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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### **Background and Research Objectives**

The Minister of Health, the Honourable Tony Clement, appointed Dr. Leitch as his Advisor on Healthy Children and Youth on March 8, 2007. Dr. Leitch, advisor to the Minister of Health, was given the following mandate:

- To review and assess programs and services within the federal Health Portfolio which are designed to meet the needs of/or address, issues related to child and youth health;
- To assess the challenges and priorities facing the Portfolio with respect to children and youth health issues and consider what programs and services should be maintained or created; and
- To recommend possible mechanisms to provide the Minister with independent and transparent advice on issues related to the health of children and youth

One of tools used to help support this mandate was an online consultation, performed using a survey posted on the Health Canada website.

### **Study Objectives**

The purpose of this public consultation was to provide an electronic forum for Canadians to provide their input into Dr. Leitch's work and ultimately assist in the drafting of recommendations to be made to the Minister of Health.

The specific objectives for this online consultation were as follows:

- To seek the input of stakeholders and interested Canadians on:
  - the factors influencing the health of Canadian children and youth; and
  - the effectiveness of existing Health Portfolio programs and strategies impacting the health of children and youth.
- To determine where and how individuals get information on child and youth health.

### **Approach and Methodology**

The approach used for this public consultation was an online survey, which was posted on the Health Canada Internet site (<http://www.hc.sc.gc.ca>). The survey questionnaire consisted of 15 questions and was available to respondents in both English and French. The survey was online from June 19 to June 29, 2007. During this time a total of 7,270 visitors to the Health Canada website completed the survey. It should be noted, however, that the findings of the survey cannot be extrapolated to the Canadian population at large as there were no controls in terms of sampling. As such, the findings should not be interpreted beyond the sample population of 7,270 and should be viewed strictly as a public consultation rather than survey research.

## Summary of Results

The key findings from this public consultation are as follows:

- The major health issues facing children in Canada depends on their age. The main issues by age groups are as follows:
  - **5 Years or Less:** *nutrition* (56%), *accidents/injuries* (32%), *product safety* (31%), *second hand smoke* (26%), *the environment* (26%), and *(lack of) physical activity* (24%).
  - **6-12 Years:** *(a lack of) physical activity* (63%), *obesity* (56%), *nutrition* (53%), and *emotional and mental health* (30%).
  - **13-18 Years:** *emotional and mental health* (44%), *illicit drugs* (41%), *alcohol and drinking* (36%), *smoking* (27%), *(a lack of) physical activity* (40%), *obesity* (35%) and *nutrition* (32%).
- There is widespread agreement (82%) that the Government of Canada should establish ways to better coordinate and address children and youth health issues. This level of support is consistent among all respondent groups.
- There is near unanimous opinion that *parents* (97%) are the key group that should be involved in improving and maintaining the health of children and youth in Canada. *Teachers/school* (87%) and *health professionals* (80%) are also widely viewed as key groups to achieving this goal. Governments, be it *Federal* (65%), *Provincial* (67%) or *Regional Health Authorities* (59%) were considered important participants by about two-thirds of respondents.
- *Health professionals* (80%) are clearly the most important source of health information on children and youth, although the *Internet* (68%) is also a key source. Among government sources, *regional health authorities* (45%) are more likely to be accessed than *provincial* (38%) or the *federal* (37%) governments.

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## RÉSUMÉ

*This summary is also available in English.*

### **Historique**

L'honorable Tony Clement, ministre de la Santé, a nommé D<sup>re</sup> Leitch conseillère en santé des enfants et des jeunes le 8 mars 2007. À ce titre, D<sup>re</sup> Leitch a reçu le mandat suivant :

- examiner et évaluer les programmes et les services au sein du portefeuille de la Santé du gouvernement fédéral et conçus pour satisfaire aux besoins des enfants et des jeunes en santé ou pour aborder les enjeux qui y sont liés;
- évaluer les défis et les priorités relevant du portefeuille de la Santé pour ce qui est des enjeux liés à la santé des enfants et des jeunes, et déterminer les programmes et les services qui doivent être maintenus ou créés;
- recommander des mécanismes possibles afin de procurer au ministre des conseils indépendants et transparents sur les enjeux liés à la santé des enfants et des jeunes.

Un des outils utilisés par la conseillère pour l'appuyer dans son mandat était la mise en œuvre d'une consultation en ligne au moyen d'un sondage affiché dans le site Web de Santé Canada.

### **Objectifs de l'étude**

Cette consultation publique avait pour but d'offrir un forum aux Canadiens afin qu'ils partagent leurs opinions quant au travail de D<sup>re</sup> Leitch et participent ainsi aux recommandations présentées au ministre de la Santé.

Voici les objectifs précis de la consultation en ligne :

- Obtenir les opinions des Canadiens intéressés et des intervenants sur :
  - les facteurs qui se répercutent sur la santé des enfants et des jeunes canadiens;
  - l'efficacité des stratégies et des programmes actuels du portefeuille de la Santé qui ont une incidence sur la santé des enfants et des jeunes.
- Déterminer à quel endroit et de quelle façon les personnes peuvent obtenir des renseignements sur la santé des enfants et des jeunes.

### **Approche et méthodologie**

Un sondage en ligne constitue l'approche utilisée pour effectuer cette consultation publique. Le sondage a été affiché dans le site Web de Santé Canada (<http://www.hc.sc.gc.ca>) du 19 au 29 juin 2007. Il comprenait 15 questions et était accessible en anglais et en français. Pendant la période de sondage, un total de 7 270 visiteurs ont rempli le questionnaire du site Web de Santé Canada. Il est important de noter, toutefois, que les résultats du sondage ne peuvent être extrapolés à la population canadienne dans son ensemble, étant donné qu'aucun contrôle n'a été exercé sur l'échantillonnage. C'est pourquoi les résultats ne peuvent être interprétés au-delà de la population échantillonnée de 7 270 personnes et doivent être considérés strictement dans le cadre d'une consultation publique plutôt que d'une recherche par sondage.

## Synthèse des résultats

Voici les principaux résultats découlant de la consultation publique :

- Les principaux enjeux de santé auxquels doivent faire face les enfants au Canada varient en fonction de l'âge :
  - **5 ans et moins** : nutrition (56 %), accidents / blessures (32 %), sécurité des produits (31 %), fumée secondaire (26 %), environnement (26 %) et manque d'activité physique (24 %);
  - **6 à 12 ans** : manque d'activité physique (63 %), obésité (56 %), nutrition (53 %) et santé mentale / état émotionnel (30 %);
  - **13 à 18 ans** : santé mentale / état émotionnel (44 %), drogues illicites (41 %), alcool / consommation d'alcool (36 %), tabagisme (27 %), manque d'activité physique (40 %), obésité (35 %) et nutrition (32 %).
- Un large consensus (82 %) a été atteint pour dire que le gouvernement du Canada devrait établir des façons de mieux coordonner et aborder les enjeux de santé des enfants et des jeunes. Ce niveau d'appui se révèle constant parmi tous les groupes de répondants.
- Les répondants ont été presque unanimes à dire que les *parents* (97 %) constituent le principal groupe devant participer à l'amélioration et au maintien de la santé des enfants et des jeunes au Canada. Un grand nombre de répondants perçoivent également les *enseignants / école* (87 %) et les *professionnels de la santé* (80 %) comme les principaux groupes pouvant atteindre ce but. Environ deux tiers des répondants considèrent les gouvernements comme participants importants, qu'il s'agisse du palier *fédéral* (65 %), du palier *provincial* (67 %) ou des *autorités régionales en santé* (59 %).
- Les *professionnels de la santé* (80 %) représentent nettement la source d'information la plus importante sur la santé des enfants et des jeunes, bien qu'*Internet* (68 %) se révèle également une source importante. Parmi les sources gouvernementales, il existe une plus grande probabilité d'accéder aux *autorités régionales en santé* (45 %) qu'au *gouvernement provincial* (38 %) ou au *gouvernement fédéral* (37 %).

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## 1. BACKGROUND

The Minister of Health, the Honourable Tony Clement, appointed Dr. Leitch as his Advisor on Healthy Children and Youth on March 8, 2007. Dr. Leitch's mandate was to examine existing health issues facing Canada's children and youth and to provide the Minister with recommendations for actions that can be taken by the Health Portfolio.

The Health Portfolio is comprised of six organizations, including Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), for which the Minister of Health has responsibility. The complete Portfolio includes:

- Assisted Human Reproduction Canada (AHRC)
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
- Hazardous Materials Information Review Commission (HMRIC)
- Health Canada, including the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA)
- Patented Medicines Price Review Board (PMPRB)
- Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)

Dr. Leitch conducted numerous consultations with key stakeholders across the country. One of these consultation mechanisms was an online survey posted on the Health Canada website.

### STUDY OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this public consultation was to provide an electronic forum for Canadians to provide their input into Dr. Leitch's work and ultimately assist in the drafting of recommendations to be made to the Minister of Health.

The specific objectives for this online consultation were as follows:

- To seek the input of stakeholders and interested Canadians on:
  - the factors influencing the health of Canadian children and youth; and
  - the effectiveness of existing Health Portfolio programs and strategies impacting the health of children and youth.
- To determine where and how individuals get information on child and youth health.

### APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

The approach used for this public consultation was an online survey, which was posted on the Health Canada Internet site (<http://www.hc.sc.gc.ca>).

- *Design*

The survey questionnaire was drafted based on input provided by Dr. Leitch and consisted of 15 questions. The questionnaire was professionally translated and both the English and French versions of the questionnaire were approved prior to the survey being posted on the website. The English and French questionnaires are provided in **Appendix A**.

- *Data Collection*

The survey was available for completion for a total of eleven (11) days from June 19 to June 29, 2007. During this time a total of 7,270 visitors to the Health Canada website completed the survey.

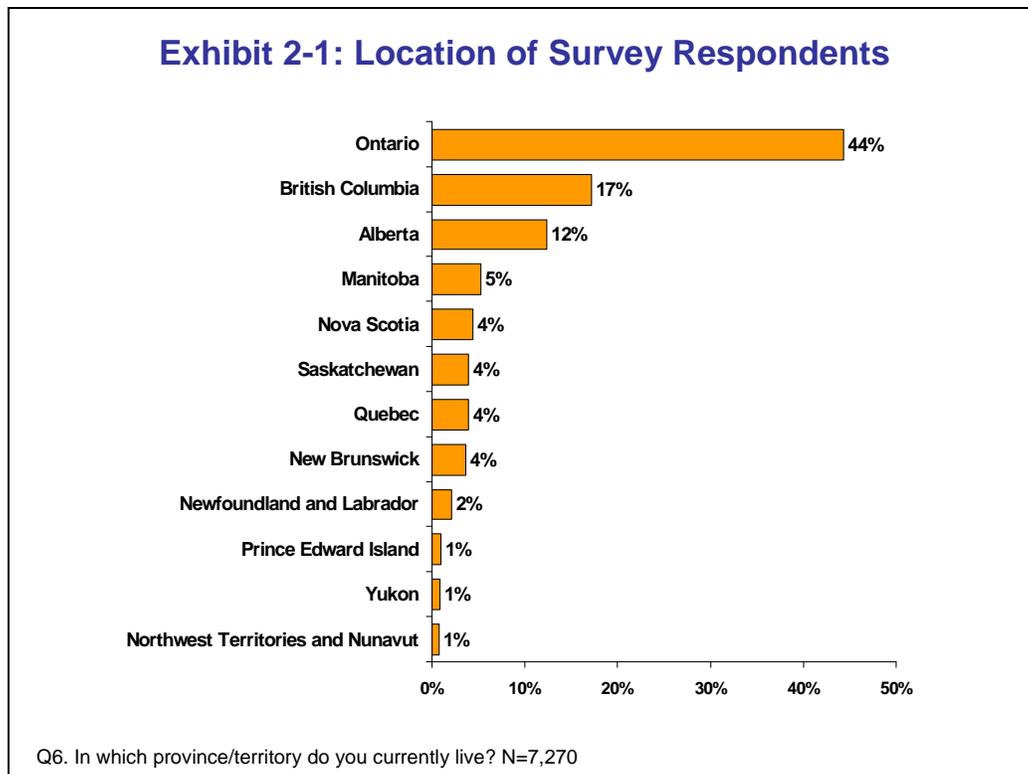
- *Analysis and Reporting*

Prior to the conduct of any data analysis, the data set was checked and cleaned to ensure that all responses were valid, logical and accurate. The survey responses have been compiled and analysed using the statistical software SPSS. The data set has not been weighted because the characteristics of the population of visitors to the web site are not known. It should be noted that the results of this public consultation cannot be extrapolated to be representative of the Canadian population at large.

The margin of error on the total sample of 7,270 is +/- 1.2%, with a 95% confidence interval. The error rates on sub-sample (e.g. occupation) will be correspondingly higher.

## 2. SURVEY RESPONDENT PROFILE

A total of 7,270 visitors to the Health Canada website provided their opinions on the health priorities for children and youth through the online survey. Residents of Ontario accounted for the largest proportion of respondents (44%), followed by British Columbia (17%) and Alberta (12%). As shown in **Exhibit 2-1**, every other province or territory accounted for less than ten percent of the responses.

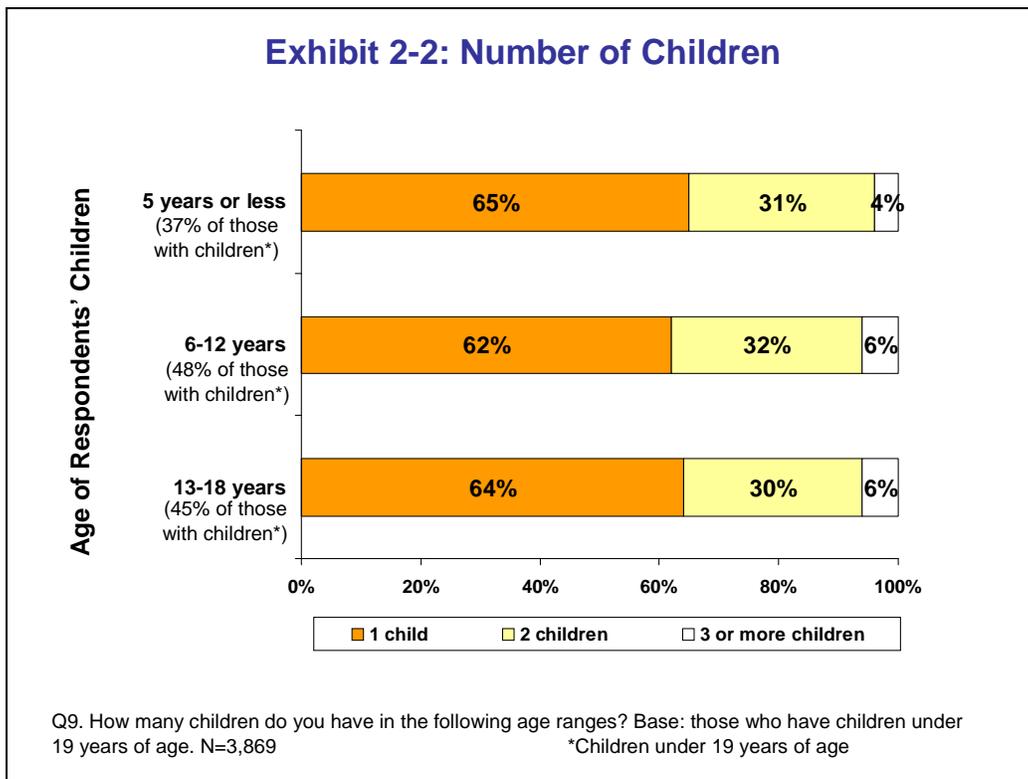


Some of the other key demographic characteristics of the respondents are as follows:

- The large majority of the respondents were female (83%).
- Nine out of ten respondents (90%) speak English at home most often, while 8% speak French and 2% some other language.
- Most respondents are university educated, with 39% possessing an undergraduate degree and 37% completing their postgraduate studies. Only 6% of respondents had a high school diploma or less, while 15% had completed college or CEGEP.
- Approximately three-quarters of all respondents work in one of three sectors: health care providers (31%); non-governmental organizations (23%); and, government (22%). Health care professionals (44%) represented, by far, the single largest occupational group of respondents. Every other occupational group accounted for less than 10% of respondents.

- Among those respondents who chose to answer<sup>1</sup>, 37% have an annual household income of \$100,000 or more, while 15% indicated it was between \$80,000 and \$99,999. Only 4% of respondents reported an annual household income of less than \$25,000.
- Just less than half (45%) of all respondents are between the age of 35-49 years. The next largest age cohorts among respondents were those 50 years or more (27%) and 25-35 year olds (24%). Those under 25 years of age represented less than 5% of all respondents.

Just over half (53%) of all respondents indicated that they have children under 19 years of age. Among these respondents who have children under the age of 19 years, 37% have at least one child aged 5 years or less, 48% have at least one child aged 6 to 12 years, and 45% have at least one child aged 13 to 18 years.



As shown in **Exhibit 2-2**, about two-thirds of respondents with children under the age of 19 have only one child in each of the three age groups. Only a small proportion of respondents have three or more children in any one age group.

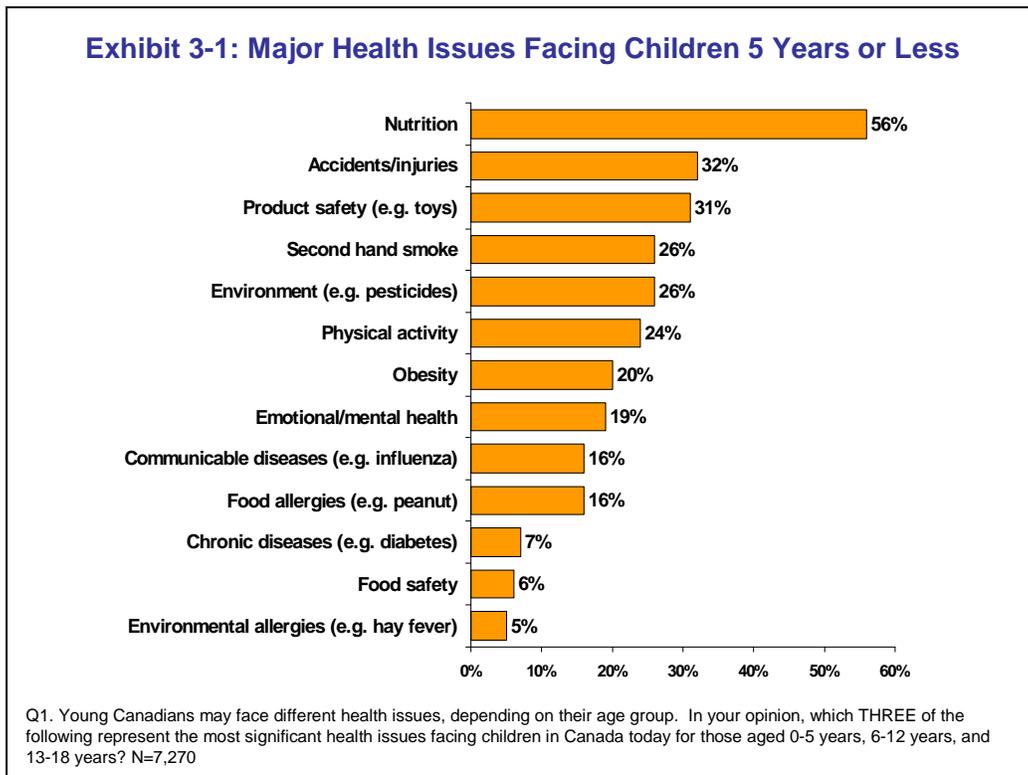
<sup>1</sup> 955 (or 13% of) respondents preferred not to provide their annual household income.

### 3. CHILDREN'S HEALTH ISSUES

All survey respondents were asked to identify from a comprehensive list, the **three** most significant health issues facing Canadian children based on three age groups: 5 years or less; 6 to 12 years or age; and, 13 to 18 years of age.

#### HEALTH ISSUES FACING CHILDREN 5 YEARS OR LESS

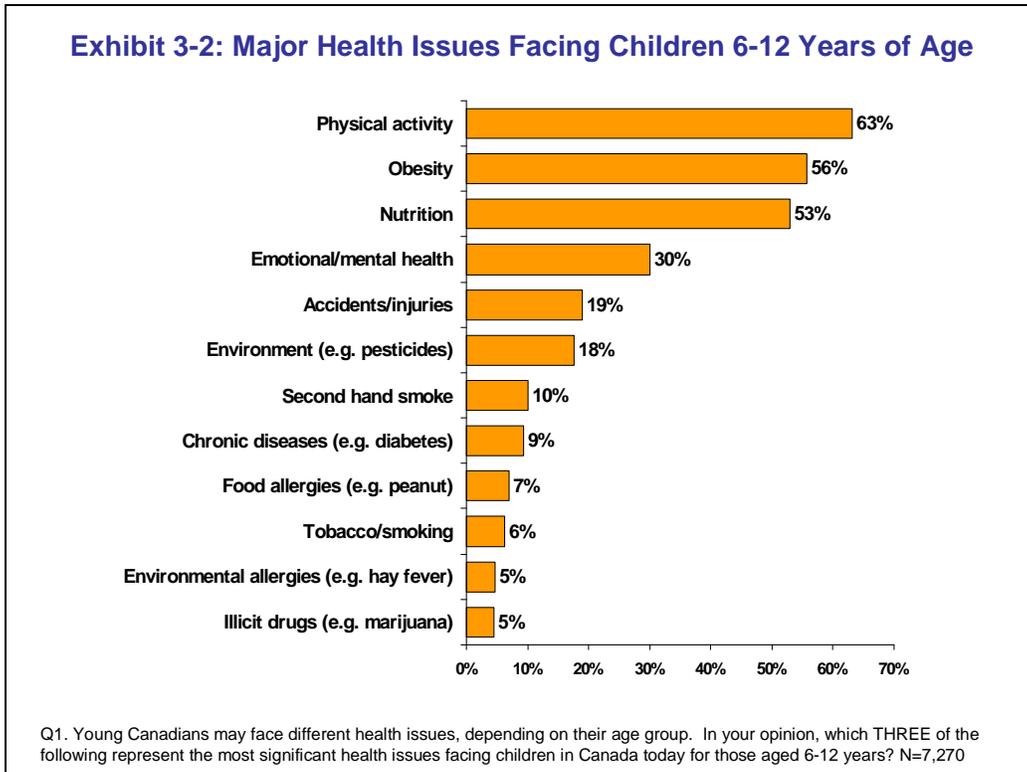
**Exhibit 3-1** shows the health issues facing children five years of age or younger, which were identified by at least 5% of survey respondents. As can be seen, *nutrition* was clearly viewed as the most pressing health issue, selected by more than half (56%) of all respondents. *Accidents and injuries* (32%) and *product safety* (31%) were the next most frequently identified health issues affecting children 5 years or less identified by about one-third of respondents. About one-quarter of respondents felt that *second hand smoke* (26%), the *environment* (26%), and (lack of) *physical activity* (24%) are major health issues facing these youngest of Canadian children.



Respondents who have children aged 5 years or less were equally likely to have identified the same health issues (in **Exhibit 3-1**) as those respondents who do not have children in this age group.

### HEALTH ISSUES FACING CHILDREN 6-12 YEARS OF AGE

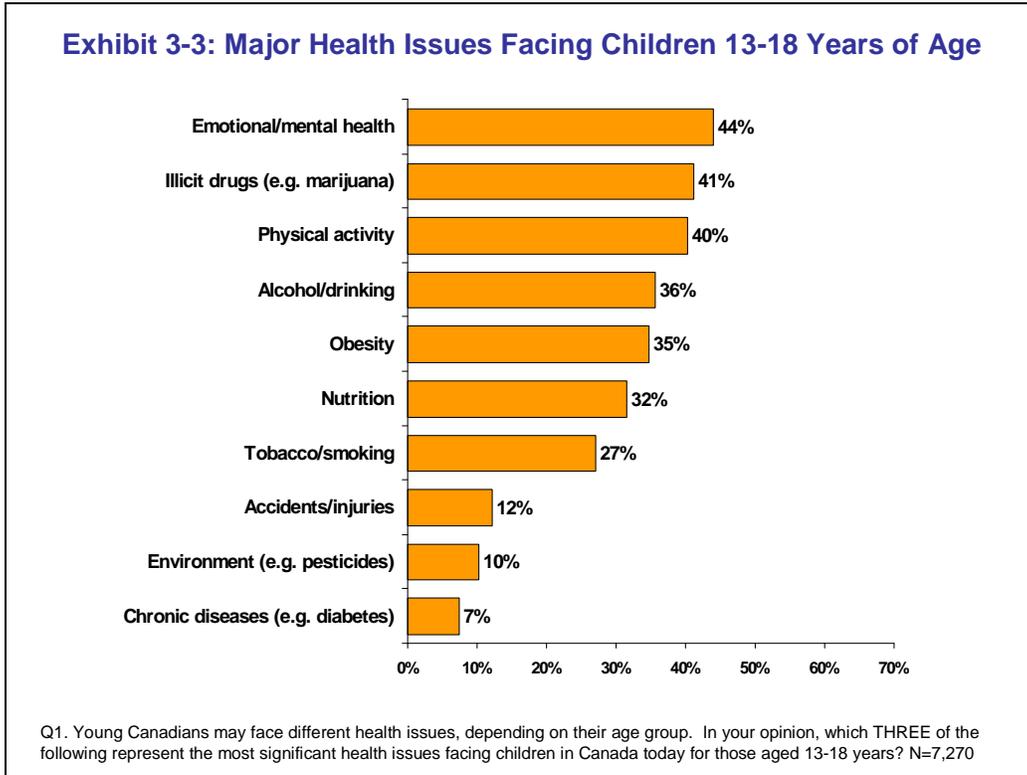
According to those who completed the survey, the most important health issues facing children aged 6-12 years are (a lack of) *physical activity* (63%), *obesity* (56%) and *nutrition* (53%). Compared to children 5 years or less, *emotional and mental health* (30%) issues were identified by a significantly larger proportion of respondents as a major challenge for 6-12 year olds, while the opposite is true for *accidents and injuries* (19%).



As with respondents who have children aged 5 years or less, those with children aged 6-12 years were just as likely to have identified the same health issues (in **Exhibit 3-2**) as those respondents who do not have children in this age group.

### HEALTH ISSUES FACING CHILDREN 13-18 YEARS OF AGE

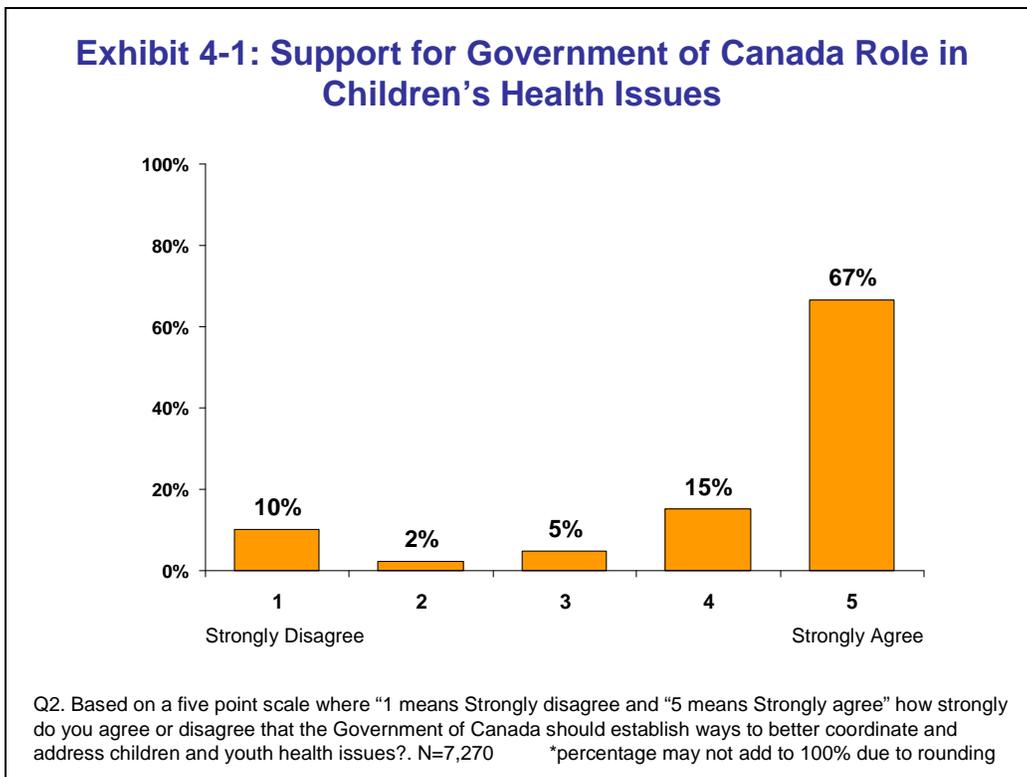
Survey respondents felt that *emotional and mental health* (44%) issues are more likely to impact teenagers in Canada than any other health related issue. Other major health issues that teenagers face include substance abuse such as *illicit drugs* (41%), *alcohol and drinking* (36%) and *smoking* (27%), as well as (a lack of ) *physical activity* (40%), *obesity* (35%) and *nutrition* (32%).



Respondents with teenage children and those without teenage children were equally likely to have identified the same health issues as ones facing 13-18 year olds in Canada.

#### 4. THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH HEALTH ISSUES

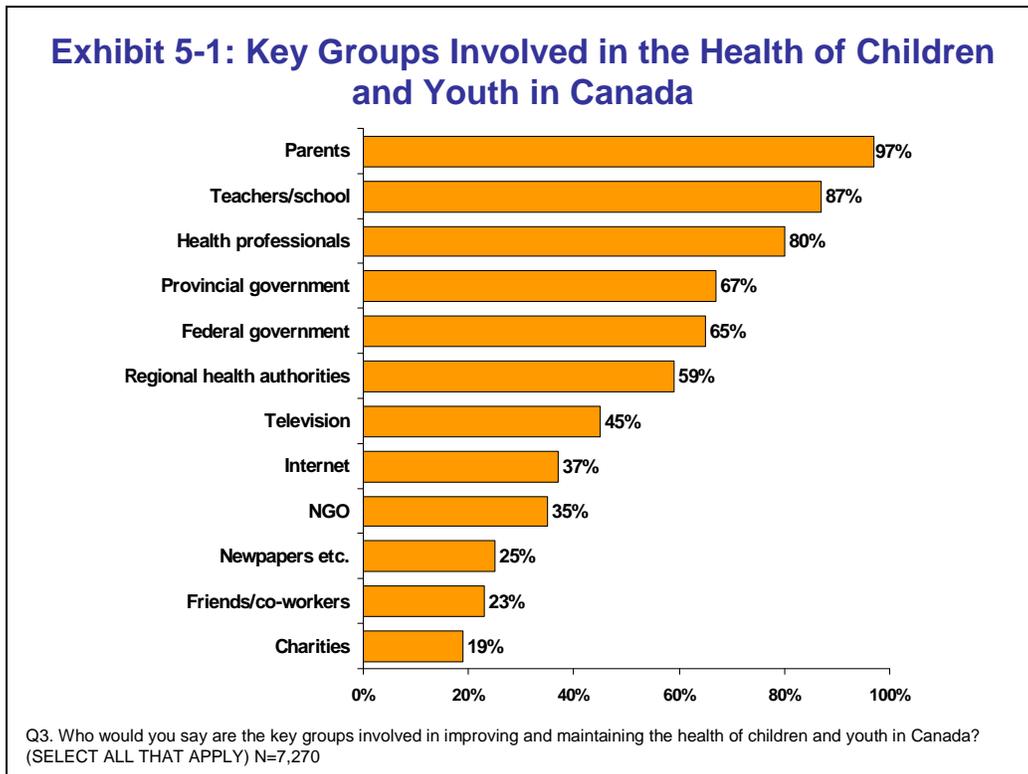
There is strong support among those who participated in this public consultation for the Government of Canada to play a role in establishing ways to better coordinate and address children and youth health issues. As can be seen in **Exhibit 4-1**, two thirds (67%) of all respondents “strongly agreed” or provided a rating of “5 out of 5” with this concept, with a further 15% providing a rating of “4 out of 5”. Just over one out of ten respondents (12%) disagree that the Government of Canada should establish ways to better coordinate and address children and youth health issues. The level of support for this concept is consistent among respondents irrespective of household income, education or place of employment.



## 5. STAKEHOLDERS IN THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### INVOLVEMENT OF KEY GROUP IN THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

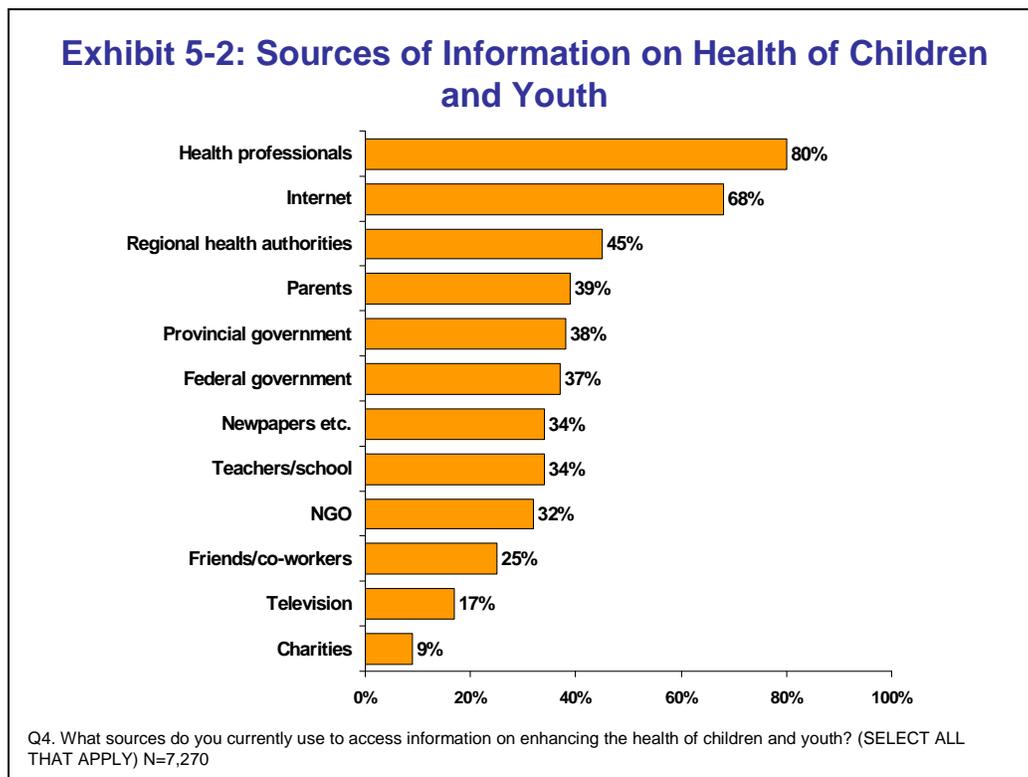
Virtually all respondents (97%) believe that parents should be involved in improving and maintaining the health of children and youth in Canada. The next most important groups that were identified include *teachers/schools* (87%) and *health professionals* (80%). As shown in **Exhibit 5-1**, governments, be it *Federal* (65%), *Provincial* (67%) or *Regional Health Authorities* (59%) were considered important participants by about two-thirds of respondents. A sizeable proportion of respondents also indicated that they believe mass communications such as television (45%), the Internet (37%) and newspapers/pamphlets/posters also have a role to play in improving and maintaining the health of children and youth in Canada.



Respondents who work as health care providers (86%) were more likely to have identified health professionals as a key group compared to those who work in government (81%), NGOs (75%) and those in other professions (75%). Similarly, those who work in NGOs (46%) were more likely than those in government (36%), health professionals (32%) or those in other professions (31%) to believe NGOs have a key role to play in improving the health of children and youth in Canada.

## SOURCES USED TO ACCESS HEALTH INFORMATION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

As Exhibit 5-2 shows, *health professionals* (80%) are the most common source of health information on children and youth. The *Internet* (68%) is also a key source, used by about two-thirds of all respondents. Of the government sources listed, *regional health authorities* (45%) are more likely to be accessed than *provincial* (38%) or the *federal* (37%) governments.



These results are consistent across all respondent groups with the following exceptions:

- health care providers (87%) were more likely to access health professionals as a source of information compared to those working in government (78%), NGOs (77%), or in other occupations (74%);
- those working with NGOs (44%) were more likely to access NGOs as a source of information relative to government employees (30%), health care providers (27%) and those working in other professions (28%); and
- respondents who work in other professions were the least likely to access federal (29%) or provincial (29%) government sources for information on children and youth.

## 6. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

A total of 7,270 visitors to the Health Canada website completed the survey. It should be noted, however, that the findings of the survey cannot be extrapolated to the Canadian population at large as there were no controls in terms of sampling. As such, the findings should not be interpreted beyond the sample population of 7,270 and should be viewed strictly as a public consultation rather than survey research.

The key findings from this public consultation are as follows:

- Respondents' impressions of the major health issues facing children in Canada varied according to the age of the child. The main issues by age groups are as follows:
  - **5 Years or Less:** *nutrition* (56%), *accidents/injuries* (32%), *product safety* (31%), *second hand smoke* (26%), *the environment* (26%), and *(lack of) physical activity* (24%).
  - **6-12 Years:** *(a lack of) physical activity* (63%), *obesity* (56%), *nutrition* (53%), and *emotional and mental health* (30%).
  - **13-18 Years:** *emotional and mental health* (44%), *illicit drugs* (41%), *alcohol and drinking* (36%), *smoking* (27%), *(a lack of) physical activity* (40%), *obesity* (35%), and *nutrition* (32%).
- There is widespread agreement (82%) that the Government of Canada should establish ways to better coordinate and address children and youth health issues. This level of support is consistent among all respondent groups.
- There is near unanimous opinion that *parents* (97%) are the key group that should be involved in improving and maintaining the health of children and youth in Canada. *Teachers/school* (87%) and *health professionals* (80%) are also widely viewed as key groups to achieving this goal. Governments, be it *Federal* (65%), *Provincial* (67%) or *Regional Health Authorities* (59%) were considered important participants by about two-thirds of respondents.
- *Health professionals* (80%) were identified as the most common source of health information on children and youth, although the *Internet* (68%) is also a key source. Among government sources, *regional health authorities* (45%) are more likely to be accessed than *provincial* (38%) or the *federal* (37%) governments.

## APPENDIX A – SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE (ENGLISH AND FRENCH)

### Health Canada Online Survey of Priorities for Children and Youth – Final

#### INTRODUCTION SCREEN

Thank you for participating in this survey which focuses on health issues facing Canada's children and youth. The information will be used to assist the federal government in effectively contributing to healthy living outcomes for Canada's children and youth

It should take you about 5 minutes to complete, and your responses will remain completely confidential at all times.

This survey is registered with the National Survey Registration System

1. Young Canadians may face different health issues, depending on their age group. In your opinion, which **THREE** of the following represent the most significant health issues facing children in Canada today for those **aged 0-5 years, 6-12 years, and 13-18 years?** (**SELECT TOP THREE FOR EACH AGE CATEGORY**) ROTATE LIST

Health Issue	0 – 5 years of age	6 – 12 years of age	13 – 18 years of age
Accidents/Injuries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chronic Diseases (e.g. diabetes, cancer, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communicable Diseases (e.g. influenza, measles, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food allergies (e.g. shellfish, peanut)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental allergies (e.g. hay fever)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional/Mental Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tobacco/smoking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol/drinking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Illicit drugs (e.g. marijuana, ecstasy, cocaine, heroin)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Obesity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pharmaceuticals safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product Safety (e.g. toys, items with cords, play structures, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment (e.g. pesticides, air quality)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Second hand smoke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2. Based on a five point scale where “1 means Strongly disagree and “5 means Strongly agree” how strongly do you agree or disagree that the Government of Canada should establish ways to better coordinate and address children and youth health issues?

- 1 - Strongly disagree
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 – Strongly agree
- Don't know

3. Who would you say are the key groups involved in improving and maintaining the health of children and youth in Canada? (**SELECT ALL THAT APPLY**)

- Parents
- Teachers/School
- Health professionals (e.g. doctors, nurses, pharmacists)
- Federal Government
- Provincial Government
- Regional Health Authorities
- Friends/Co-workers
- Non-governmental Organizations
- Charities
- Newspapers/pamphlets/posters
- Internet
- Television
- Other (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Don't know/not applicable

4. What sources do you currently use to access information on enhancing the health of children and youth? (**SELECT ALL THAT APPLY**)

- Parents
- Teachers/School
- Health professionals (e.g. doctors, nurses, pharmacists)
- Federal Government
- Provincial Government
- Regional Health Authorities
- Friends/Co-workers
- Non-governmental Organizations
- Charities
- Newspapers/pamphlets/posters
- Internet
- Television
- Other (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Don't know/not applicable

5. Do you have any additional comments or feedback related to health issues facing Canada's children and youth?

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### Demographics

To conclude this survey, we would like to obtain some information from you to help us classify the results. Again, please rest assured that your feedback will be reported in aggregate only and that your individual responses will remain completely confidential.

6. In which province/territory do you currently live?

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Manitoba
- Newfoundland and Labrador
- New Brunswick
- Nova Scotia
- Ontario
- Quebec
- Prince Edward Island
- Saskatchewan
- Yukon
- Northwest Territories
- Nunavut

7. Please indicate your age group?

- Under 18 Years
- 18 To 24 Years
- 25 To 34 Years
- 35 To 49 Years
- 50 Years or More
- Prefer not to answer

8. Do you have children under the age of 19?

- Yes
- No – **SKIP TO Q.10**

9. How many children do you have in the following age ranges?

- 0-5 years old \_\_\_\_\_ (insert number)
- 6-12 years old \_\_\_\_\_ (insert number)
- 13-18 years old \_\_\_\_\_ (insert number)
- Prefer not to answer

10. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

- Some High School
- High School Graduate
- College/CEGEP Graduate
- University undergraduate
- Postgraduate
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

11. What is your current occupation?

- Teacher
- Academic Researcher
- Health Professional
- Business Executive / Owner / Manager
- Sales
- Government Employee
- Clerical worker
- Skilled labourer
- Farmer
- Homemaker (**SKIP TO Q.13**)
- Pensioned / Retired (**SKIP TO Q.13**)
- Unemployed (**SKIP TO Q.13**)
- Student (**SKIP TO Q.13**)
- Other

12. Which of the following best defines your place of employment?

- Government
- Health care provider
- Non-governmental Organization
- None of the above

13. Please indicate your annual household income?

- Less Than \$15,000
- \$15,000 to \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$34,999
- \$35,000 to \$44,999
- \$45,000 to \$59,999
- \$60,000 to \$79,999
- \$80,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 or More
- Prefer not to answer

14. What language do you speak at home most often?

- French
- English
- Other

15. Are you ...?

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to answer

**You have reached the end of the survey. Thank you for your participation.**

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**TEXTE D'INTRODUCTION**

Merci de participer au présent sondage portant sur les enjeux de santé auxquels font face les enfants et les jeunes du Canada. L'information obtenue aidera le gouvernement fédéral à contribuer efficacement à des solutions de vie saine pour les enfants et les jeunes du Canada.

Ce sondage devrait vous prendre environ cinq minutes à remplir, et vos réponses demeureront strictement confidentielles en tout temps.

Ce sondage est inscrit au Système national d'enregistrement des sondages.

1. Les jeunes canadiens peuvent faire face à différents enjeux de santé selon leur groupe d'âge. Selon vous, quels sont les **TROIS** enjeux de santé les plus importants auxquels font face les enfants d'aujourd'hui du Canada, et ce, pour les groupes d'âge se situant entre **0 et 5 ans**, entre **6 et 12 ans** et entre **13 et 18 ans** ? (SÉLECTIONNER LES TROIS PLUS IMPORTANTS POUR CHACUNE DES CATÉGORIES D'ÂGE)

<b>Enjeux de santé</b>	<b>Entre 0 et 5 ans</b>	<b>Entre 6 et 12 ans</b>	<b>Entre 13 et 18 ans</b>
Accidents / blessures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maladies chroniques (p. ex. : diabète, cancer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maladies contagieuses (p. ex. : influenza [grippe], rougeole)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allergies alimentaires (p. ex. : mollusques et crustacés, arachides)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allergies environnementales (p. ex. : rhume des foins)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Santé mentale / état émotionnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Activité physique	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tabagisme / usage du tabac	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcool / consommation d'alcool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drogues illicites (p. ex. : marijuana, ecstasy,	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Enjeux de santé	Entre 0 et 5 ans	Entre 6 et 12 ans	Entre 13 et 18 ans
cocaïne, héroïne)			
Obésité	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Salubrité des aliments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sécurité des produits pharmaceutiques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sécurité des produits (p. ex. : jouets, articles munis de cordons, jeux d'extérieur [structures])	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environnement (p. ex. : pesticides, qualité de l'air)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fumée secondaire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Autre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Je ne sais pas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Sur une échelle de cinq points, où 1 signifie « Pas du tout d'accord » et 5 signifie « Tout à fait d'accord », jusqu'à quel point êtes-vous d'accord pour dire que le gouvernement du Canada devrait établir des façons de mieux coordonner et aborder les enjeux de santé auxquels font face les enfants et les jeunes ?

- 1 – Pas du tout d'accord  
 2  
 3  
 4  
 5 – Tout à fait d'accord  
 Je ne sais pas

3. Selon vous, qui sont les principaux groupes participant à l'amélioration et au maintien de l'état de santé des enfants et des jeunes du Canada? (**SÉLECTIONNER TOUT CE QUI S'APPLIQUE**)

- Parents  
 Enseignants / école  
 Professionnels de la santé (p. ex. : médecins, infirmières, pharmaciens)  
 Gouvernement fédéral  
 Gouvernement provincial  
 Autorités régionales en santé  
 Amis / collègues de travail  
 Organisations non gouvernementales  
 Œuvre de charité  
 Journaux / dépliants / affiches  
 Internet  
 Télévision  
 Autre (préciser : \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Je ne sais pas / sans objet

4. Quelles sources utilisez-vous actuellement pour obtenir de l'information sur l'amélioration de l'état de santé des enfants et des jeunes ? (**SÉLECTIONNER TOUT CE QUI S'APPLIQUE**)

- Parents
- Enseignants / école
- Professionnels de la santé (p. ex. : médecins, infirmières, pharmaciens)
- Gouvernement fédéral
- Gouvernement provincial
- Autorités régionales en santé
- Amis / collègues de travail
- Organisations non gouvernementales
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- Internet
- Télévision
- Autre (préciser : \_\_\_\_\_)
- Je ne sais pas / sans objet

5. Avez-vous d'autres commentaires sur les enjeux de santé auxquels font face les enfants et les jeunes du Canada ?

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### Données démographiques

Pour terminer ce sondage, nous aimerions obtenir de l'information qui nous aidera à classer les résultats. Encore une fois, soyez assurés que vos réponses seront regroupées avec celles d'autres répondants et que vos réponses individuelles demeureront strictement confidentielles.

6. Dans quelle province ou quel territoire demeurez-vous actuellement ?

- Alberta
- Colombie-Britannique
- Manitoba
- Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador
- Nouveau-Brunswick
- Nouvelle-Écosse
- Ontario
- Québec
- Île-du-Prince-Édouard
- Saskatchewan
- Yukon
- Territoires-du-Nord-Ouest
- Nunavut

7. À quel groupe d'âge appartenez-vous ?

- Moins de 18 ans
- 18 à 24 ans
- 25 à 34 ans
- 35 à 49 ans
- 50 ans et plus
- Je préfère ne pas répondre

8. Avez-vous des enfants âgés de moins de 19 ans ?

- Oui
- Non – **PASSER À LA Q.10**

9. Combien d'enfants avez-vous dans les groupes d'âge suivants ?

- 0 à 5 ans                    \_\_\_\_\_ (indiquer le nombre)
- 6 à 12 ans                   \_\_\_\_\_ (indiquer le nombre)
- 13 à 18 ans                   \_\_\_\_\_ (indiquer le nombre)
- Je préfère ne pas répondre

10. Quel est le plus haut niveau de scolarité que vous avez complété?

- Études secondaires en partie
- Études secondaires au complet
- Collège communautaire / Cégep
- Études universitaires de premier cycle
- Études universitaires de deuxième et troisième cycles
- Autre
- Je préfère ne pas répondre

11. Quelle est votre situation d'emploi actuelle ?

- Enseignant/e
- Chercheur/e en milieu universitaire
- Professionnel/le de la santé
- Dirigeant/e d'entreprise, propriétaire ou gestionnaire
- Ventes
- Employé/e du gouvernement
- Employé/e de bureau
- Ouvrier qualifié/ouvrière qualifiée
- Fermier/fermière
- Personne au foyer (**PASSER À LA Q.13**)
- Pensionné/e – retraité/e (**PASSER À LA Q.13**)
- Chômeur/chômeuse (**PASSER À LA Q.13**)
- Étudiant/e (**PASSER À LA Q.13**)
- Autre

12. Qu'est-ce qui décrit le mieux votre lieu de travail ?

- Gouvernement
- Prestation de soins de santé
- Organisation non gouvernementale
- Aucune de ces réponses

13. Quel est votre revenu familial annuel ?

- Moins de 15 000 \$
- 15 000 \$ à 24 999 \$
- 25 000 \$ à 34 999 \$
- 35 000 \$ à 44 999 \$
- 45 000 \$ à 59 999 \$
- 60 000 \$ à 79 999 \$
- 80 000 \$ à 99 999 \$
- 100 000 \$ et plus
- Je préfère ne pas répondre

14. Quelle langue parlez-vous le plus souvent à la maison ?

- Français
- Anglais
- Autre

15. Êtes-vous...

- un homme ?
- une femme ?
- Je préfère ne pas répondre

**Cela met fin au sondage. Merci d'y avoir participé !**