4C Project in Northern Alberta: Changing the lens we look through

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Continuing Care Community Consultations

What we did

- Between 2011 and 2016, ACSRC & ICCER held 7 community consultations to discuss the assets & gaps in continuing care (CC) in northern Alberta; how post-secondary institutions can address identified issues through education & research; and explore community capacity for addressing issues.
- 205 community participants

Why we changed our community capacity lens

- Research, education, KT, and practice are the core.
- They lead to partnerships within a community to address needs.
- Community capacity is enhanced between stakeholders (rural community, academic institutions, CC provider organizations, etc.).
- The capacity of the community and the ability to collaborate between various stakeholders are influenced by the overarching factors of geography, ethnicity, and large populations of Indigenous peoples.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) North Zone map (Alberta Health Services, 2016)