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Co-Creating a Shared Pathway to Impact



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WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE

- Opportunity for CBYF communities and members of the National Collaborative to work together
- Develop the foundations of a prototype that will remove barriers for youth across Canada

National Collaborative

- The National Collaborative works collaboratively to achieve collective impact for youth by identifying opportunities to influence and leverage policy and systems changes
- Leverages existing national capacity, knowledge and resources to build local community resources
- Develops a connected relationship with the 13 communities
- Seeking to understand, from a local context, the barriers youth face when successfully navigating the transition from underrepresented to engaged
- The local tables will be able to draw on the resources and knowledge of national partners.

On December 10, 2020, CBYF communities were asked the following questions:

What are **youth's experiences** in your community as it relates to high school graduation, further education, employment, and training? Think about trends, patterns, challenges and barriers.

- Of these, what may be outside the scope of your work? What might be helpful to your community that a National Collaborative could advance?

What are some **ways we can work with the National Collaborative**?

- Of these, what would be most important and helpful to your backbone team, your Leadership Table, and your community?



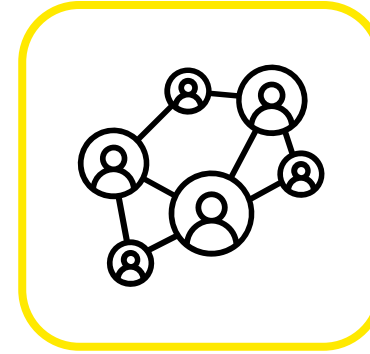
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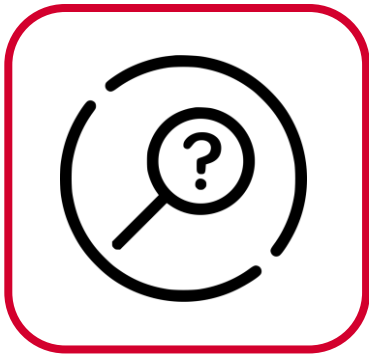
Employment & Mentorship



Accessible Education



Identity & Social Connections



Service Navigation and Access
to Supports



Youth Engagement
and Leadership



Holistic Health &
Wellbeing

Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect our work with broad research trends around education and employment • Connect us with other communities in Canada who are doing similar work
Policy and Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health and the opioid crisis are national issues for youth across Canada. There's no way we as individual entities can address this alone. Help us set-up and find ways for youth to access the right resources • Advocate for policy shifts at the federal level around trends, barriers, and challenges such as service navigation, mental health, and the digital divide • Engage youth in macro-level decision making on key policies affecting youth. This is an opportunity to highlight authentic youth voices through blogging, videos, and testimonials
Funding Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot participatory budgeting where communities can design a national project, and the project could be implemented in chosen communities • Connect communities with federal funding opportunities that support youth
Partnerships and Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate partnerships between province/territorial levels on health, education, and justice • Have a feedback loop. At the National Collaborative, identify with ways to address barriers and challenges that youth are facing (see previous slides), rather than at the city, provincial, or territorial level. It would be helpful to see how that can translate to community level work
Equity and Reconciliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have representation from Indigenous communities to ensure that the cultural aspect is incorporated in any decisions or interventions that are piloted

LEVERAGING THE NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE

- Connect Communities to Opportunities
- Reduce Systems Barriers
- Create Connections and Linkages

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BUILDING A PROTOTYPE TOGETHER



Addressing the Digital Divide – A Prototype

- Barriers to accessing technology has become more pronounced for youth during COVID
- Digital Divide has 3 main components:
 - Access to devices
 - Access to internet
 - Access to the skills to use technology
- What if CBYF communities and the National Collaborative were to work together to bridge the digital divide for youth in CBYF communities and across Canada?

Addressing the Digital Divide – A Prototype

Large Group Discussion:

- What lessons can we learn about systems change from the digital divide example?
- What **principles** could be identified to inform how we tackle strategic issues like this?

Addressing the Digital Divide – A Prototype

Small Group Discussion:

- Hear from you about how you are seeing the digital divide for youth in the work you do
- What are the **opportunities** and **barriers** to moving an issue like this forward?

Addressing the Digital Divide – A Call to Action

Large Group Conversation:

What do we need to build the conditions to prototype a systems change opportunity?



THANK YOU





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