrants).
- Document and evaluate the effects on health, of the problems related to the health care services available to the OLMC (Research – Action).
- Examine and evaluate the best practices (adapted to the specific needs of the OLMC) on the health of OLMC.
- Study the effects of language and culture on health and the effectiveness of communication between the beneficiary and the health care provider on the health of the OLMC.

Population Health Five steps approach:



Research challenges of OLMC

- 1) How can we increase and consolidate research capacity of OLMC?
- 2) How can we have access to valid data on the health of the OLMC?
- 3) What are the best research methods and tools to capture the reality of the OLMC?
- 4) How can we increase the number of applied research studies in partnership with community organizations in OLMC?
- 5) How to take into account the diversity of the OLMC in research projects?