



# Making primary care more accessible in Ontario

The CDPA is made up of five research teams –  
Federal disability policy, Employment issues, Inclusive education, Health services, and Culture & recreation.

An example of the Learning Collaborative methodology in action was the CDPA's Health services team's initiative to enhance accessibility in Ontario's Family Health Teams.

Working with our partners at Spinal Cord Injury Ontario, we reached out to 186 Family Health Teams and 25 Nurse Practitioner-led clinics to ensure that they were meeting their obligations under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*. We provided FHTs/NPLCs with a voluntary accessibility self-audit tool and information about adjustable examining tables and ceiling track-lifts, to assist their disabled patients to transfer onto an examining table. We secured a commitment from the Ontario Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care to support this initiative, and to share the cost of this equipment with the Family Health Team and its physicians.

Upon follow-up in May 2013, 88 (42%) of sites had obtained approval to acquire and install the equipment. For more information about this initiative, [click here](#).