

YOUTH SERVICES GAP ANALYSIS

COWICHAN REGION



METHODS

- **FOCUS GROUPS: YOUTH AND PARENTS**
- **INTERVIEWS: SERVICE PROVIDERS**
- **WORKSHOP**
- **PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

“The way the system is set up means that each agency can offer only very specific services – so often clients must engage with multiple service providers to have their needs met. This is both costly and inefficient ... to say nothing of challenging for clients to navigate effectively. -- Interviewee

KEY FINDINGS

- **AREAS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFLUENCE**
 - **COMMUNITY SAFETY**
 - **RECREATION AND CULTURE**
 - **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

“ Youth services should collaborate more to meet the needs of youth, because that is in the best interests of youth [of everybody].” – Youth focus group participant

Comichan YOUTH SERVICES

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we humbly acknowledge the beautiful
unceded territory of the Quwitsun People
where our gathering took place

GAP ANALYSIS WORKSHOP

WE are BETTER TOGETHER...



BI-ANNUAL
SECTOR
GATHERING

uncertainty around
FUNDING - adds
COMPLEXITY
this needs to be
updated annually



COLLABORATIVELY DEVELOPED
**SECTOR WIDE
RESOURCE GUIDE**
and SHARED TRAINING
ACROSS ORGANIZATIONAL
onboarding

FAMILY Centred
PEER
Support

TRANSITION
Supports

**HARM
REDUCTION**
and SUBSTANCE USE
EDUCATION

EARLY
intervention

meeting parents
where they're at!

PARENT SUPPORTS

CONNECTIONS CREATE a PATH FORWARD

2 ISSUES at the
SAME TIME

PREVENTION
SERVICES

SERVING
NOW NEEDS

holistic | collaborative

we need to build awareness
around trauma

- DIVERSITY CARE OPTIONS
- PAY EXTRA ATTENTION TO YOUTH AT RISK
- BROADENING THE CARE NETWORK

ACCESS TO THERAPY FOR THE CHILD AND THE CAREGIVER

EARLY INTERVENTION AND ASSESSMENT

PARENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORTS TO NAVIGATE "THE SYSTEM"

SUPPORT TO CHANGE NEGATIVE SELF TALK AT A YOUNGER AGE

NEED FOR A YOUTH PSYCHIATRIST

we need more cultural safety & trauma informed training for staff

WHAT CULTURAL SUPPORTS
are AVAILABLE?



we need more cultural
safety & humility education

trauma informed training

Strategically placed



**SYSTEM
NAVIGATORS**



if someone
doesn't feel
valued... they
won't feel
SAFE



we need a youth
advisory group
"NOTHING
ABOUT US
WITHOUT
US!"

HOW DO WE CREATE A NAVIGATION SYSTEM THAT
ALLOWS YOUTH TO MOVE THROUGH SYSTEMS SAFELY?



WE ARE ASKING FOR:

- **NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US – KEEPING YOUTH IN MIND FOR ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT DECISION-MAKING – YOUTH ARE THE FUTURE**
- **YOUTH FRIENDLY SPACES**
 - **SAFE AND AFFORDABLE SERVICES**
 - **ENHANCED PROGRAMMING**
 - **COLLABORATION WITH YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS**
 - **FOUNDRY PREPAREDNESS**
- **COMMUNITY SAFETY**
- **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

“The question needs to be asked about how we are nurturing kids. This is missing. We need to move back to a more holistic (less clinical) approach.” -- Interviewee

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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ANY QUESTIONS?