

Case Study:

Sharing Curriculum Across Jurisdictions

Description: For many organizations working to launch a skills training program, the first step taken is to develop a local curriculum. Given the proliferation of various skills training programs, this is an unnecessary step and organizations should instead look to borrow existing materials. The funding and time otherwise dedicated to curriculum development could be used for other program needs like training instructors, purchasing equipment, and conducting school outreach.



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Key Takeaway:

When it comes to curriculum, there's no need to reinvent the wheel! Existing, tested and up-to-date curricula exist, and organizations are willing to share.

Example(s):

New Hope Community Bikes delivers their *Ride Smart* program in their hometown of Hamilton. They have also partnered to expand *Ride Smart* across northern Ontario. When the Near North District School Board applied for an Ontario Active School Travel grant to launch a local cycling skills training program, their plan included the development of a local curriculum. Instead, the School Board was connected to New Hope, who generously provided their curriculum documents as well as program advice and support procuring bikes.

Similarly, programs like HUB Cycling's *Everyone Rides* and *Cycliste averti* by Vélo Québec are being expanded and adopted across several jurisdictions in coordination with local and regional partners, in BC and Québec respectively.

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