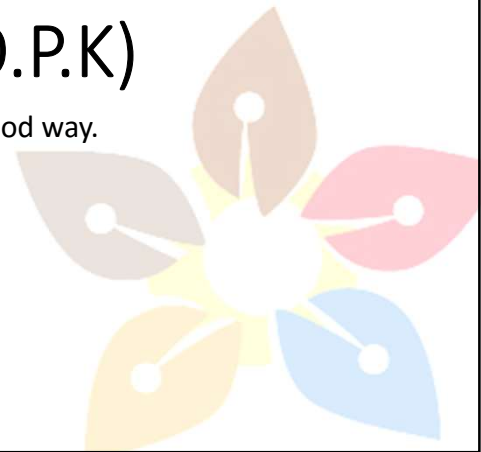




Ogijiita Pimatiswin Kinamatwin (O.P.K)

Warrior. Moving. Forward in a good way.



What is O.P.K?

O.P.K is a culturally appropriate wrap around support system that nurtures and supports marginalized, at-risk, Indigenous young adults and their families

- ◆ Basic needs
- ◆ Spiritual and cultural connections
- ◆ Political awareness – social and historical context



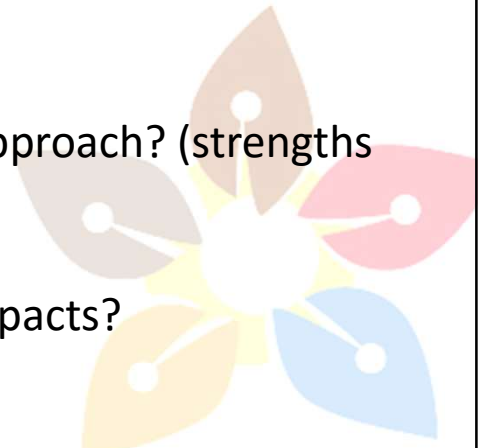
Evaluation stakeholders

- ◆ Clients
- ◆ O.P.K staff/volunteers
- ◆ Current and future funders
- ◆ Community partners



Evaluation Questions

1. What have the benefits been for participants involved in the program?
2. How can the program improve this approach? (strengths & weaknesses)
3. What are the social and economic impacts? (positive/negative)





What are the benefits to participants

- ◆ Completion of parole/probation
- ◆ Establish a job/training/education
- ◆ Receive shelter/obtain stable housing
- ◆ Perceived achievement of individual goals
- ◆ Reduced gang involvement activity
- ◆ Positive family connections/community connections
- ◆ Attendance at ceremonies
- ◆ Self initiating community/cultural engagement
- ◆ Obtaining ID's
- ◆ Self initiated/ # of staff initiated counseling/crisis support.



How can the program improve this approach?

- ◆ Participant satisfaction
 - Access
 - Referrals made
 - Support
 - Relationship w/ support workers
 - Responsiveness
 - Flexibility
 - Culturally appropriateness
- ◆ Supports for staff/volunteers (tools, resources)
- ◆ Continuity/follow-up
- ◆ Connections made w/ support worker
- ◆ Increased sense of holistic supports





What are the social, economic impacts?

- ◆ Decreased system involvement (e.g. justice, CFS)
- ◆ Decreased cost to systems
- ◆ Increased labour supply – connections to workforce
- ◆ Partnerships with community
- ◆ Civic engagement
- ◆ Revitalizing culture



Methods

- ◆ Tracking
- ◆ Participant Interviews
 - Interview
 - Focus Group
 - Photovoice
 - Mapping
- ◆ Staff Interview
- ◆ Interview/Survey community partners





Reporting and use

◆ Who?

- Clients
- Community partners & employers
- Funders (current & future)
- OPK staff, board, participants

◆ How?

- Animation or video with mapping quotes & stories
- Formal report with executive summary
- Poster

