

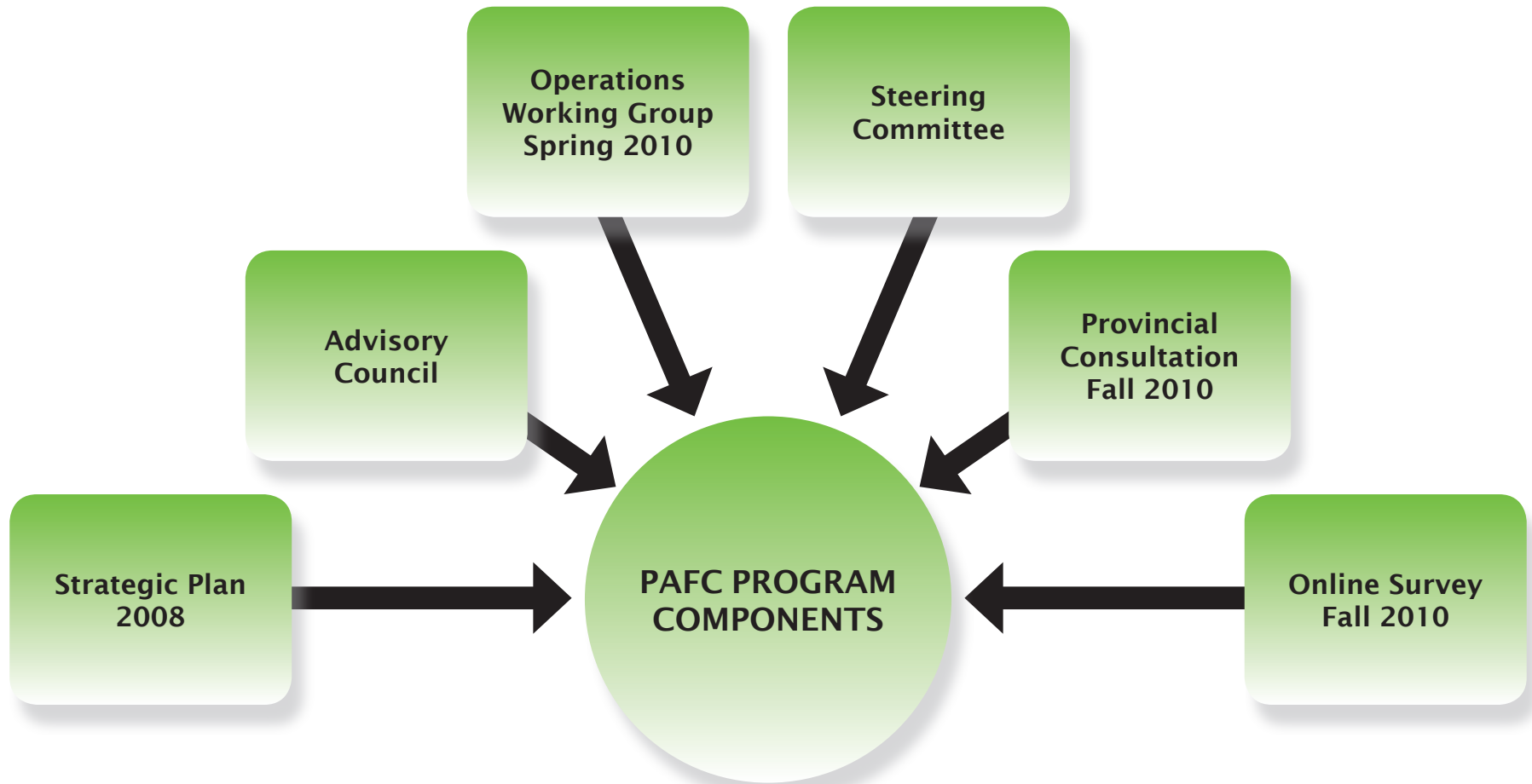


Pacific Autism Family Centre Program Summary

Advisory Committee Meeting | April 15, 2011



PAFC Program Development



Major Components of the Centre

The following were agreed upon, in PAFC's 2009 Strategic Plan, as the Core Components of what the Centre will do:

- Learning and growth
- Research
- Training
- Access to information
- Access to materials
- Assessment and diagnosis
- Range of therapy (including trials of new approaches)
- Support groups
- Lifespan groups
- Support for concurrent disorders
- Mental health services
- Advocacy
- Public awareness
- Job services

Strategic Plan Essential Building Components

The following were agreed upon, in PAFC's 2009 Strategic Plan, as essential components to include in the Centre's main building.

**Information and
Referral Centre**

Library

Family Centre

**Clinical Research
Facility**

**Develop &
Demonstrate
Model Programs**

Training Facility

PAFC Building Program Components

The following eight components have been developed as part of the PAFC Building Program.

Resource & Knowledge Centre

- **Support groups, job services, public awareness, advocacy**
- **General circulation:** easy, clear circulation for visitors; facilitate informal meetings between professionals
- **Resource spaces:** meeting rooms, auditorium, seating nooks, coffee shop
- **Library/bookstore/toy lending**
- **PAFC staff**

Information & Support Centre

- **Learning & growth, access to information/materials, public awareness, advocacy**
- **Main point of contact for families/individuals/professionals:** online, in person, by phone; seamless services
- **Regional navigators**
- **Provide unbiased, evidence-based information**
- **Inform PAFC of regional needs & issues (regional navigators)**

Lifespan Centre

- Lifespan supports, job services, mental health services
- Develop & operate programs for adults: social, recreational, skills development, job support
- Increase awareness and advocacy of lifespan issues
- Opportunities for research on lifespan issues
- Build capacity of service providers & professionals to address lifespan issues

Treatment Centre

- Range of therapy
- Provide treatment services to children & families through pre-school program and after school program
- Integrate with research to develop & monitor program models
- Provided education & training opportunities: interns/practicum students, family members, professional (cross disciplinary)

Research Centre

- **Research; training**
- **Provide applied research opportunities for a variety of professionals working with autism & related disorders**
- **Conduct new research as directed by the PAFC Advisory Council**
- **Integrate research opportunities within all program components of PAFC**

Clinic

- **Assessment & diagnosis; support for concurrent disorders; mental health services**
- **Provide supportive & seamless assessment for diagnosis process for families/individuals**
- **Provide medical services in relaxed, welcoming & supportive environment**
- **Integrate clinic functions with research & training opportunities**

Recreation Centre

- **Range of therapy**
- **Provide opportunities to operate “train the trainer” & other educational programs**
- **Provide social & recreational opportunities for individuals on the spectrum**
- **Provide applied research opportunities**

Family Support & Accommodation

- **Support groups**
- **Provide safe, comfortable overnight accommodation for visitors: families, individuals, professionals**
- **Provide home-like environment for professionals to work with families & individuals**