



Services for Children and Youth with Support Needs: Themes and concepts from ongoing engagement

UBC Learning Circle
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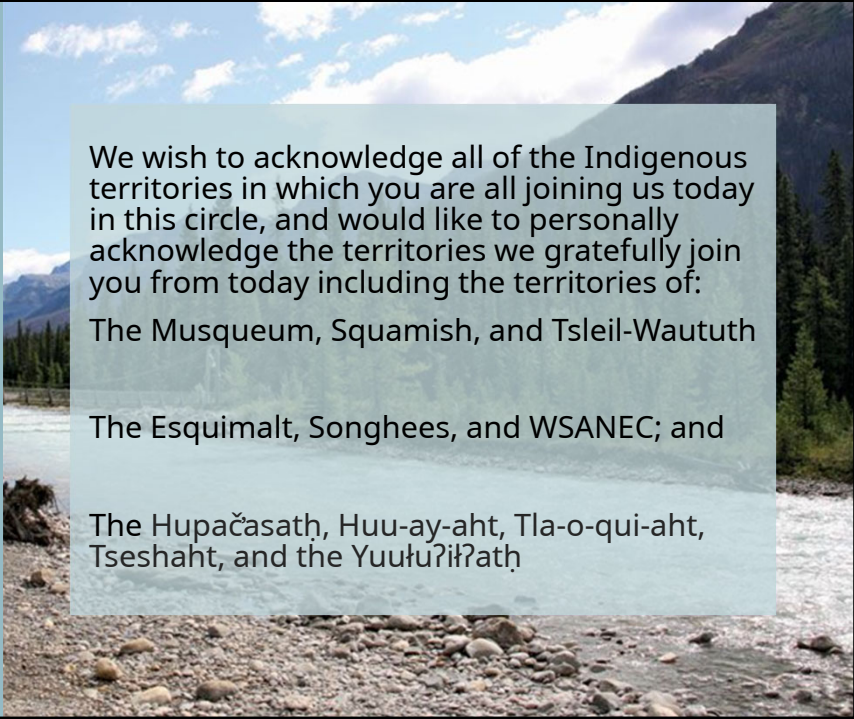



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We wish to acknowledge all of the Indigenous territories in which you are all joining us today in this circle, and would like to personally acknowledge the territories we gratefully join you from today including the territories of:

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- The Hupačasath, Huu-ay-aht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Tseshaht, and the Yuułu?it?ath



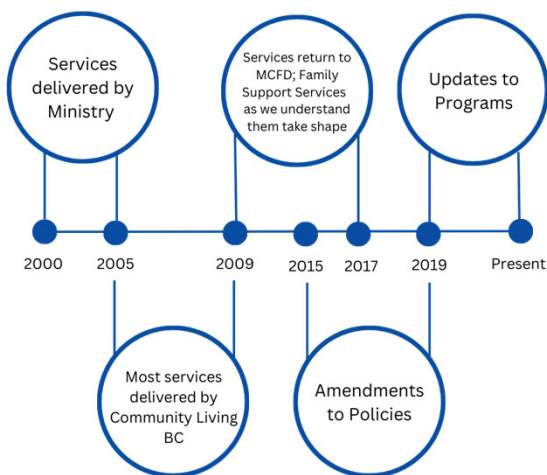
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Today's Discussion

- Brief overview of May 5, 2023 presentation
- Updated CYSN Services Data
- Engagement
 - Emergent themes so far
 - First Nations Rights and Titleholders
 - Reciprocal Consulting Phase II
 - Other Engagement Pathways
- Co-developed Indigenous-led Integrated CYSN Services

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Children and Youth with Support Needs Services: The Past, Present, and Co-Developed Future May 5, 2023: Recap



- Different ways of framing and understanding disabilities/support needs
- The history of CYSN services from 2000-2023 and the current state of CYSN services in non-pilot areas

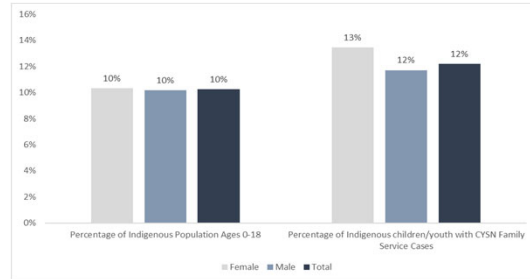
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May 5, 2023: Recap

- Statistical data examining the reach of CYSN services, Autism Funding, and At Home Program (as of 2022)
- The CYSN pilot approach, not yet launched at the time
- Plans for deeper engagement across British Columbia

Number of children and youth with CYSN Family Service Cases and those with Indigenous Identity (December 2022)

Sex	Number of Children with CYSN Case	Number with Indigenous Identity	Percentage with Indigenous Identity
Female	8,417	1,132	13%
Male	22,461	2,631	12%
Total	30,901	3,768	12%

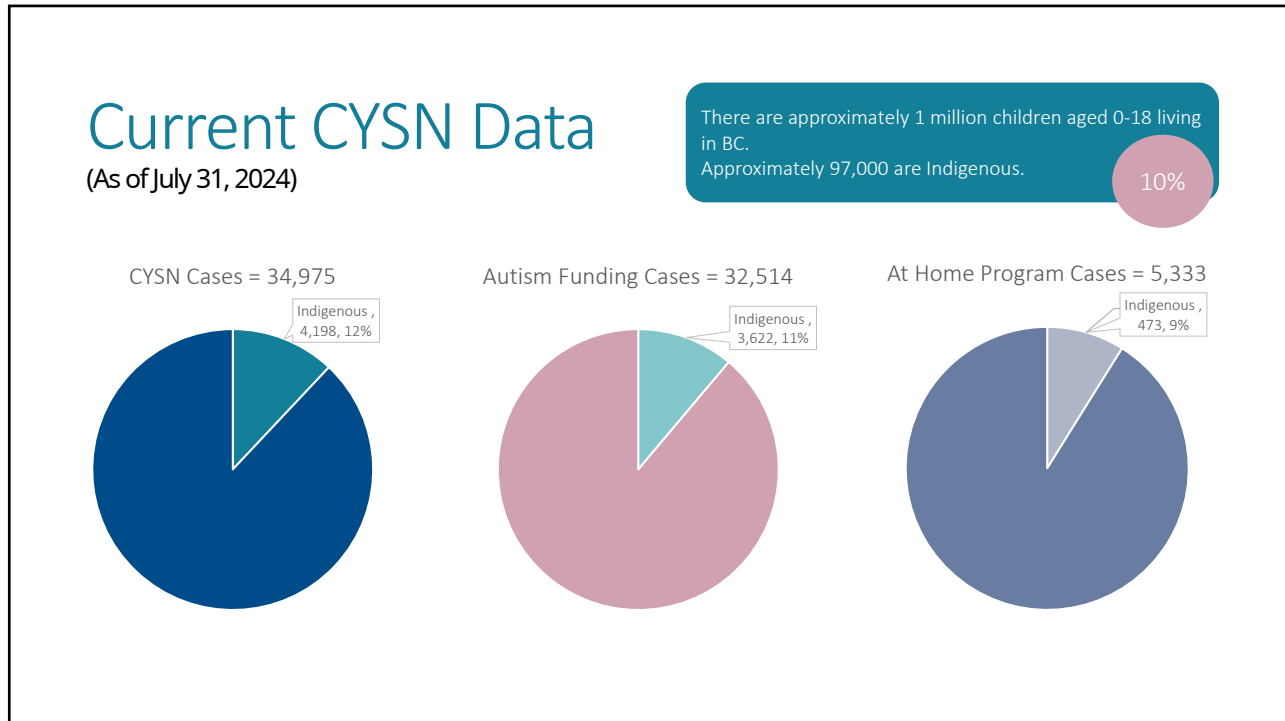


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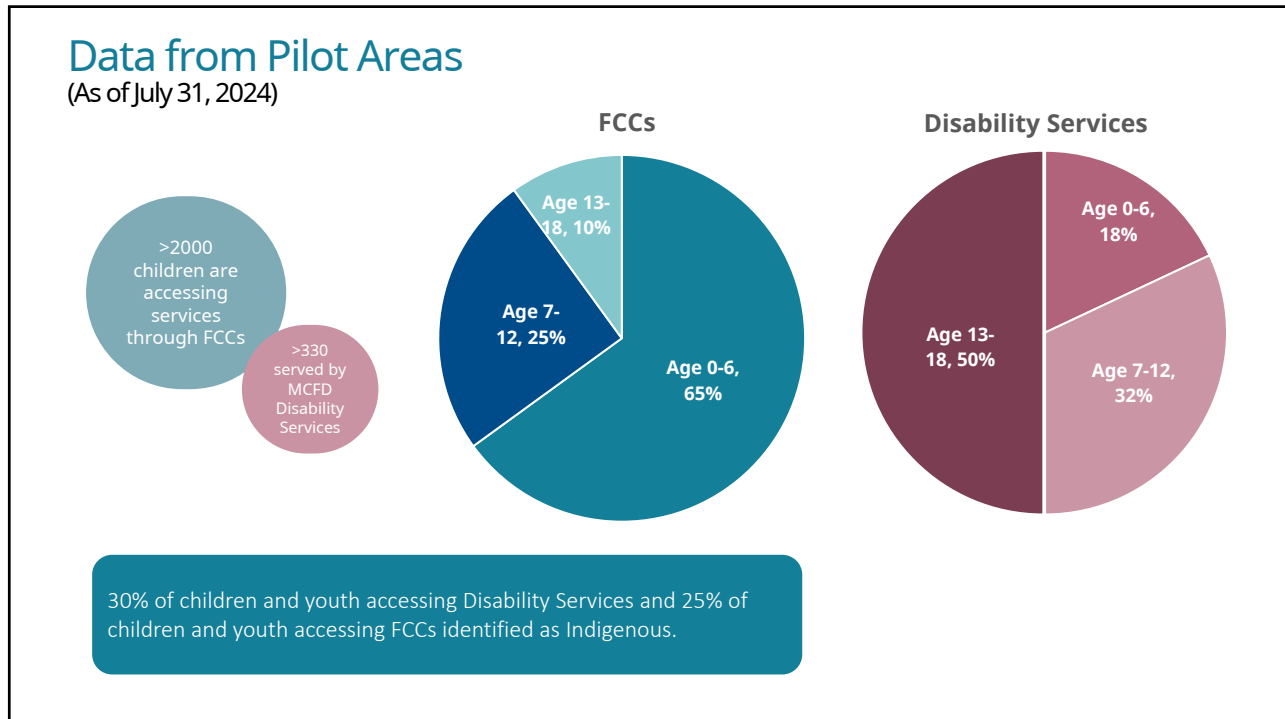
Where are we now?

- Family connections centres now open in four pilot areas; evaluation underway
- Ongoing engagement across the province
- Co-development of an Indigenous-led service approach to supporting Indigenous children and youth with support needs

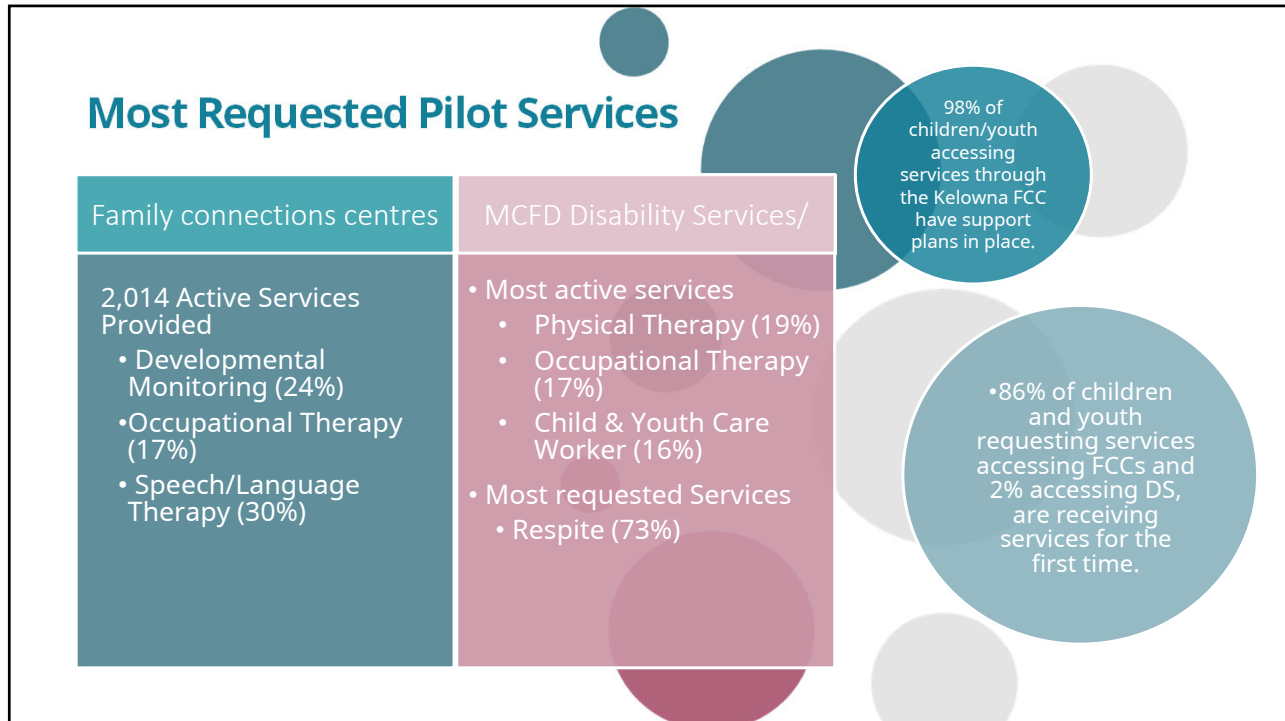
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What is this engagement about?

From March 2023 through December 2024, the Province is collecting feedback as part of its overall work to design an effective system of services for children and youth with support needs. This engagement will be inclusive of families, service providers, advocates, experts, those with lived experience, First Nations, and Indigenous Peoples.

Engagement timelines: March 1, 2023 to December 1, 2024

Engage BC Website

- Open discussion forum on the Ministry of Education and Child Care’s Inclusive Child Care Strategy open until mid-September 2024.
- Online feedback form, an open survey available until December 1, 2024.
- Written submissions accepted until December 1, 2024. Visit webpage for guidelines for submission.
- First Nations Rights and Titleholder Engagement Capacity funding available for eligible First Nations until December 1, 2024.

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Partner-Led Engagement

Specific engagement facilitated by social sector service providers to gather the voices of the people that they serve including:

Community-led Collaboration Project between

- The BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres
- The Federation of Community Social Services of BC
- Inclusion BC; and
- The BC Association for Child Development and Intervention

Other Engagement Partnerships Led by:

- ADHD Society
- Inspire Kids FASD Society
- Family support institute
- BCACDI
- Down Syndrome Resource Foundation
- BC Complex Kids Society

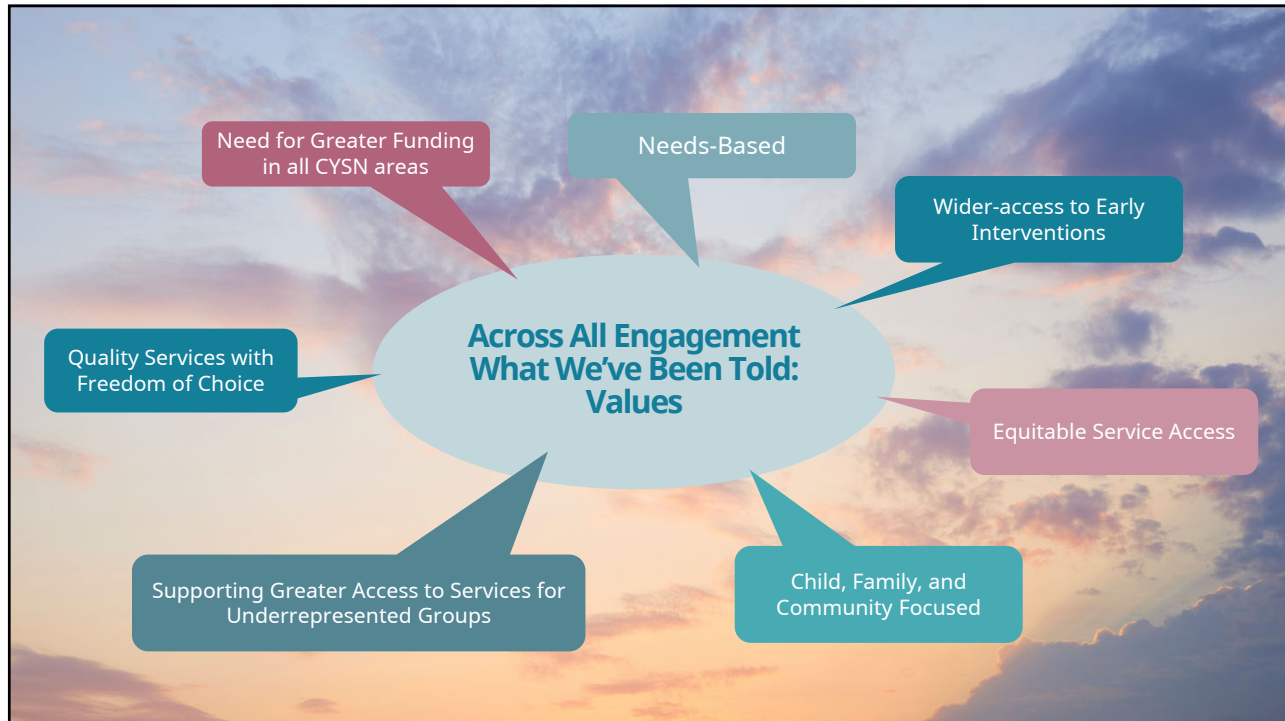
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Reciprocal Consulting Engagement

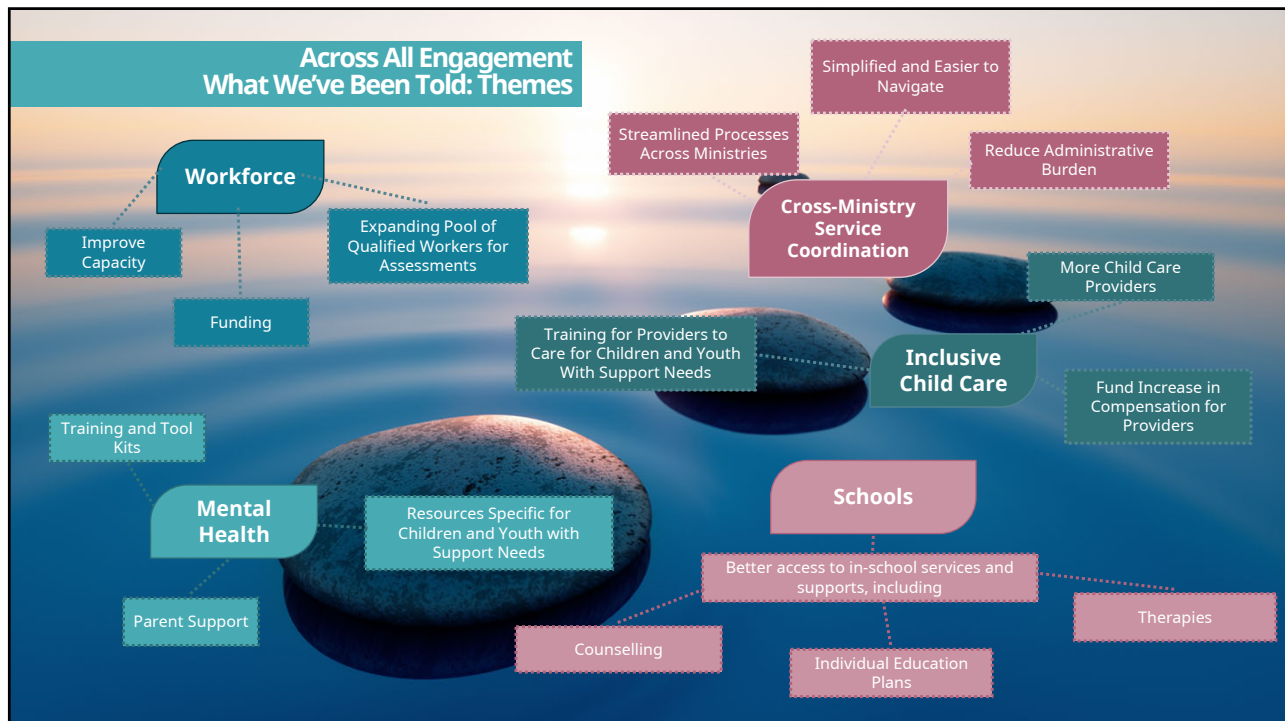
Indigenous consulting firm that supported the 2019 engagements were contracted again in 2022-2023 as part of the commitment to deeper engagement.

- 2022 engagement focused on pilot areas only
- 2023 engagement broadened the scope to the province focusing on underserved and under-represented communities, including:
 - Métis and Urban Indigenous
 - Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 - Blind and Partially Sighted
 - Complex Medical Needs
 - Newcomer Families (in partnership with MOSAIC)
 - BIPOC and 2SLGBTQIA+

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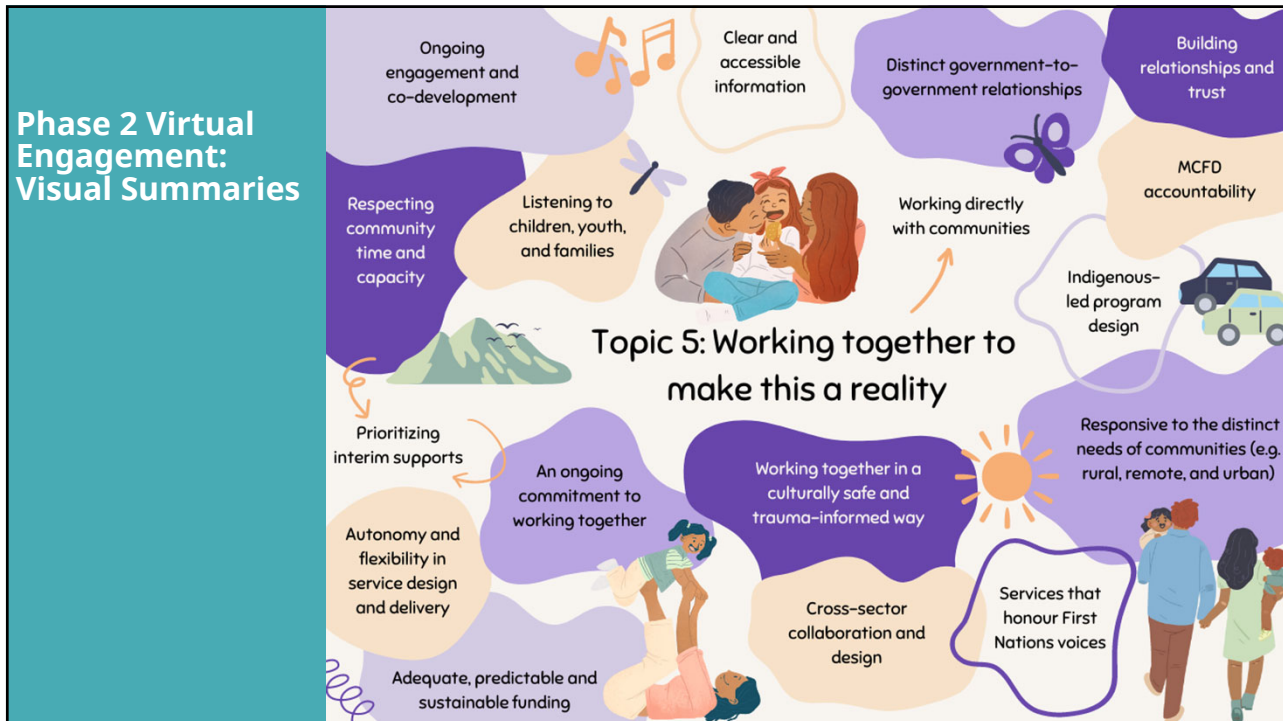
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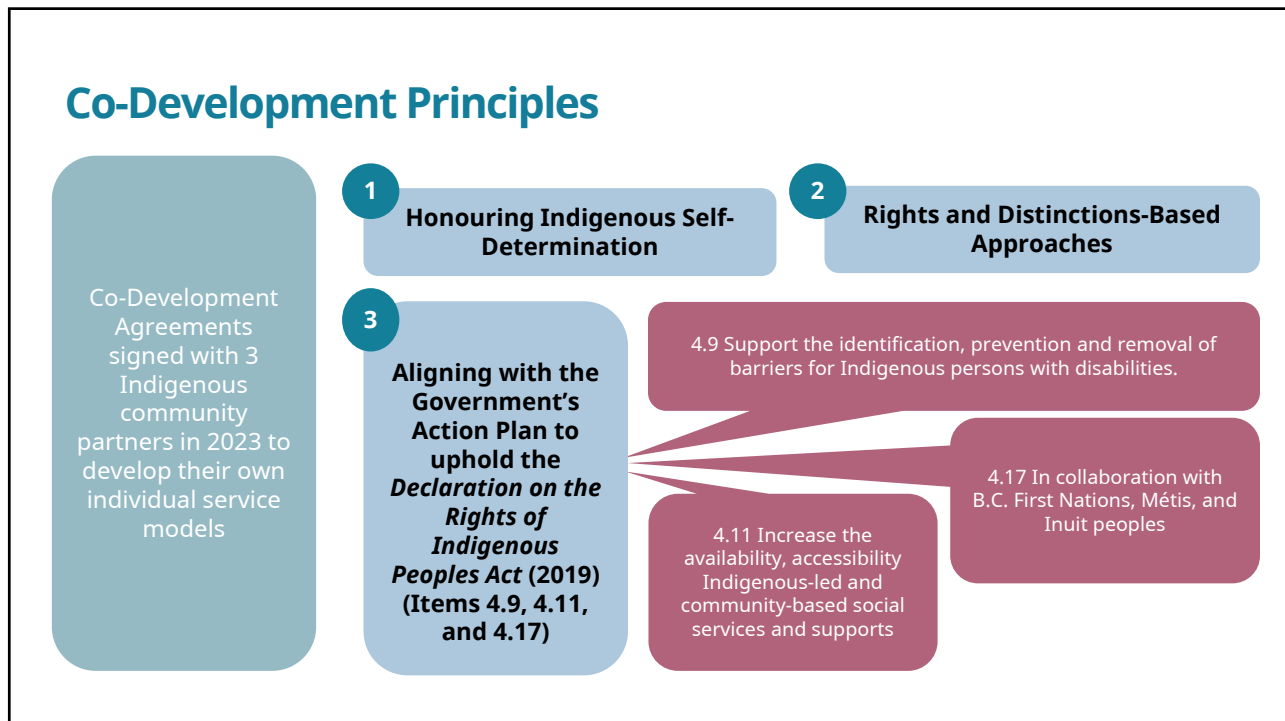
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Co-Developing an Indigenous-Led Integrated Service Model for Indigenous Children and Youth with Support Needs

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Indigenous-Led CYSN Services Co-Development Process

Funding dedicated to Indigenous-Led Co-Development from Budget 2023 enabled the partners to:

Facilitate engagements with their communities on what services are needed

Support research and development of their service frameworks

Pre-Implementation (developing sub-contractor relationships, service delivery locations and more)

- **First partner approved to move to the first phase implementation coming later in 2024**
- **The other two partners are continuing to engage and developing their frameworks, hopeful for implementation later next year**

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Thank you for listening



We now want to hear from you:

- Do you notice anything specific coming from this engagement that we should pay attention to?
- How should we approach these themes/issues in a good way?
- Do you have any questions for us?

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