

# CONTINUITY OF MCH CARE

## PHD SCHOLARSHIP

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# CONTINUITY OF CARE PHD PROJECT

**Title - Continuity of Care in Maternal and Child Health Feasibility Project**

- Inaugural PhD scholarship for MCH nurses
- Jointly funded by Victorian Department of Health and La Trobe University
- Supported by Child, Family and Community Health Research Group at the Judith Lumley Centre, La Trobe University

## **Aim**

To evaluate the feasibility and acceptability of implementing a continuity of MCH care model in MCH services that is flexible and responsive to family's needs.





# RESEARCH QUESTIONS

## Research Question

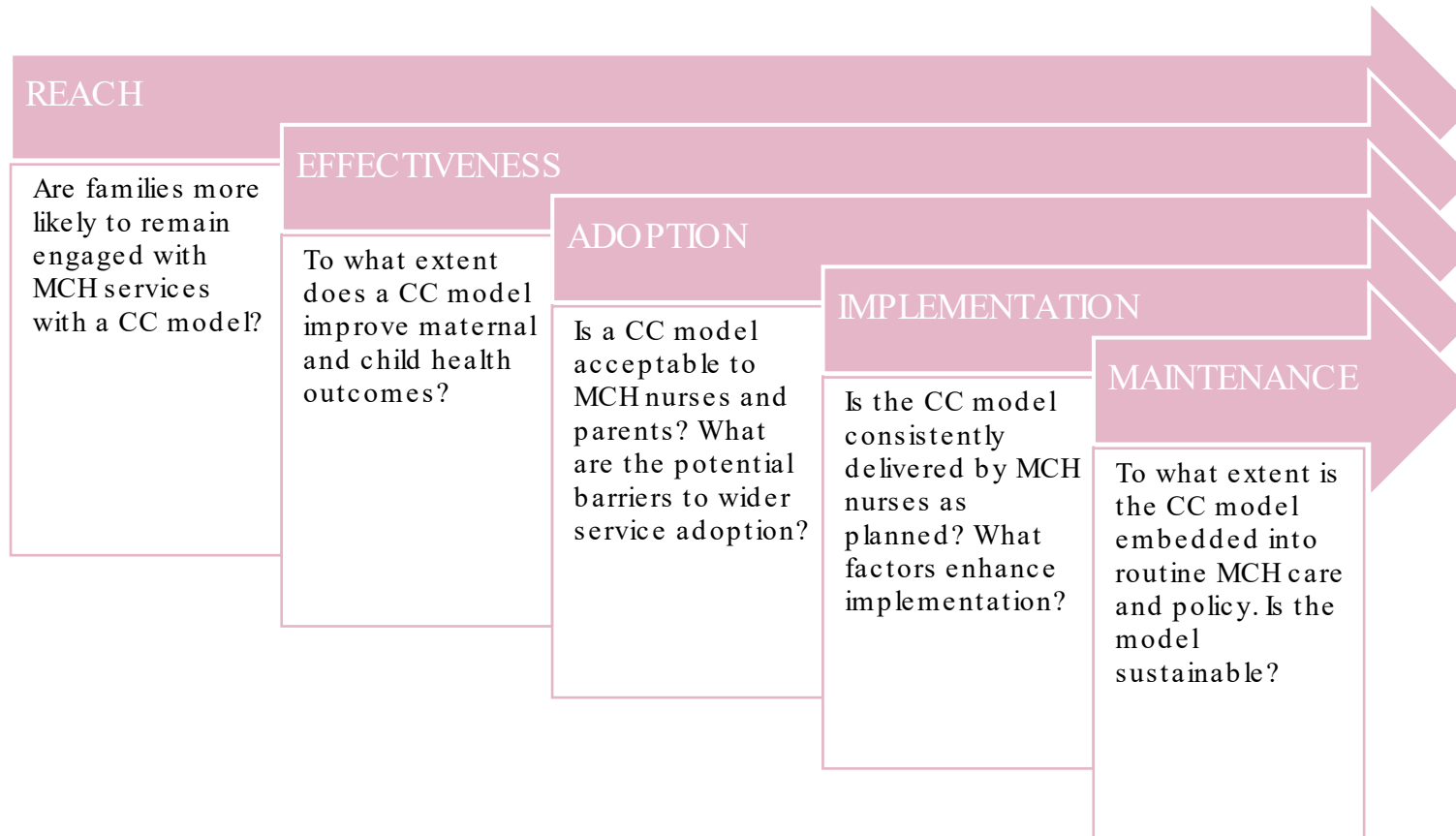
Is the implementation of an MCH continuity of care model **feasible and acceptable** to parents/families, MCH nurses, nurse managers and service providers?

## Sub questions (examples)

- What different models can be used in MCH services (of all sizes) that support continuity of care?
- What are the perceived benefits for MCH nurses and parents/families?
- What are the barriers and enabling factors to successful implementation of continuity models?
- Does an MCH continuity model improve maternal and child health and developmental outcomes?
- Does an MCH continuity model increase engagement by families? for key visits over 12 months of age?
- Does an MCH continuity model lead to earlier referral of identified children to secondary services?



# RESEARCH DESIGN



RE-AIM Framework (Glasgow et al., 1999, 2019)

- REACH
- EFFECTIVENESS
- ADOPTION
- IMPLEMENTATION
- MAINTENANCE



# PHD SCHOLARSHIP

## Scholarship

- Duration – 3.5 years (max. 4 years full time)
- PhD Stipend - \$34,000/annum (tax free) or approx. \$1416.00/fortnight
- Student budget - \$5000 total to spend on project needs (conferences, travel etc)
- Able to continue working 0.2 EFT



# PHD APPLICATION

## Eligibility

To apply for PhD candidature, you will need one of the following:

•an **Australian Masters by research degree** or international equivalent in a relevant discipline completed within the **last ten years** assessed at a La Trobe Masters by research standard of 70 or above; OR

•an **Australian Bachelors (Honours) degree, Masters by coursework** or ungraded Masters by research degree or an international equivalent completed **within the last ten years** where:

- your degree includes a research thesis of typically 15,000 - 20,000 words assessed at a La Trobe Masters by research standard of 70 or above; or
- your degree includes a written research component comprising at least 3/8 of one year\* assessed at a La Trobe Masters by research standard of 70 or above; or
- you are the lead author of a peer - reviewed publication or other research published within the last ten years\* assessed at a La Trobe Masters by research standard of 70 or above.





# THANK YOU QUESTIONS?