

Women's Community Health Centre



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The Task



You are members of a community health board responsible for developing a plan for a women's health centre in your community. Your task is to prepare a brief that you might develop for potential funders on behalf of the board.

* In the brief...

Discuss the perspective on women's health that will inform your services.

What services does the board see as relevant to women's health?

What factors will need to be considered in developing health services and how will these factors shape service delivery?

(Reference all significant points you raise in the brief.)

* Question to work through

Who should be at the table to participate in developing the brief?



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Women's Health In Women's Hands Community Health Centre



The mandate of (WHIWH) Community Health Centre is to provide primary healthcare to Black Women and Women of Color from the Caribbean, African, Latin American and South Asian communities in Metropolitan Toronto and surrounding municipalities.

* TASK 1

Discuss the perspective on women's health that will inform your services.

Interrogate the category of 'woman'

Intersectionality

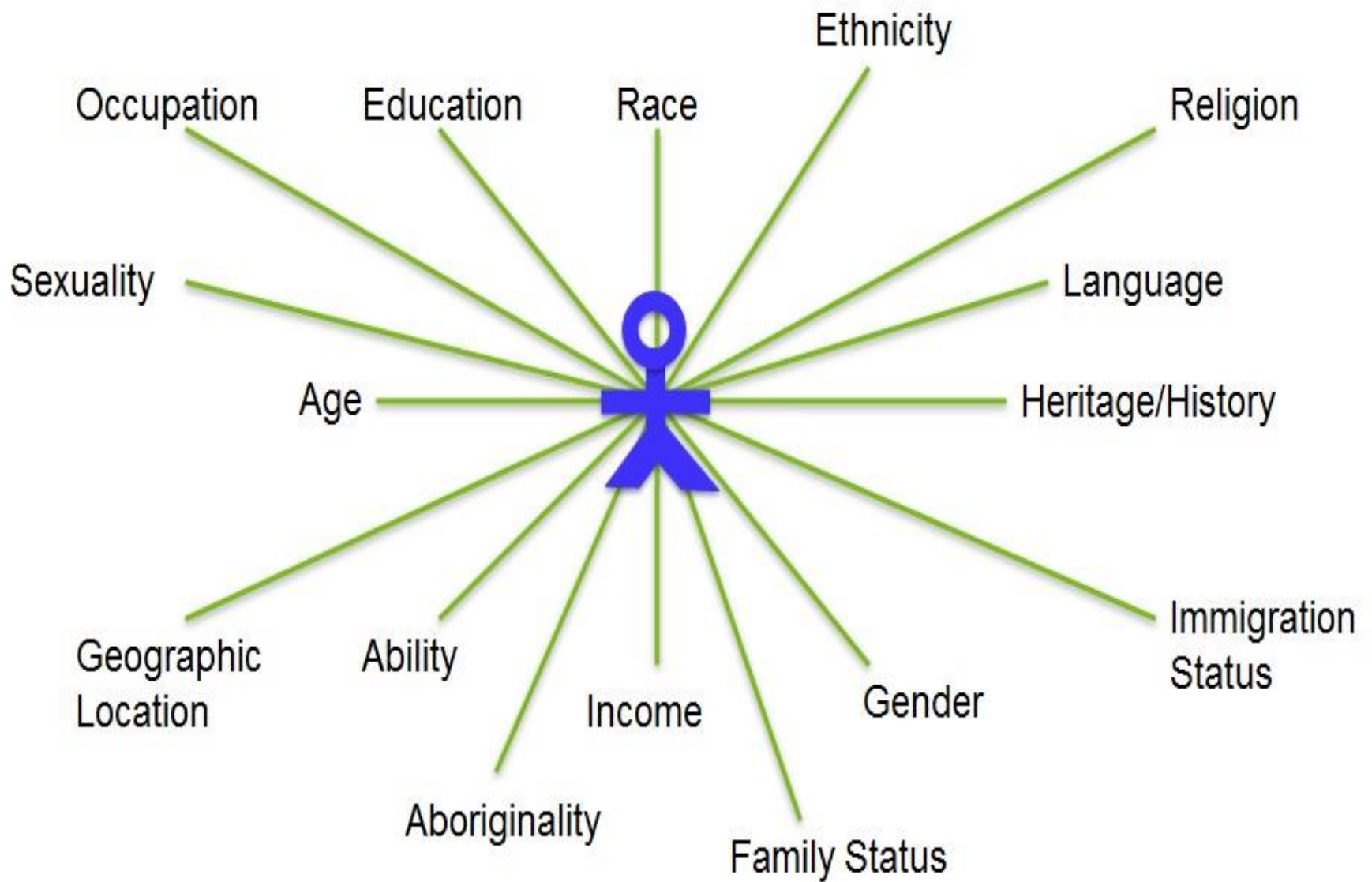


Intersectionality

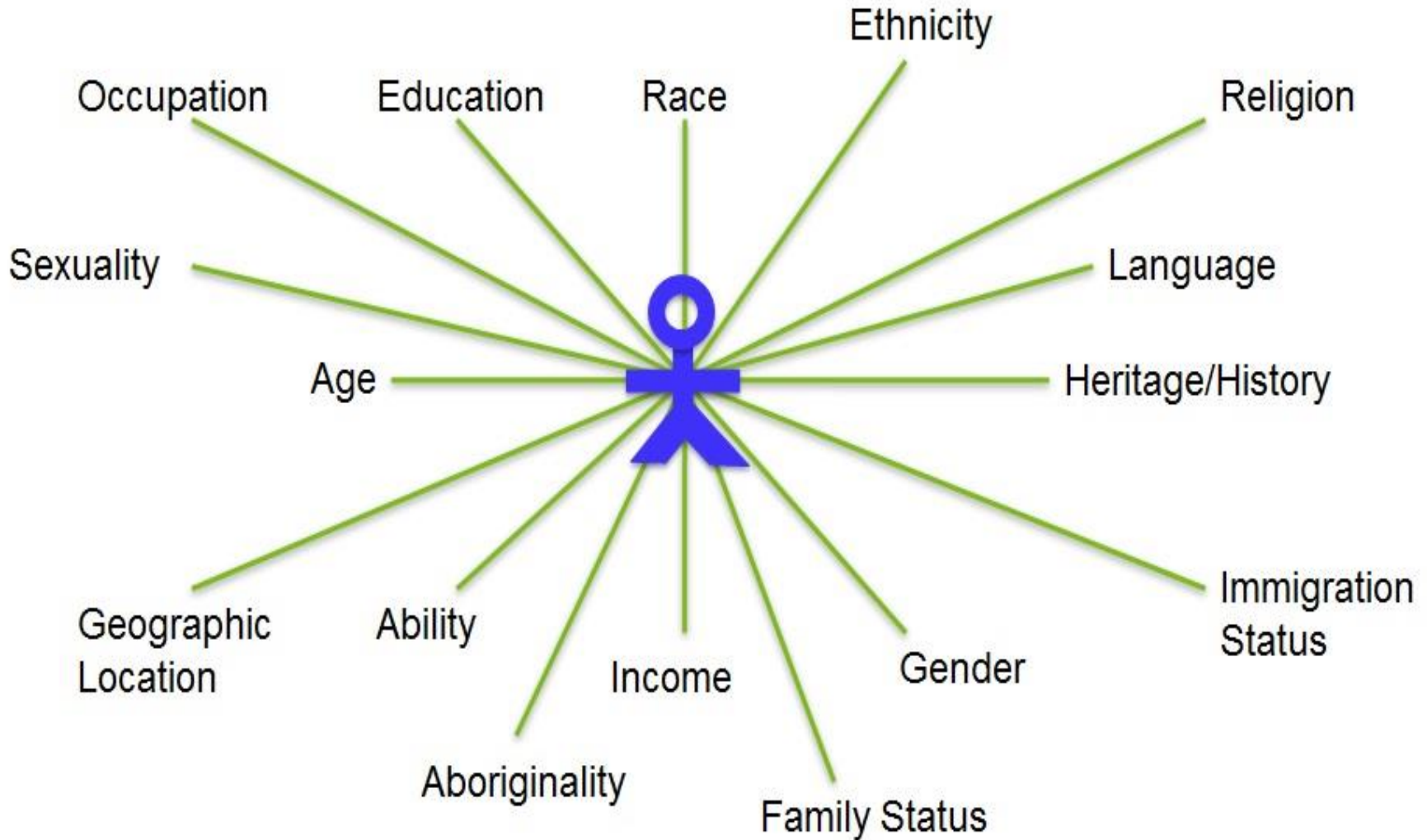
- acknowledges that every person exists in the framework of multiple identities...
- highlights the ways in which there is simultaneous interaction of discrimination that arise from these multiple identities.... (*Verma, 2003*)

* Intersectionality



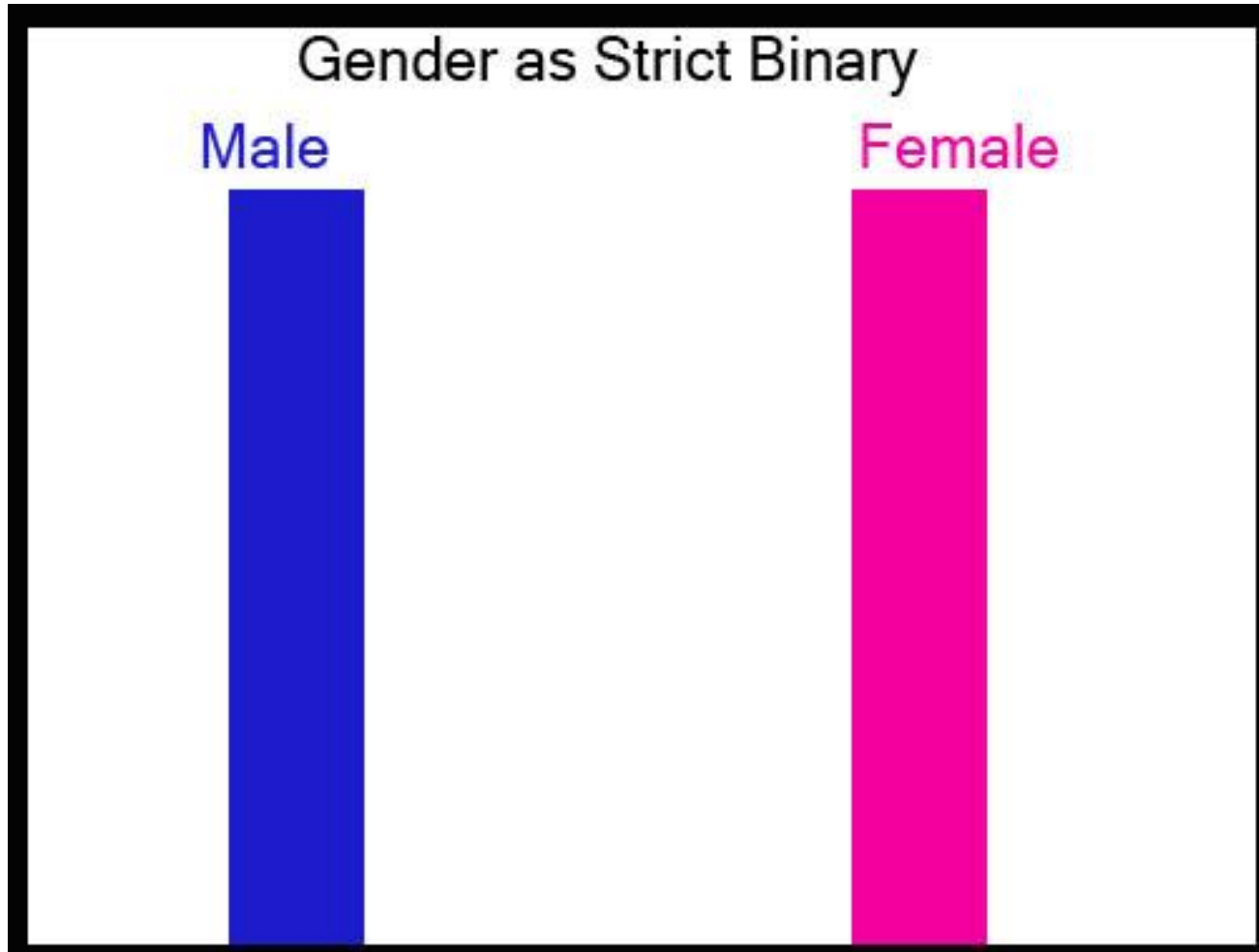


* Why does intersectionality matter for women's health?

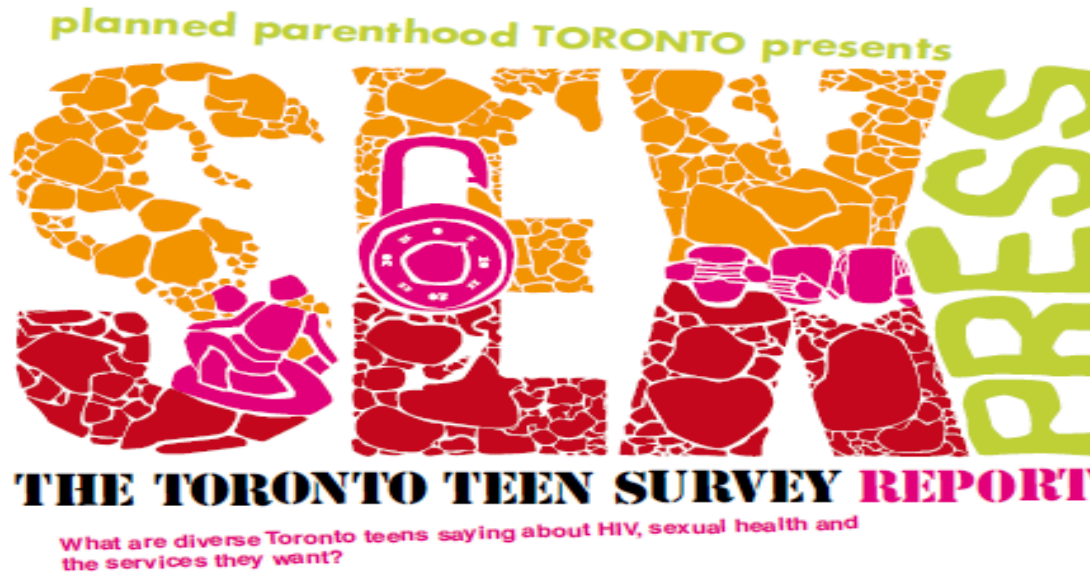


Interrogating the category of 'woman'

* Woman/Gender







Trans youth are left out of sexual health services that don't recognize their identities and needs

Trans youth access sexual health care clinics for reasons including pregnancy, but worry about transphobia and being judged

* Alternative/Non-Medicalized Forms of Health Care



Midwifery Care

* Philosophical Principles

- Bodily integrity (control over one's body)
- Personhood (the ability to make one's own decisions regarding health and well-being)
- Equality in access to health services
- Diversity (intersectionality into practice)

(Correa & Petchesky, 2003)

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* WHIWH is committed to working from an inclusive feminist, pro-choice, anti-racist, anti-oppression, and multilingual participatory framework in addressing the issue of access to healthcare for our mandated priority populations encompassing gender, gender identity, race, class, violence, sexual orientation, religion, culture, language, disability, immigration status and socio-economic circumstances.

TASK 2

What services does the board see as relevant to women's health?

* Models of Women's Health Care



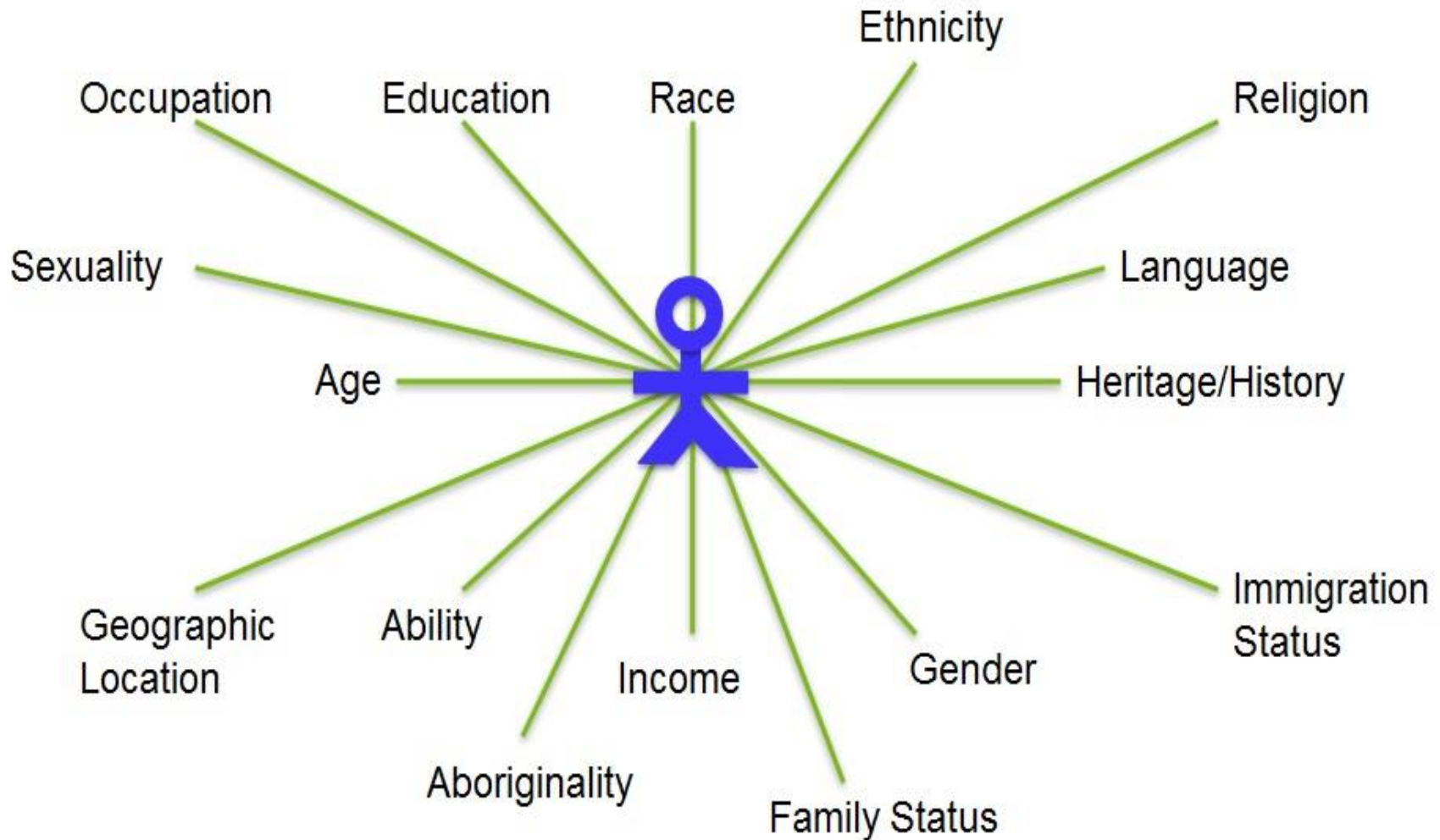
* Health Services

- Reproductive Health Services
- Treatment of Medical/Physical Illnesses
- HIV/AIDS Services
- Mental Health Support
- Nutrition
- Mental Health
- Midwifery
- Pre/post Natal Care
- Physical Fitness/Yoga

* TASK 3

What factors will need to be considered in developing health services and how will these factors shape service delivery?

* Services grounded in the everyday lives of diverse women



* What is needed to implement services?



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Transportation

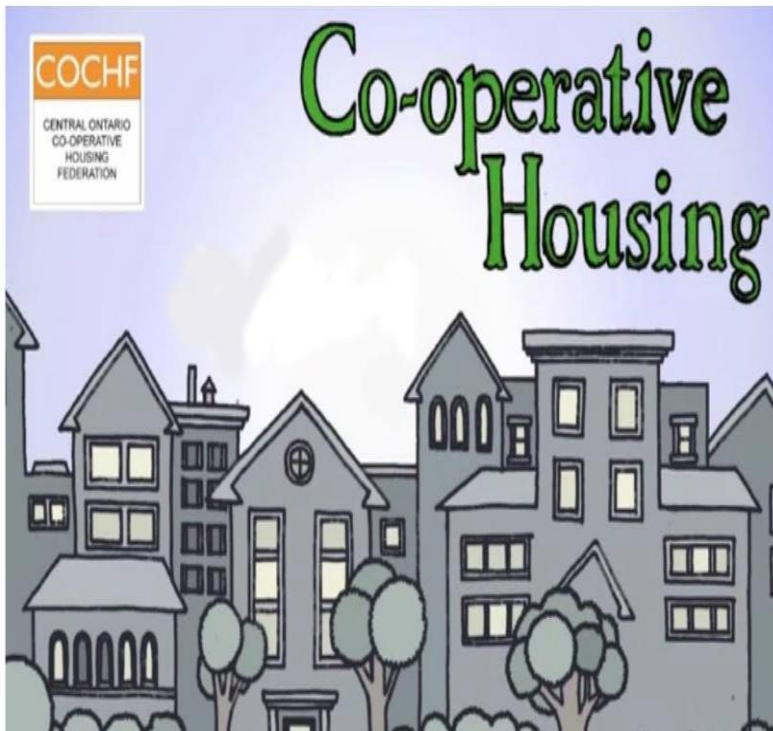


* Affordable Housing





Subsidized Housing



TOD 201 MIXED-INCOME HOUSING NEAR TRANSIT

Increasing
Affordability With
Location Efficiency



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One in a series of best practices guidebooks from
The Center for Transit-Oriented Development

* Food Security





Making Connections

How are transportation, access to housing and food security related to women's health?

* Connection to Health



Because of poverty you have housing issues, then you have lack of access to adequate nutrition. You have lack of transport, you know, increased costs going back and forth between doctors and pharmacists. You know, people making decisions about whether they have enough money for milk or to take the bus to see the doctor. *(HIV+ woman, WHIWH)*

Community-based Participatory Research (CBPR)

Community-based participatory research (CBPR) is a partnership approach to research that involves community members, organizational representatives, and researchers in all aspects of the research process and in which all partners contribute expertise and share decision making and ownership.



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* Migration

- Experiences of migration including trauma and loss
- Difficult settlement process (unemployment, lack of housing, language barriers)



* Services



* Legal Status



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE

Generally, there is a three-month waiting period for Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) coverage. It applies to most new residents and former residents returning to Ontario.

Partnerships



Public Education



Access Alliance
Multicultural Health and Community Services



DID YOU KNOW

...the Ontario government currently imposes a 3-month wait on landed immigrants before they can access health care coverage through OHIP?

Join the
Postcard
Campaign

Activism



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In April 2012, the federal government announced a series of sweeping changes to... the health insurance program for refugees in Canada.

..The federal government announced after significant public pressure that government assisted refugees would not be impacted by these cuts.



* Advocacy

Migration, Health and HIV: The Linkages Address to the General Assembly



* Resources??

Resources

- Government funding
- Referrals (Immigration Services)
Employment Agencies)
- Partnerships (Hospitals)
- Public campaigns
- Donors
- Volunteers

Question to work through

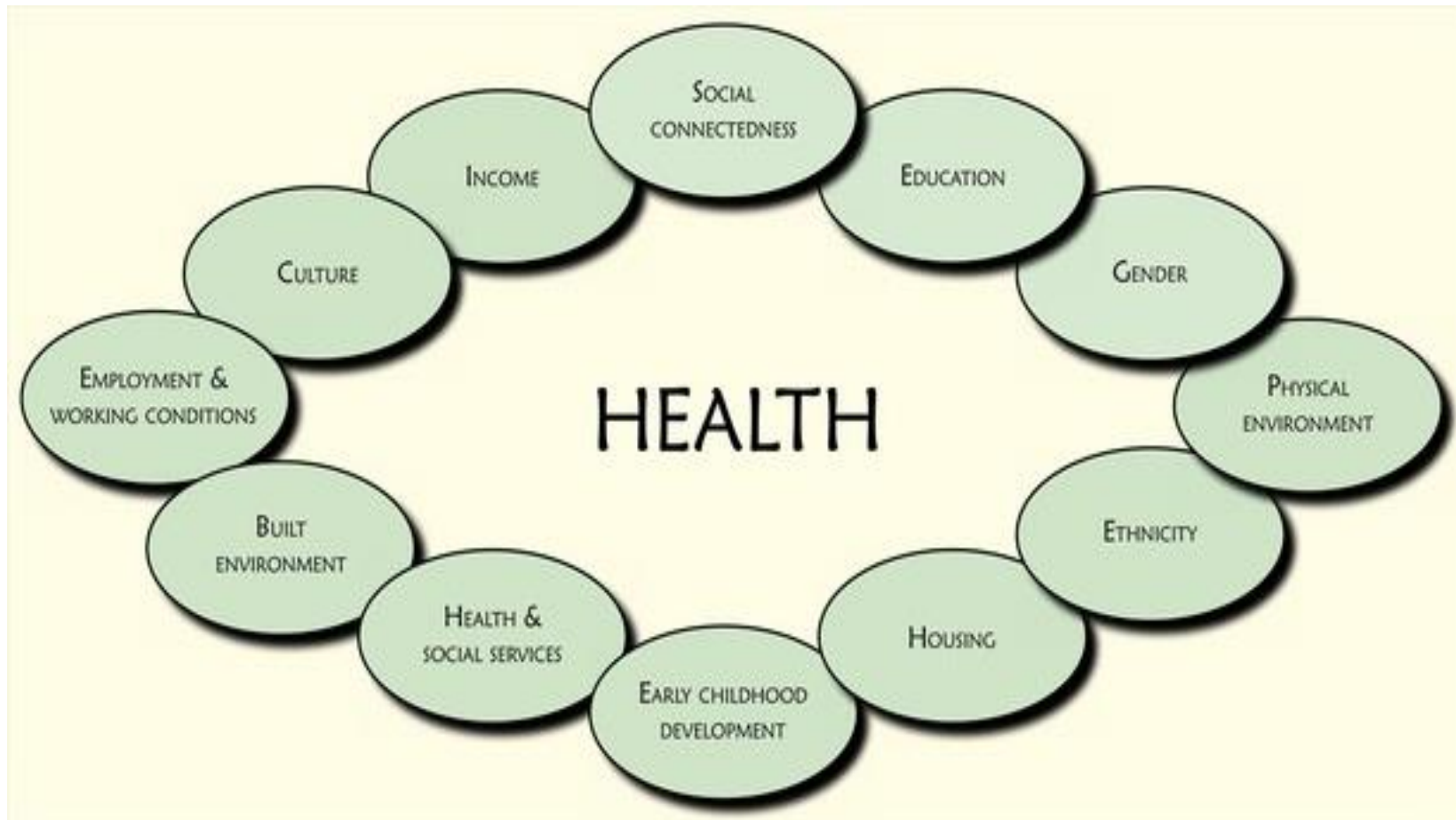
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Board Members

- Medical Staff (Doctors, Nurses, Therapists)
- Mental Health Counselors
- Naturopaths
- Social Workers
- Nutritionists
- Potential Clients
- Community Housing Representatives
- Community Food Representatives
- Researchers
- Immigration Lawyers
- Representatives from the communities served
- ??????

Questions?

Thank you



Nicholas Keung Immigration reporter
Tue Nov 04 2014

Federal government grudgingly returns access by all refugees to health services in response to a federal court order, hours before





- Reproductive health
- Nutrition

Community Center Team

- Health educators
- Community health workers
- Physicians
- Dietitians
- Counsellors
- Therapists
- Social Workers
- Nurses
- Researchers