

# Local Poverty Reduction Fund Grant: The CaNE Project

## Purpose of the Canadian Nurse-Family Partnership Education (CaNE) Project

The purpose of the CaNE project is to develop, pilot and evaluate a Canadian model of education for public health nurses and supervisors responsible for delivering Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP), in a small number of Ontario public health units. This project will:

- Create a public health nursing workforce that is clinically competent to deliver NFP
- Establish a sustainable model of NFP nurse education that can be efficiently delivered to nurses in a wide variety of geographical locations
- Improve pregnancy outcomes, birth outcomes, parenting capacity, and maternal achievement in education and employment

## The Nurse-Family Partnership Program

- Is an evidence-based, intensive home visiting program delivered by nurses to socially and economically disadvantaged pregnant women and first-time mothers
- Supports families to improve pregnancy and child health outcomes, and develop economic self-sufficiency
- Works for all young low-income first-time families, and is an especially good fit for female lone parents
- Is about partnering with and building on families' strengths to support mothers and children to break the cycle of poverty

## Who is Involved?

- NFP International Community and the Prevention Research Center for Family and Child Health, University of Colorado, Denver, CO (consultant)
- McMaster University, Hamilton, ON (lead researcher)
- Hamilton Public Health, Hamilton, ON (clinical lead)
- Middlesex-London Health Unit, London, City of Toronto (Public Health Division) (educational participants and NFP implementers)

## Primary Evaluation Questions

- Following completion of the NFP Canada Nurse Education program, are Ontario public health nurses and supervisors clinically competent to deliver the NFP program?
- Understanding that program fidelity is critical to ensuring client outcomes are achieved, is the NFP program being implemented as it is intended?