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Centring Indigenous Ways, Un-learning Mainstream Approaches in Substance Use

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Opening with Knowledge Keeper Adele Madigan

Agenda



Welcome

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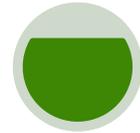
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Presentations

(15 min)

Panel
moderated by
Daniol Coles



Discussion

(25 min)

Reflections
and questions
with
attendees



Closing

(10 min)

Knowledge
Keeper closing

Speaker Introduction & Poll

Ashley Smoke

Darryl Soulier-Lamb

Pamela Leece



Presentations

Rapid Review: Substance Use Services with, and for Indigenous Communities*

- “What are the characteristics and approaches of substance use treatment and harm reduction services that have been (co)designed and (co)implemented with Indigenous communities?”
- Key findings:

Wholistic health and going beyond Western medicine are central to substance use programs

Collaboration with Indigenous communities translates to services rooted in Indigenous ways and knowledge

Indigeneity and culture are sources of strength and medicine

Frequent emphasis on the diversity of Indigenous communities and calls for taking the lead from them

Collaboration Process and Learnings (so far)

Planning stages

Grounding conversation: How to approach the screening & writing

- Excluding resources with no Indigenous partnership
- Integrating an asset-based approach

Write-up

Meeting with partners: Feedback and guidance on the draft

- Recognize that Indigenous communities already have many of the answers
- Name rapid reviews as a Western tool, de-colonize knowledge sharing
- Centre wholistic health: emotional, mental, physical, spiritual
- Move away from standardized models in care, build relationships first

Additional un-learnings

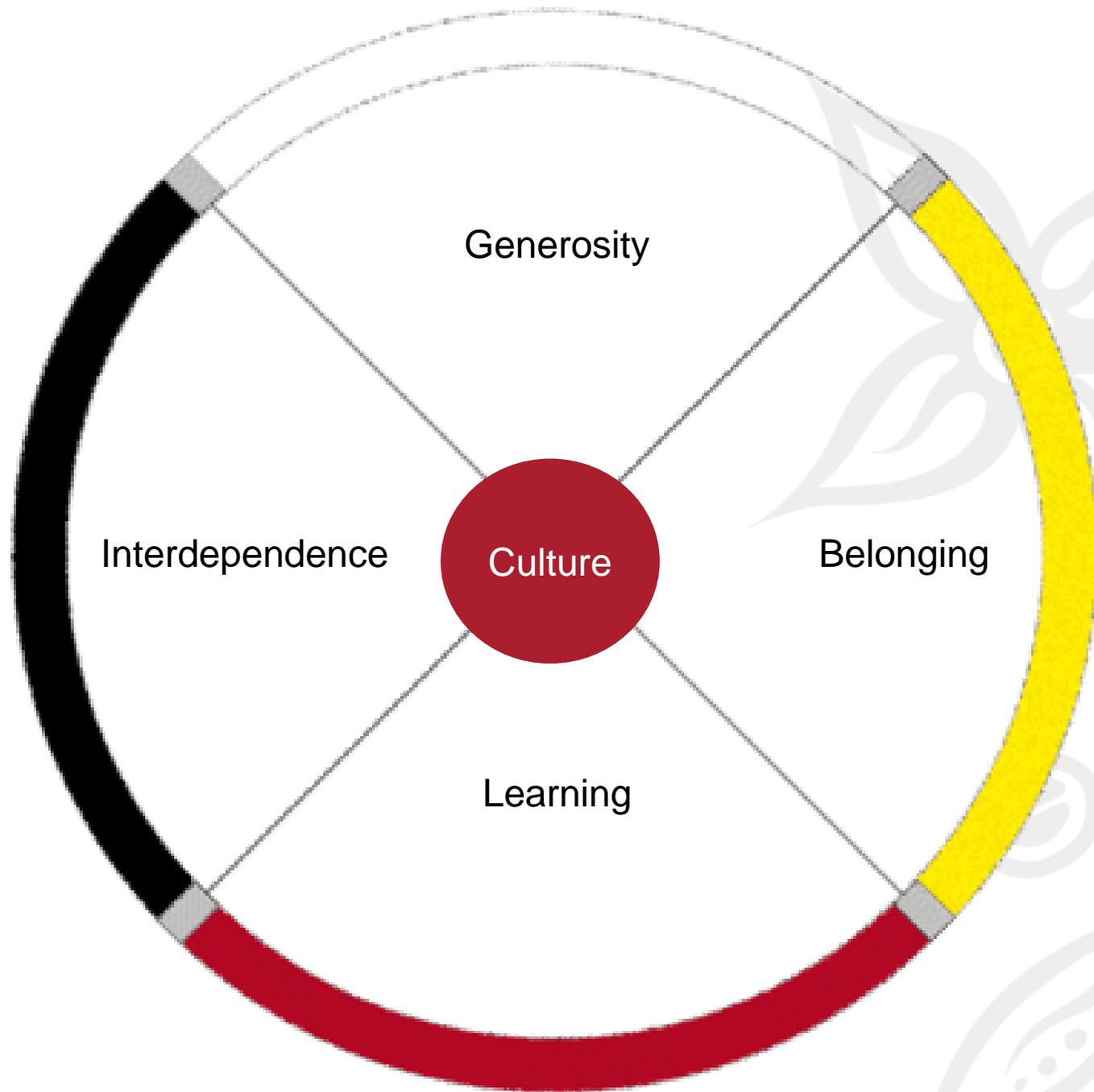
- Methodology should incorporate collaboration process
- Mainstream citation practices need to be updated to acknowledge the value and weight of narrative-based and oral knowledge
- Reviews and feedback should not be limited to a document review



Wholistic Approaches to Care

What is wholistic healing?





Generosity

Interdependence

Culture

Belonging

Learning

Wolf Spirits Within



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Discussion



Closing with Knowledge Keeper Adele Madigan

About Community Opioid/Overdose Capacity Building

Community Opioid/Overdose Capacity Building (COM-CAP), started in 2019, is a four-year project funded by Health Canada's Substance Use and Addiction Program. The goal of COM-CAP is to support community-led responses to opioid/overdose-related harms in communities across Ontario. The supports focus on strengthening the knowledge, skills, and capacity of the key stakeholders involved:

- Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention
- Chatham-Kent Public Health
- NorWest Community Health Centres
- The Municipal Drug Strategy Coordinators Network of Ontario
- The Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Drug/Opioid Poisoning Crisis Work Group

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