Building a prevention system in Victoria

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Supported by unprecedented investment, and taking a reformist agenda to heart, Victoria is poised to do something special: to build a prevention system. It is about abandoning historic piecemeal ‘projectisation’ of health promotion and is instead about investing in the essential building blocks of a new prevention system. This includes leadership and governance, new workforce, support for partnerships, research and evaluation capacity and how health promotion ought to be funded for public value.

Andrew’s interest is on looking at ways to evaluate at a multi-program population-level, through a system and policy lens and developing evaluation methods to better suit that policy evaluation purpose. After obtaining his degrees from the University of Melbourne, Andrew began life as a clinical psychologist in drugs and alcohol, adolescent mental health and Juvenile Justice Forensic Health before arriving in prevention and population health. Working in public policy, his thoughts increasingly turned from individuals to populations and from discrete programs to systems effectiveness issues.