





BFI - the Journey!

How did we get here?

- Multi-disciplinary committee since 1999; includes community partners – CPNP, Opaskwayak Cree Nation (The Pas/OCN Breastfeeding Committee)
- Getting the BF message out Quintessence, BF Week activities etc. radio, newspaper
- MB Health BFI working groups and yearly workshops sharing ideas!
- Support from Senior management policy, resources etc.
- More recently, Breastfeeding Strategy 2013
- Updated regional BF policy for both hospitals and community health, as well as BF Workplace Policy and mandatory intranet BFI module for all employees





Putting BFI into Practice

- Updated BF regional BF policy for hospitals/community health sites
- Staff education 20 hour WHO course
- · Data collection BF stats
- Working with Obstetrics staff –(step #10) seamless transition to community; teaching practices on ward affect teaching @ HV's
- Resources (keep it simple) Baby's Best Chance, Feeding your Breastfed Baby
- Home visits 83% of post-partum referrals received at least 1 HV in 2013
- Peer support program what works, what doesn't
- Conducting a survey at immunization visits (to know if 80% of Moms have received BF info and teaching)



The Pre-Assessment Process

- All documents are on the BCC web-site as well as the Share Point site @ ehealth
- Should already have a certificate of participation
- Should already have completed the selfappraisal document



The Pre-Assessment Process

- A 2- part process:
- 1. 1) document review
- 2. 2) site visit
- *Letter of intent to BFI coordinators at MB Health, who then contact BCC and a contract is drawn up
- * Appoint a contact person from your committee



1)Document Review

- Cover letter to request the review, a description of site and demographics of the area
- Dividing the binder into the 10 steps and placing the policies/resources accordingly
- Place your Integrated Outcome Indicators and Appendices completed checklist at the beginning.
- BF stats the last 3 years provides a trend for assessor to see
- In the final step, include activities that show the impact on the community
- Prepare 3 binders (1 Assessor, 1- Co-Chair @MB Health and 1 to keep)





2) Pre-Assessment Site Visit

- Kathy Venter arrived the evening before so able to have a full day with her
- Physical tour of facility followed by meeting with all PHN's/updates, policy, stats
- Lunch with multi-disciplinary committee
- Afternoon visit with families/CHC appointment
- Pizza supper with physicians/BFI discussion



