



Our history...

The CPPN's genesis and foundation answered a call from people living with HIV and HIV co-infections, and from representatives of diverse 'priority populations' and 'target audiences' for a national, independent network of, by and for people living with HIV and HIV co-infections from across Canada. Its incremental growth and effectiveness relies on respect for its history and a forward-thinking development and implementation approach that is responsive and collaborative. The CPPN also traces its roots back to the Global Network of People Living with HIV, North America (or GNP+NA).

In 2015, the Canadian GNP+NA Board of Directors, in response to notice from Corporations Canada regarding compliance rules and the new Canadian Not-For-Profit Corporations Act (the Act), agreed that making required changes under the Act also represented a timely opportunity for the CPPN's official (and legal) formation. Through an Article of Continuance process, the CPPN would become independent of GNP+NA and incorporate as a legally independent Canadian organization. Incorporation was complete and the CPPN received its "Certificate of Continuance" under the Act on July 16, 2015.

Since (and before) the CPPN's formation, the experience of people living with HIV and HIV co-infections has underscored a social and public health imperative to ensure that the determinants of health which affect their well-being and quality of life every single day are tackled. Feedback obtained from surveys and informal discussions with CPPN members highlight and confirm the ongoing need for a response to HIV and HIV co-infections that is continually informed by people living with HIV and HIV co-infections and that includes concentrated focus on systemic barriers to prevention, care, treatment and support, to research, and to knowledge translation and exchange.