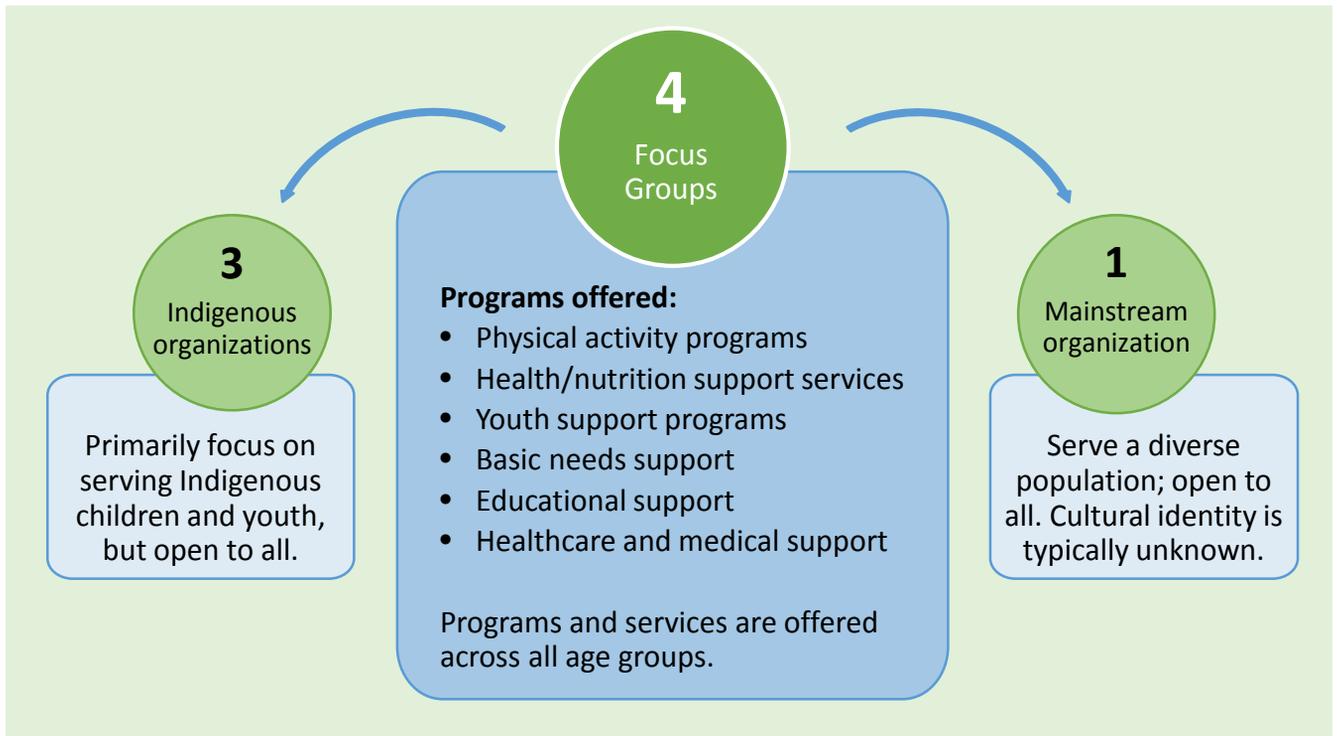




Preliminary Findings from Community Organizations



Serving Indigenous Youth

Indigenous organizations indicated that the majority of their clients are Indigenous (at least 90%).

Mainstream organization does not specifically outreach to Indigenous youth, but are aware of some Indigenous youth making use of services offered.

Mainstream organization does not offer programming in a cultural way.

Indigenous organizations do incorporate cultural activities into their programming in a number of different ways, but not all programming is culturally specific.

They try to incorporate cultural and traditional knowledge *indirectly* by promoting connections with elders and family; by incorporating traditions and traditional foods into larger events and gatherings.



Preliminary Findings from Community Organizations

Barriers to Service

Organization-level

- Lack of funding
- Lack of space to offer programming
- Lack of awareness of programs and services offered
- Lack of innovative programming
- Lack of outreach to Indigenous community

Community-level

- Inadequate transportation
- Access to basic needs
- Family engagement is necessary to keep youth involved
- High program and equipment costs

Gaps in Service

Some of the services that participants reported to be most needed by Indigenous children and youth are:

- Mental health services, especially Aboriginal specific services are needed
- Poverty reduction
- Adequate daycare facilities – especially for newborns
- Bringing back traditional languages and culture

Things that can be done to help local organizations better serve Indigenous peoples

- 1 Education and Cultural Awareness to reduce discrimination against Indigenous people.
- 2 Equipping children with the life skills/soft skills to succeed in school and careers.
- 3 Changes to the education system, so Indigenous children thrive in schools.
- 4 Increased awareness of existing programs and services among organizations.
- 5 Effective use of funding.

What makes collaboration among organizations effective?

- Common interests and goals
- Sharing resources and reciprocating
- Respect
- Funding and support

Main barriers:

1. Funding
2. Time