

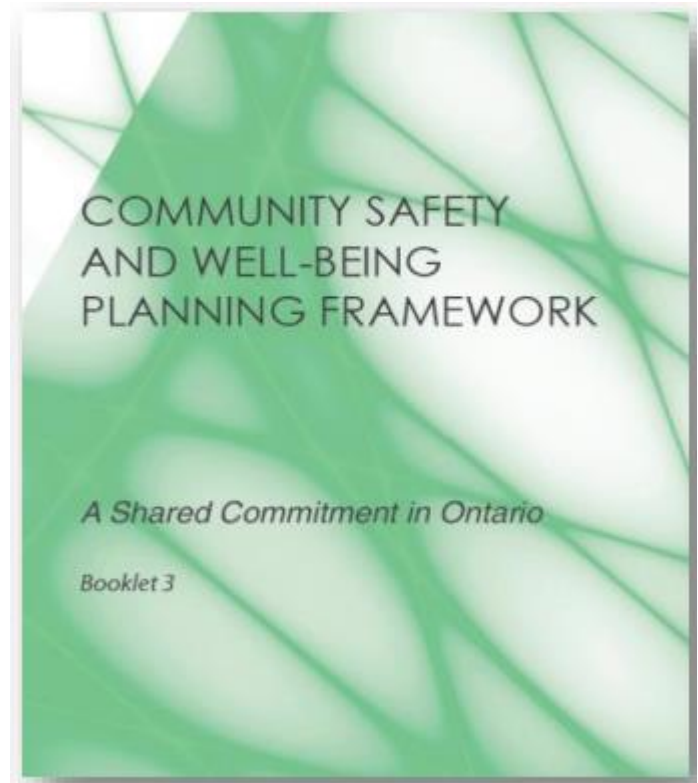
Community Safety and Well-Being Plan - Focus Group

City of North Bay



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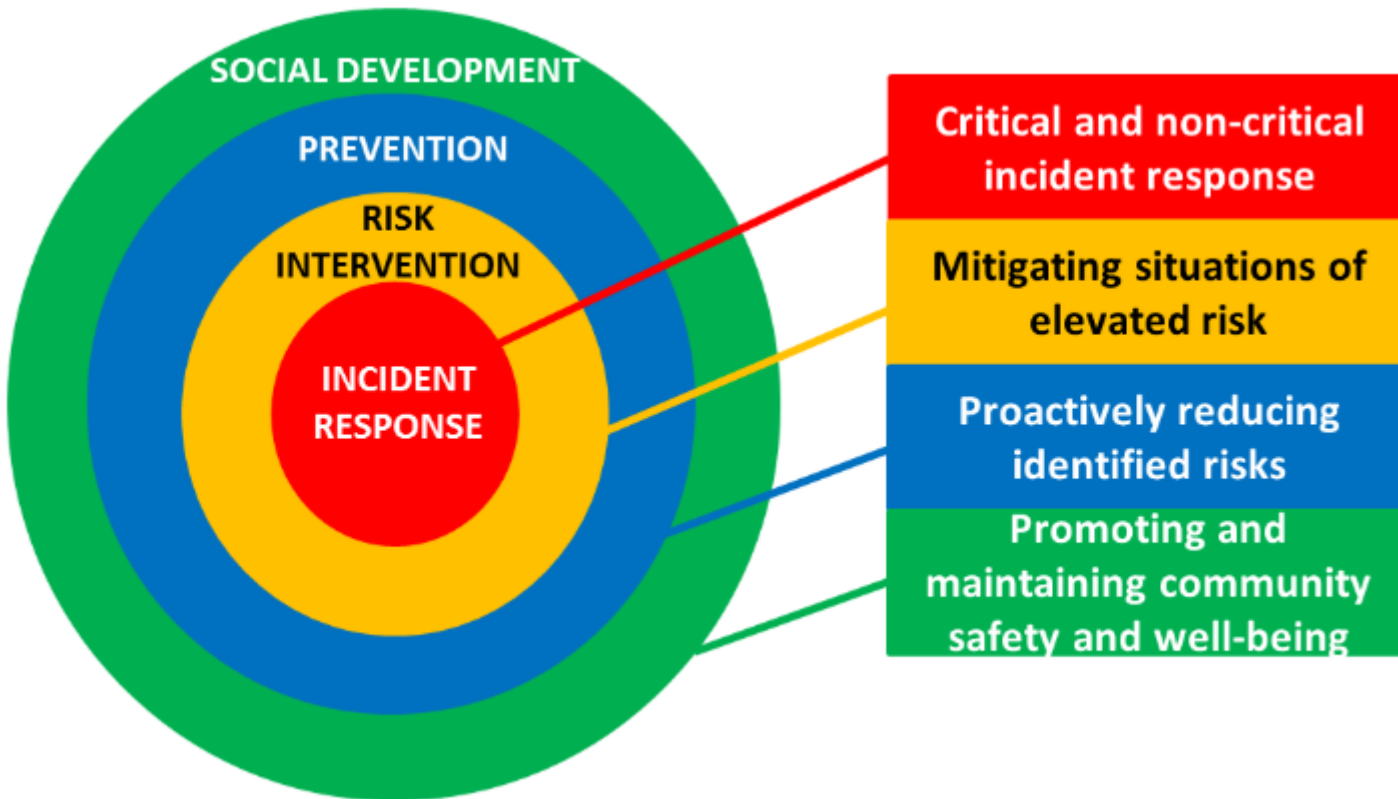
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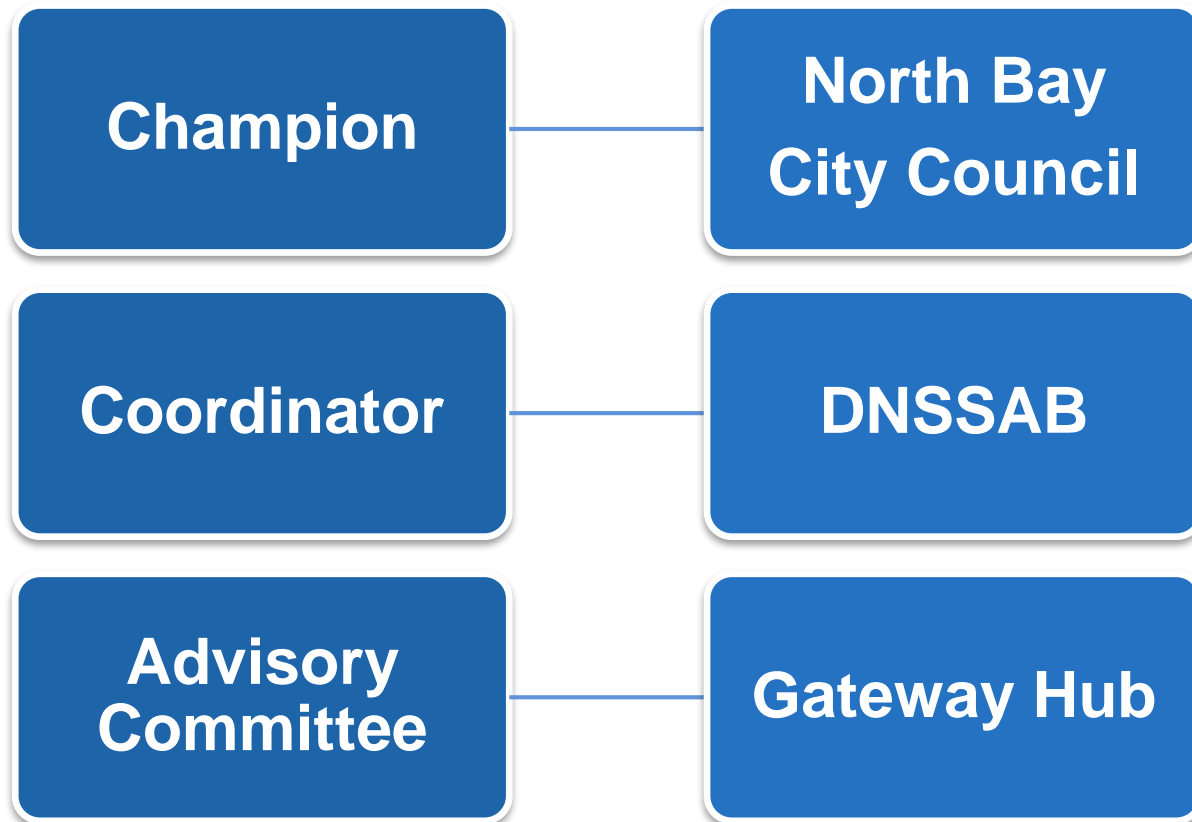
- As of January 1, 2019, the *Police Services Act* requires municipalities to develop and adopt community safety and well-being plans to improve safety and well-being in Ontario's municipalities.
- The plan must be developed in partnership with a multi-sectoral advisory committee comprised of representation from Police and local service providers including health/mental health, education, community/social services and children/youth services.



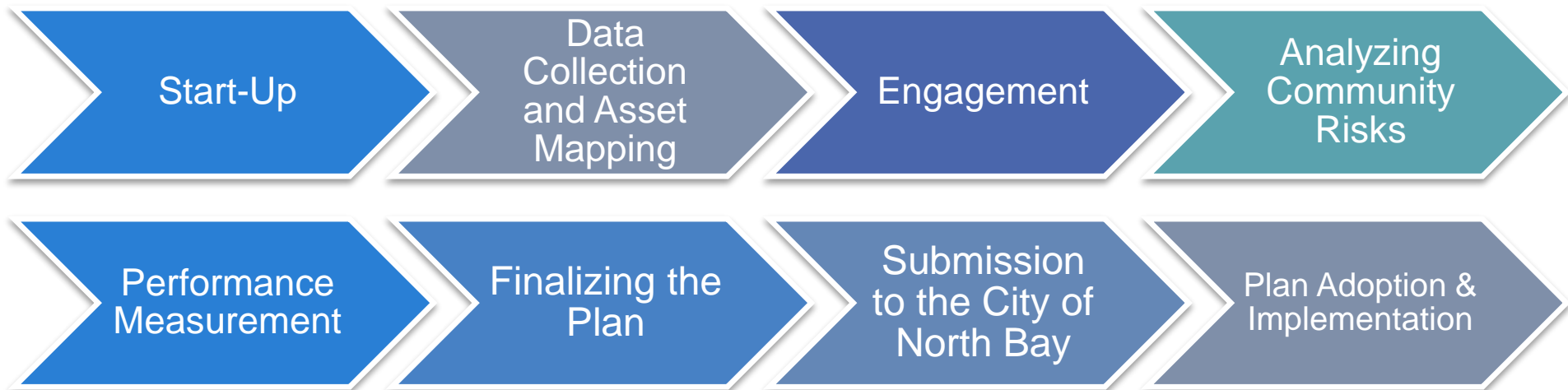
Plan Overview



Roles & Responsibilities



Planning Process



Preliminary Draft Findings



Literature Review



- A total of 73 research documents were reviewed with 5 major themes emerging.

Research Themes	Frequency	%
Substance Use and Abuse	28	38%
Mental Health	22	30%
Housing and Homelessness	18	25%
Poverty/Income	17	23%
Violence (physical, emotional, etc.)	15	21%

Literature Review - Findings



- Increased need for addiction programming and services.
 - Lengthy wait lists and increased service use.
- Increased need for mental health services and 24/7 access to supports outside of the hospital setting.
- Notable lack of transitional housing and the need for more safe and affordable housing.



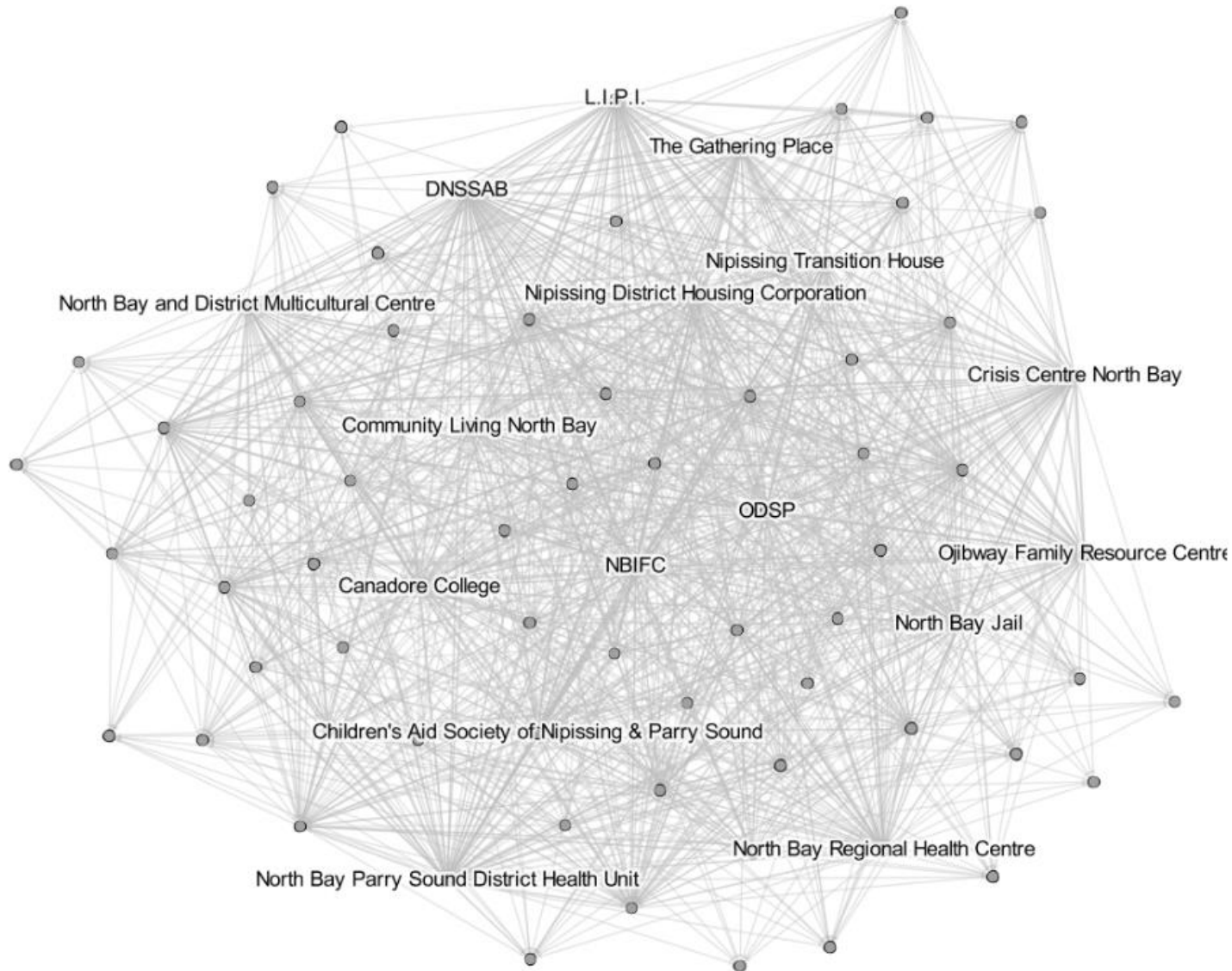
Asset Mapping-Early Findings



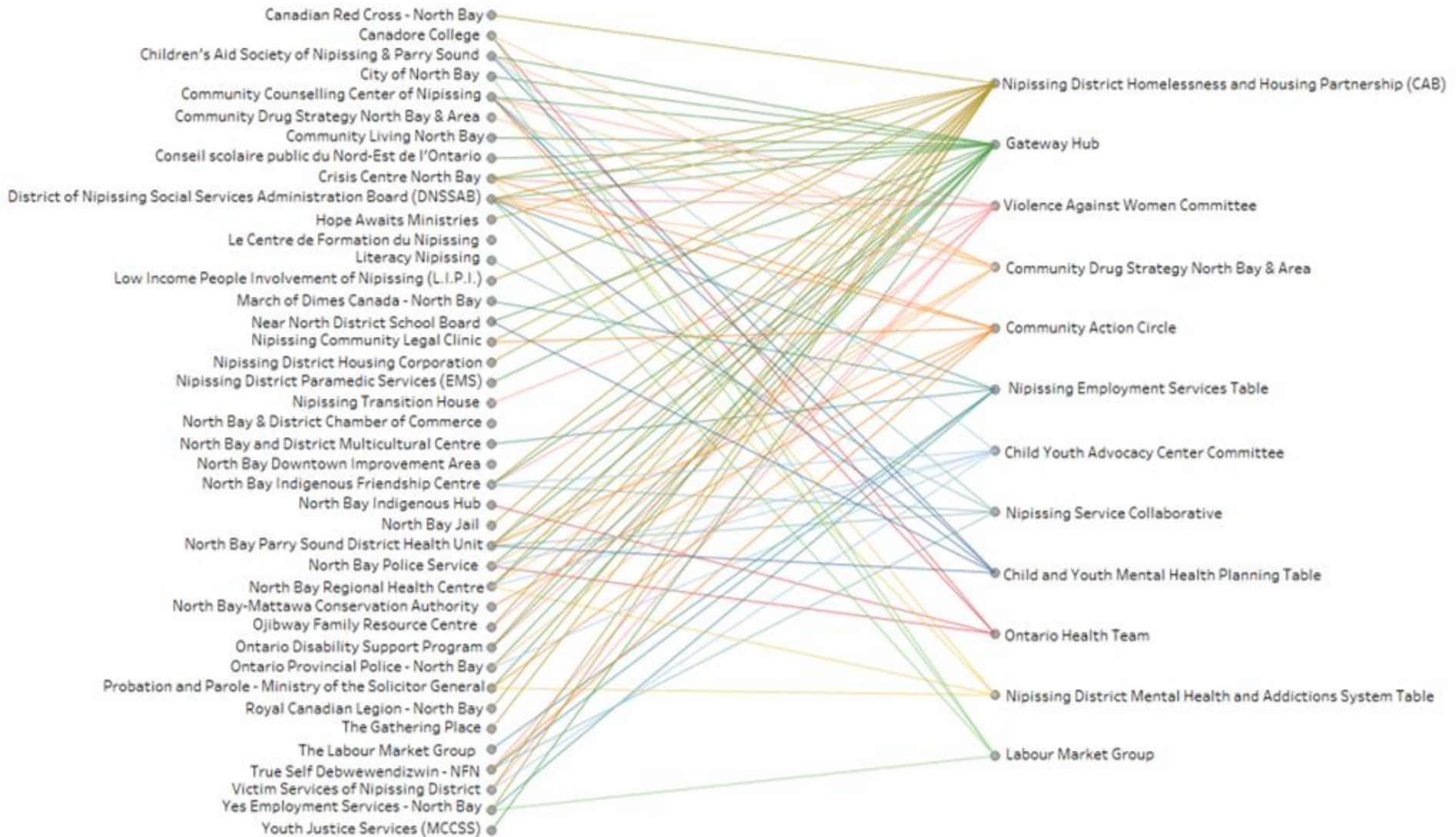
- The service network shows a high degree of collaboration and integration.
- On average, the organizations completing the survey indicate they collaborate with 33 other organizations in the service network (1,488 organizations/ connections in total).
- However, the network is complex with numerous relationships and interconnections:



North Bay CSWB Service Network



Add to that some of the local planning tables and committees:



Focus Groups



Focus Groups Purpose



To get your input and feedback for developing North Bay's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan with recommendations and strategies to increase safety and wellness.

Developing the plan involves assessing the safety, health, and inclusion landscape in the community. Your input through targeted focus groups is a crucial part of this assessment given it will seek input on local issues as experienced by a variety of populations.

Focus Groups



- 10 focus group sessions with a total of 79 community service provider invitees.
- 5 questions regarding community safety and well-being and 2 questions pertinent to harm reduction programs in North Bay.
- Questions will be asked one at a time and discussion notes will be shared on the screen.
- Sessions will last between 1.0 to 1.5 hours.

Use of Data and Confidentiality



The information and data collected in this focus group will be used to inform North Bay's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. As a focus group participant you will not be identified in any published survey reports or findings. The focus group results and findings may appear in the final plan and other various public reports, and/or be included in various presentations or shared with community partners.

Glossary



Collaboration: refers to your organization working with other organizations around a common purpose or goal. This collaboration can include referring (or accepting) clients; coordinating service/ program delivery; sharing information and data; participating in joint planning sessions (e.g. member of a community planning table, committee, etc.); attending meetings; general communications; or funding.

Questions



1) Overall, what do you believe are the top issues impacting safety and well-being in North Bay?

2) In your experience, what is currently working well in terms of addressing or solving these issues in North Bay?

3) What isn't working well in terms of addressing or solving these issues in North Bay?

4) Do you think that community resources related to community safety and well-being can be better aligned? If so, how?

5) What are some best practices or innovative ideas that could be implemented in North Bay to better address and/or solve local community risks? How could these be implemented?

Harm Reduction



Many would agree that North Bay is facing an opioid crisis based on local surveillance and evidence by the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and recent media reports.

Addressing the opioid issue needs to be part of North Bay's community safety and well-being strategy moving forward.



6) In view of the above, what type of harm reduction programs, services or practices should operate in North Bay?

7) What are important considerations that would need to be taken into account in operating a safe consumption site in North Bay?

Thank you!

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