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**Provincial Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention Initiative for British Columbia**

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**Objectives:**

The goal of this project is to develop and promote an evidence-based provincial framework document that serves as a planning template for local and regional initiatives addressing suicide prevention, intervention and postvention (PIP) across the lifespan. This project is grounded in a Community Development and Action Research approach where the knowledge and experience of stakeholders at all levels (academics, decisionmakers, practitioners and users) from communities throughout the province will be actively sought.

**Methods & Results:**

To inform the first stages of the document, a snapshot survey and best practice review will be conducted across PIP services in BC. Results from the snapshot survey and best practices review will be provided in summary format.

**Conclusions and Implications for the Practice:**

Findings from the snapshot survey and best practices review will provide the evidence base for the development of the framework document. This approach will ensure that the development, improvement and evaluation of PIP services and supports will engage community stakeholders in change processes for which they feel ownership. These processes will also ensure the template is representative of local and regional issues, perspectives and practice-based evidence or emerging promising practices.