

**Network Governance in a Publicly Funded Child and Youth Health Network: Sub-network
Embeddedness, Cohesiveness, and the Role of the Network Administrative Organization**

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ABSTRACT

This paper examines the structural role of a network administrative organization (NAO) in a large, publicly funded network providing health and health-related services to children and youth in Southern Alberta, Canada. The research examines structural differences within and across several regional sub-networks, including ties to the NAO, to help explain performance of organizations within the network and performance of the network as a whole. Two hypotheses are proposed and tested using Qualitative Comparative Analysis.