

# FIRST NATIONS DATA GOVERNANCE


## *ENGAGING FIRST NATIONS IN SETTING RESEARCH AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT STANDARDS*


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# Governance & Government

 Governance: enacting laws, setting strategic direction establishing standards and empowering institutions to carry out the day-to-day business of *government*.

 *Long-term, strategic/development plans* indicating an action, state or condition, or quality

 Government: institutions carrying out the strategic direction, delivering programs and services to achieve or maintain standards and monitoring and enforcing laws.

 *Short and medium term work plans* performing or causing the stated action

**First Nations Leadership**

**First Nations Organizations**

# Community Development and Nation Rebuilding:

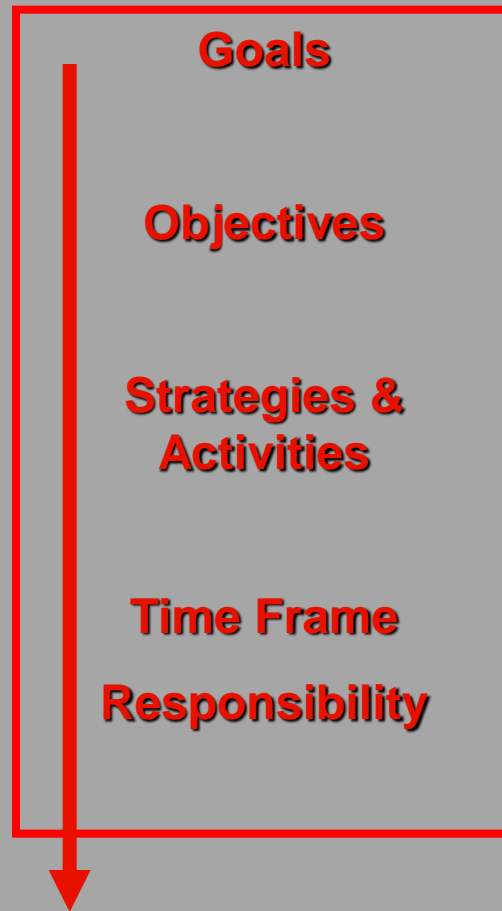
rebuilding our Nations one person at a time!

To a large extent, *factors such as **where we live**, the **state of our environment**, **genetics**, our **income and education level**, and our **relationships with friends and family** all have **considerable impacts on health***, whereas the more commonly considered factors such as ***access and use of health care services often have less of an impact.***

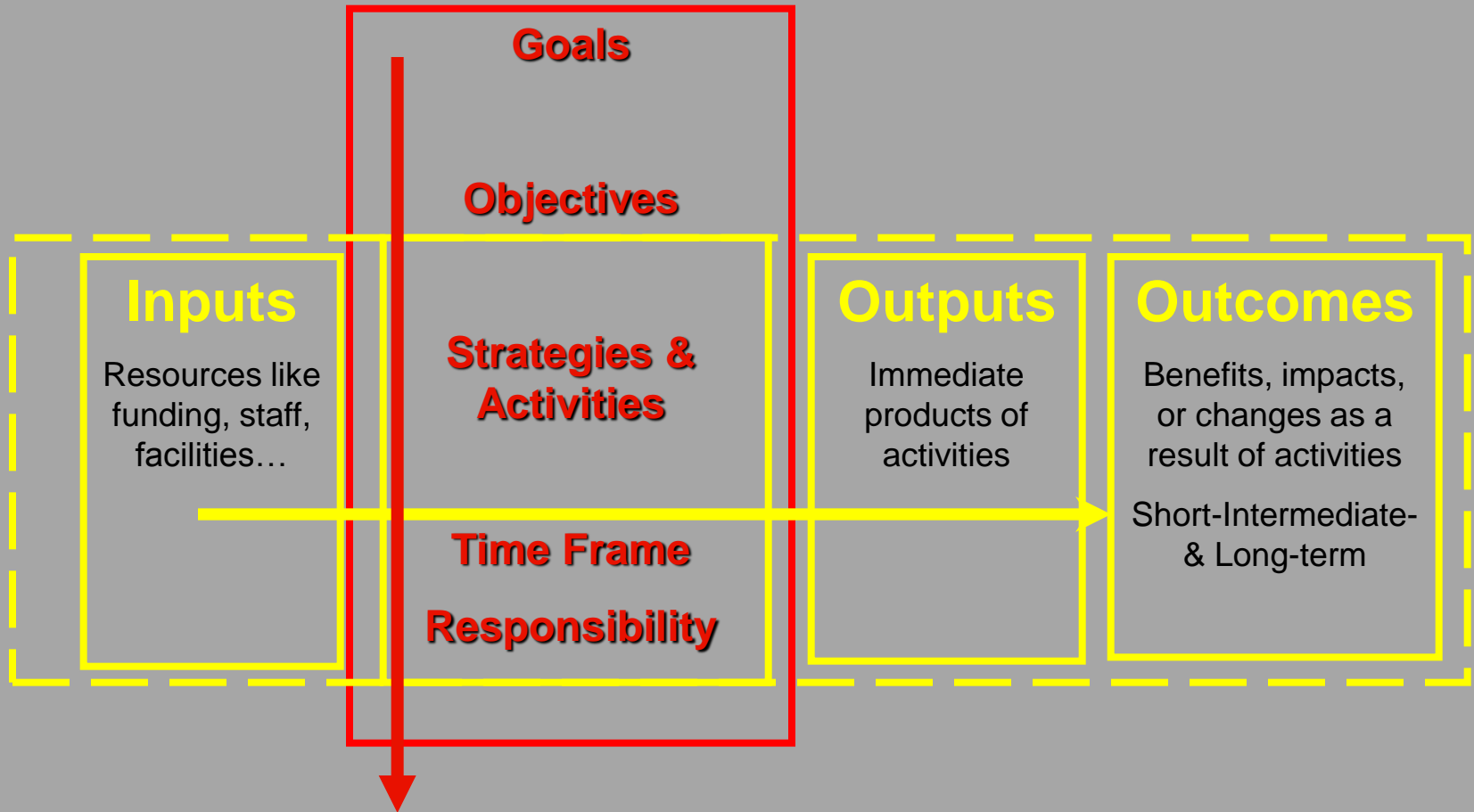
Absence of negatives or Presence of positives

*'For Indigenous people, the right to **self-determination** is the core to addressing the **problems** of land, culture, and marginalization which underlie their poor health and well being'* (pp.111-112) *Social determinants and Indigenous health: The International experience and its policy implications*

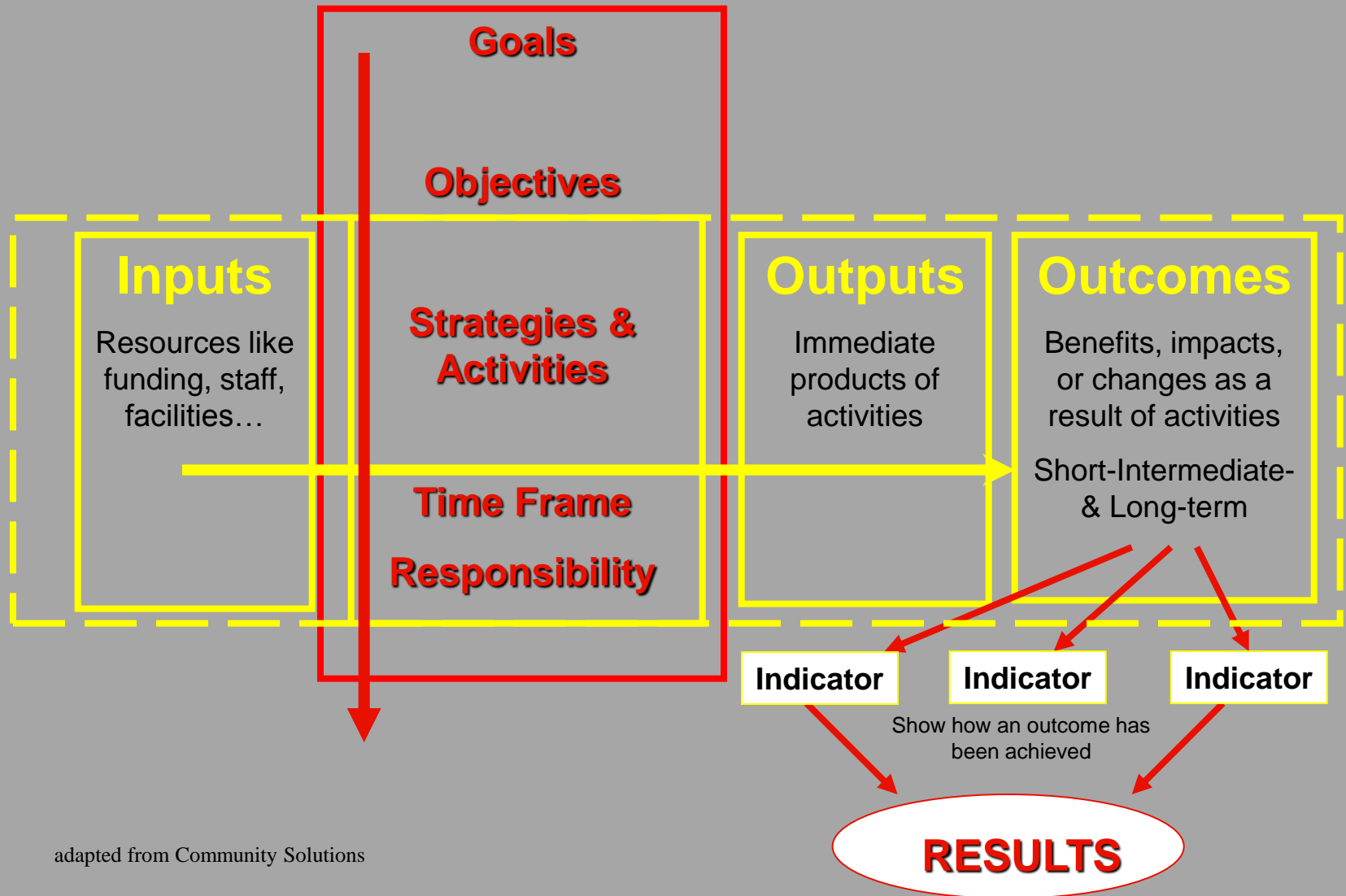
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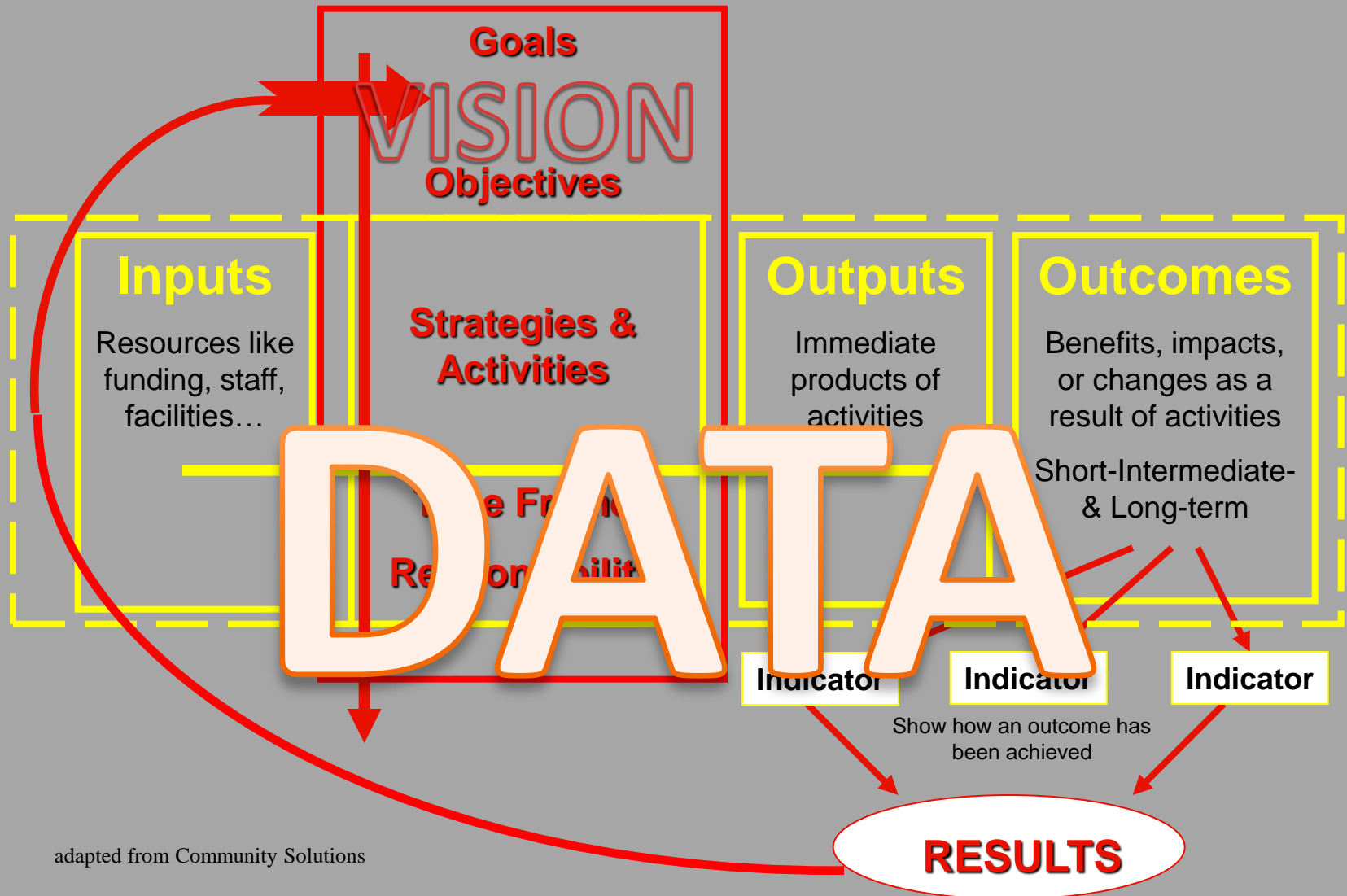
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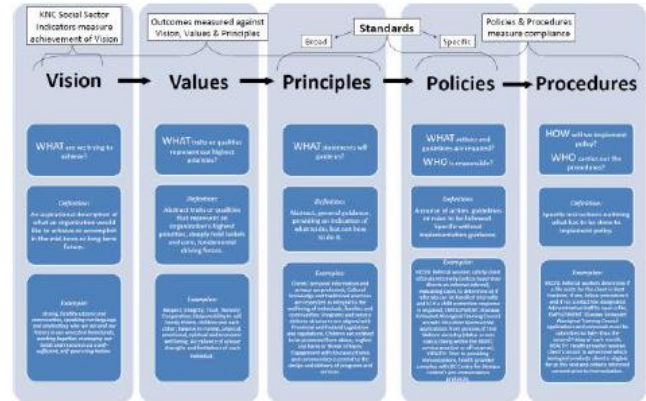




Nation Rebuilding Plans: language rejuvenation, environmental protection, emergency response...



Comprehensive Community Plans: health, education, employment...





The logo for the BC First Nations Data Governance Initiative (BCFNDGI) is a circular emblem. It features a central vertical staff with a feather at the top, set against a background of a stylized sun or moon with rays. The acronym 'BCFNDGI' is prominently displayed across the center of the emblem. The entire logo is rendered in a light, semi-transparent grey color, serving as a watermark behind the main text.

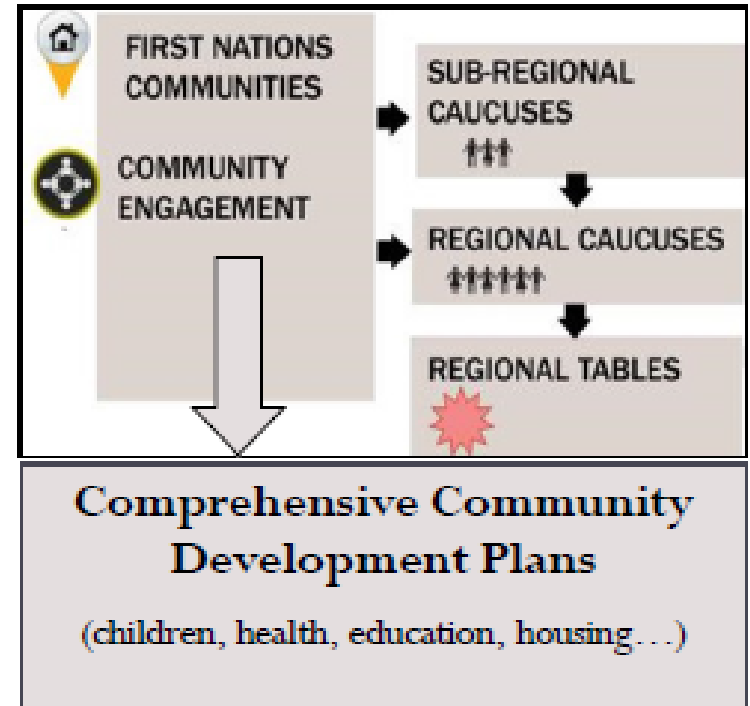
# Reporting Reform: a BC First Nations Data Governance Initiative Objective

*Timely access to quality data to plan,  
manage, and account for, investments  
in First Nations wellbeing. BCFNDGI Vision*

# BC FN Data Governance Initiative

- A comprehensive approach to governing, planning, measuring and reporting on investments in First Nations' well-being.

Community-driven, Nation-based



*The B.C. First Nations' Data Governance Initiative will serve to unite and guide B.C. First Nations, First Nations organizations and government partners, towards their shared outcome: well-being for First Nations.*

# Transformative Change

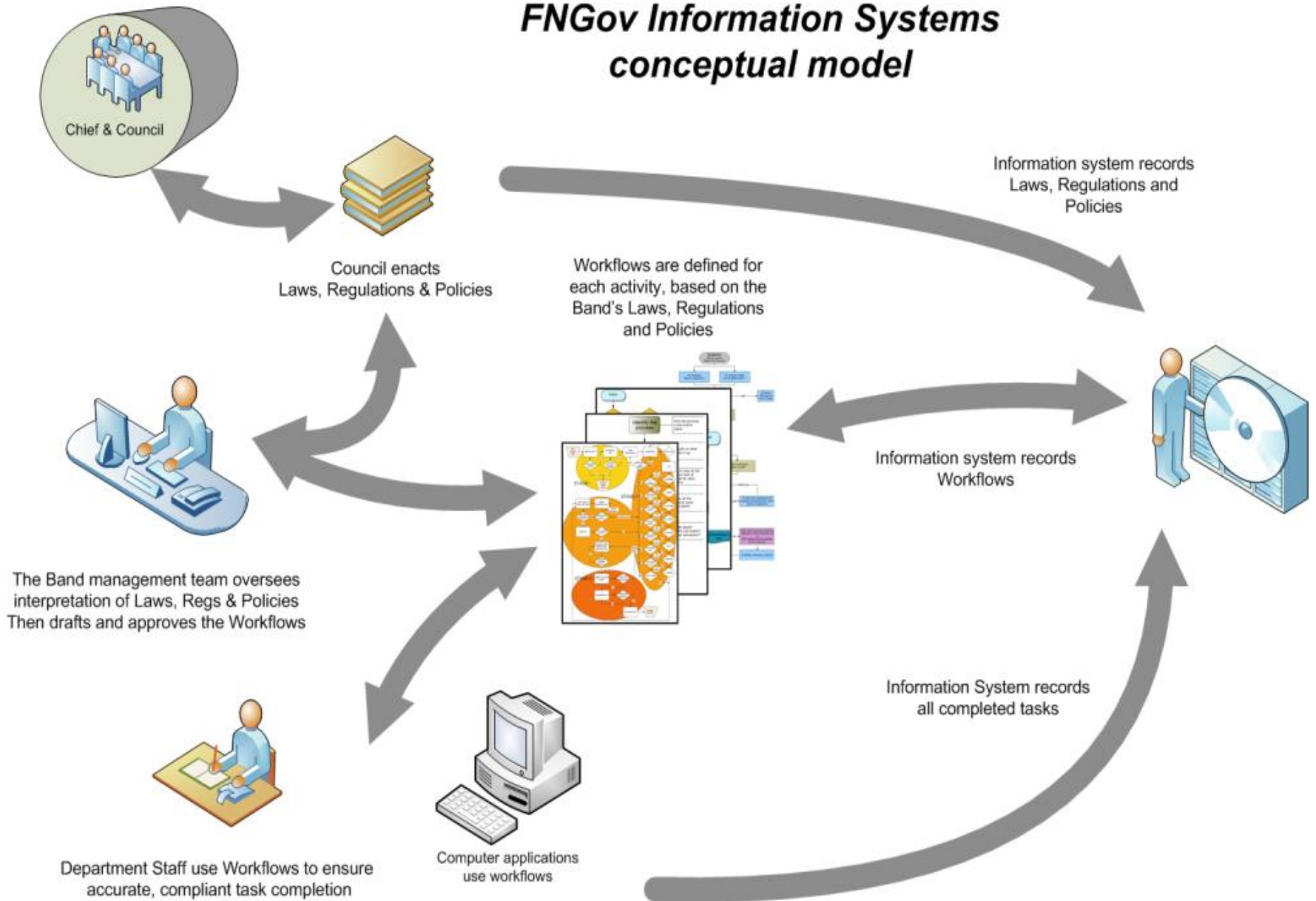
## ***FROM...***

- 1. Program-based, departmentalized corporate reporting...
- 2. Fragmented Grants and Contributions Model...
- 3. Independent, program/activity (silo)- based relationships...
- 4. Haphazard access to administrative data systems, by capable communities...

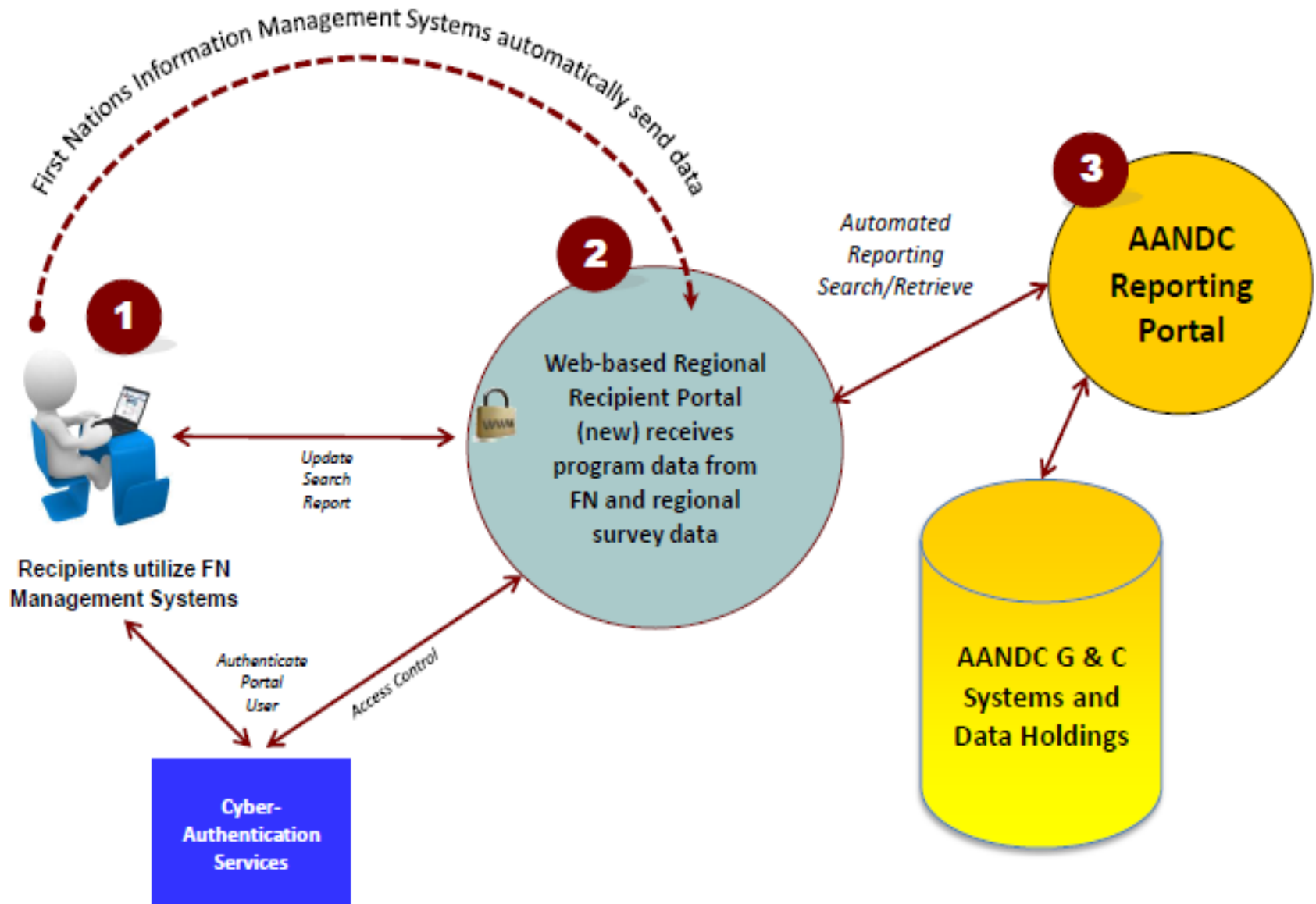
## ***TO...***

- 1. Community-based, comprehensive socio-economic outcome reporting.
- 2. Integrated Social Investment and Planning Model.
- 3. Collaborative, inter-departmental and tri-partite relationships.
- 4. Access to standardized administrative applications available to all communities.

# FNGov Information Systems conceptual model



# Automated Reporting of Minimum Data Elements



# Planning and Reporting Standards Projects

## Community Planning Standards

- **Review Demonstration Site Comprehensive Community Plans, Health and Wellness Plans, and other relevant Community-based plans;**
- **Establish common planning framework, building upon the federal Health Canada Community Development Framework and the population health/wellness determinants approach;**
- **Recommend overarching Community Planning Framework; engagement, pre-planning, strategic planning, indicator development, work planning, activity monitoring and evaluation;**

## Community Reporting Standards

- **Work with AANDC HQ - programs and Audit and Evaluation branch to define minimum reporting elements;**
- **Identify various key, reliable, sustainable sources of data, locally, provincially, nationally;**
- **Identify Community reporting interests and document existing best and better practices;**
- **Establish reporting reform priorities beyond Income Assistance;**
- **Harmonize reporting with Tripartite Committee on Health and the First Nations Health Authority.**

# Aligning National Surveys

- The **First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC)** is an incorporated **non-profit operating with a special mandate from the Assembly of First Nations' Chiefs in Assembly (Resolution #48, December 2009)**.
- The FNIGC is the organization that is **funded by Canada to oversee the conduct of national surveys**; this started with the Regional Health Survey (RHS) and has expanded greatly.
- **Each province/territory is considered a Region**, and each Region **sends one member and one Director, to be on the National Board**. FNHA is currently the member organization for BC and **Gwen Phillips has been acting as the Director for BC Region, and Doug Kelly the member**, of the FNIGC society.
- **FNIGC and its Regional Partners** across Canada carry out unique data gathering initiatives about the lives of First Nations people: Regional Health Survey, Regional Employment, Education and Early Childhood Development Survey, Community Survey... - **we want to make surveillance less cumbersome and more meaningful to First Nations local governments**
- FNIGC has an **on-line Data Centre(s)** and tools for researchers and also provides training in OCAP™.

# BC FN Information Governance Centre: Indigenous Control of Indigenous Data

- BC and the other Regions are exploring the concept of **Regional FNIGCs**; right now the FNHA has been hosting BC surveys, but they have gone far beyond FNHA's core mandate
- Rather than split all survey work amongst various FN organizations, consider **building one provincial FN Data Centre that supports the Nations and FN Organizations, following the foundational governance philosophy expressed by BC First Nations, the 7 Directives, Values and Principles**; health data is amongst the most sensitive and so by setting privacy and protection standards for data and information management first, within this environment and then applying those standards to all personal information and community data, provides assurance of **high standards and a path that others can follow**
- A provincial Data Centre could include all BC First Nations organizations to assist with survey design, but **maintain consistent Data Governance and Information Management capacity regardless of whether there is a national survey under way**; capacity building at the Community, Nation and Regional levels
- Development of **Regional and Provincial infrastructure for data governance and information management** steered by **the Nations of each Region through the caucus structure** and through a provincial board comprised of Regional Reps and FN provincial organizations jointly , and **help to guide the National FNIGC**
- **GW Forum** would receive reports from various Sectors, initially aligned with a **First Nations "Growing Up in BC" report**, the **outcomes/indicators to be decided by BC First Nations**, reporting on the **progress towards achieving Vision** of healthy, vibrant and self-determining BC First Nations. Caucuses; the **national FNIGC is co-chaired** by a technical lead from the **national AFN**– a **BCFNIGC**, will be aligned with the **BC AFN**
- A BC FNIGC would **assist with implementation of OCAP™** at the level of each Nation in BC and facilitate collaboration of BC First Nations organizations in survey development and in supporting **BC First Nations to acquire standardized, effective information management systems** to support their governments



# Governance: Providing Leadership to First Nations Organizations



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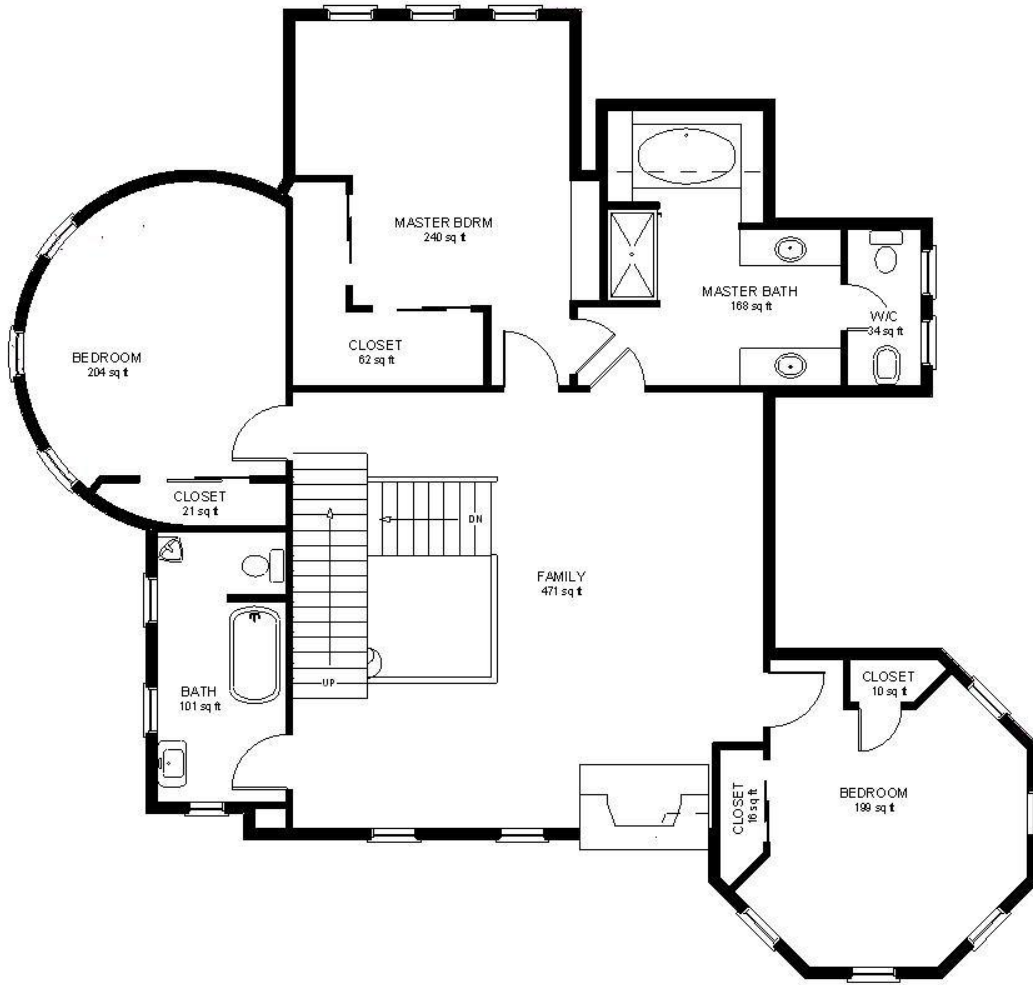
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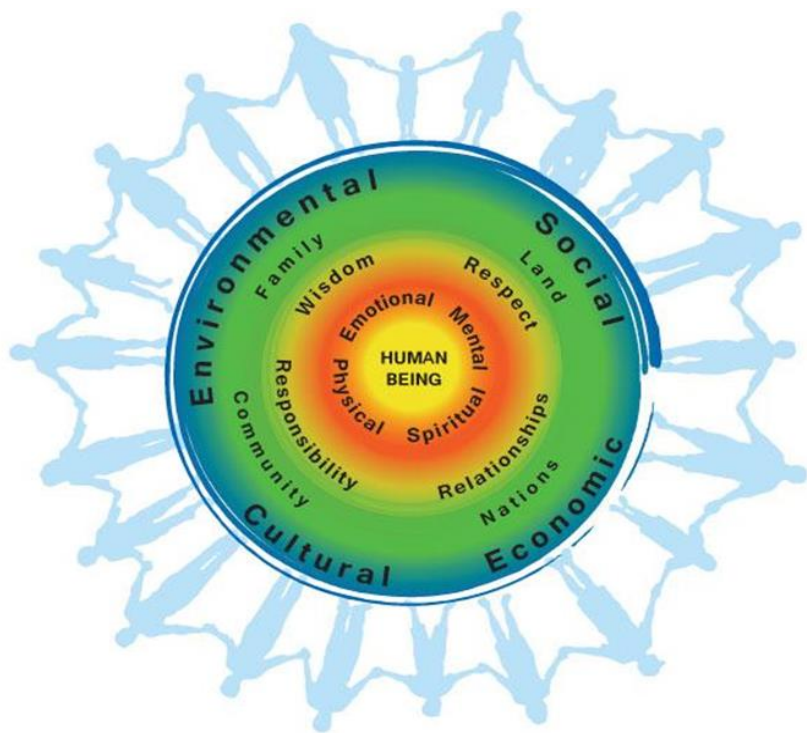
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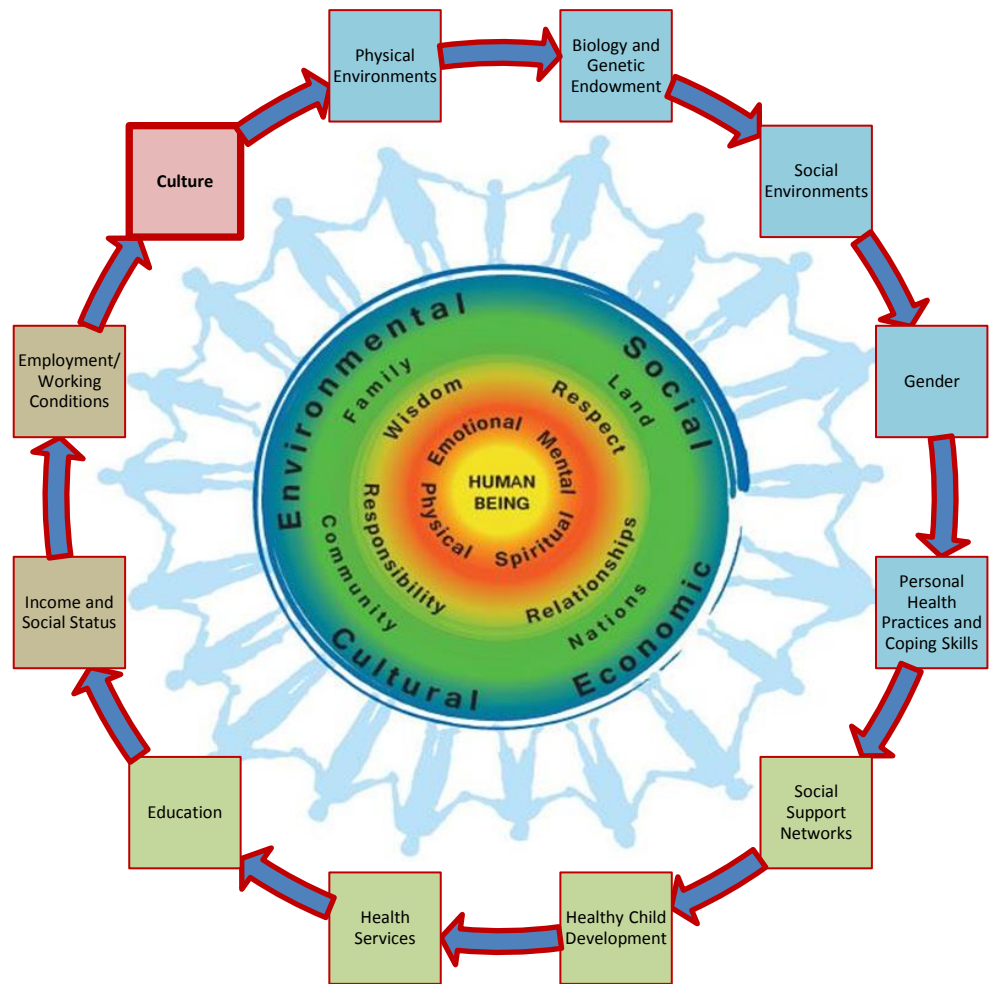


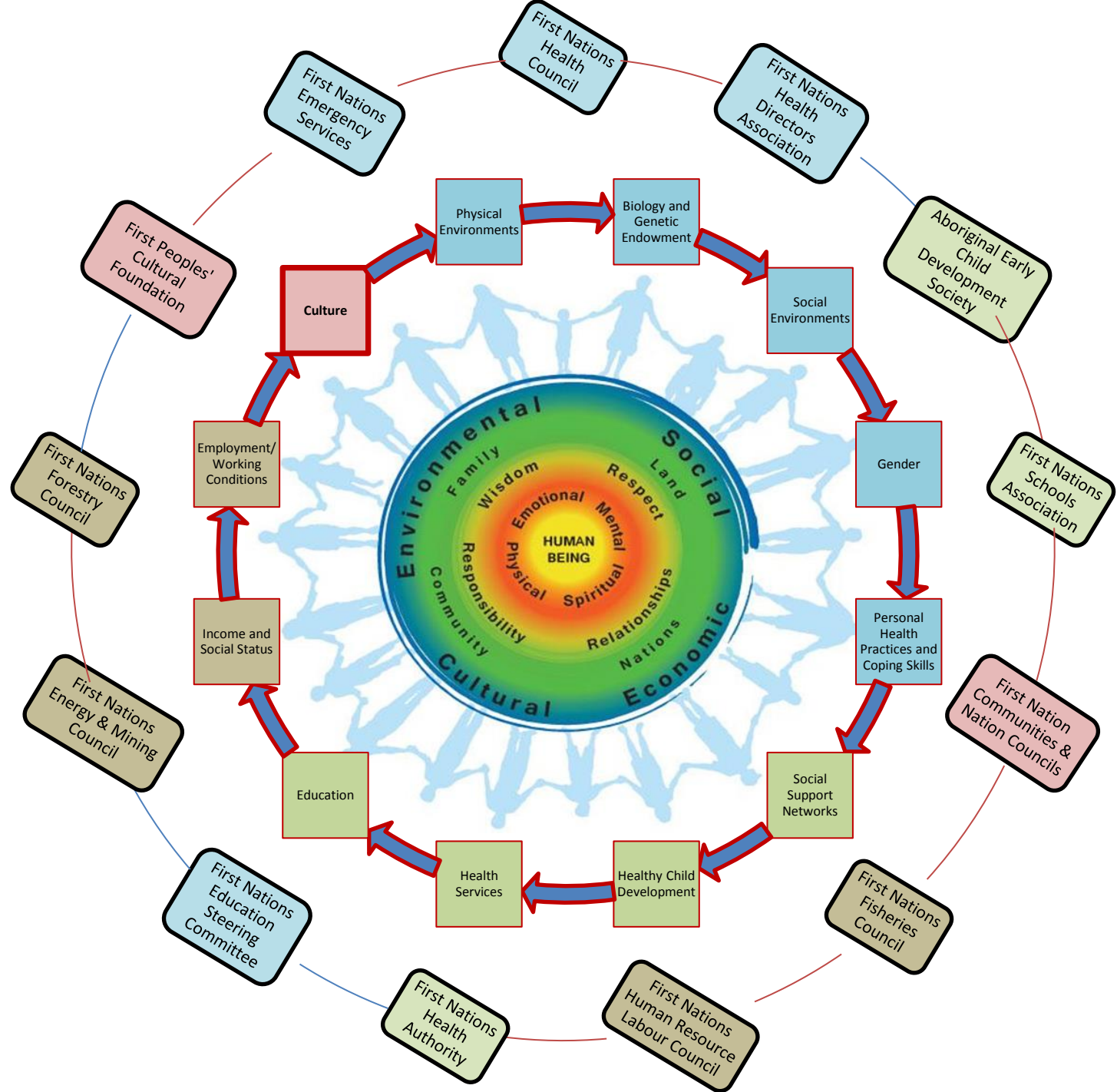


LIVING AREA  
1704 sq ft









First Nations  
Emergency  
Services

First Nations  
Health  
Council

First Nations  
Health  
Directors  
Association

# ***First Nations Health Authority Mission:***

*“The FNHA supports BC First Nations individuals, families and communities to achieve and enjoy the highest level of health and wellness by: working with them on their health and wellness journeys; honouring traditions and cultures; and championing First Nations health and wellness within the FNHA organization and with all of our partners.”*

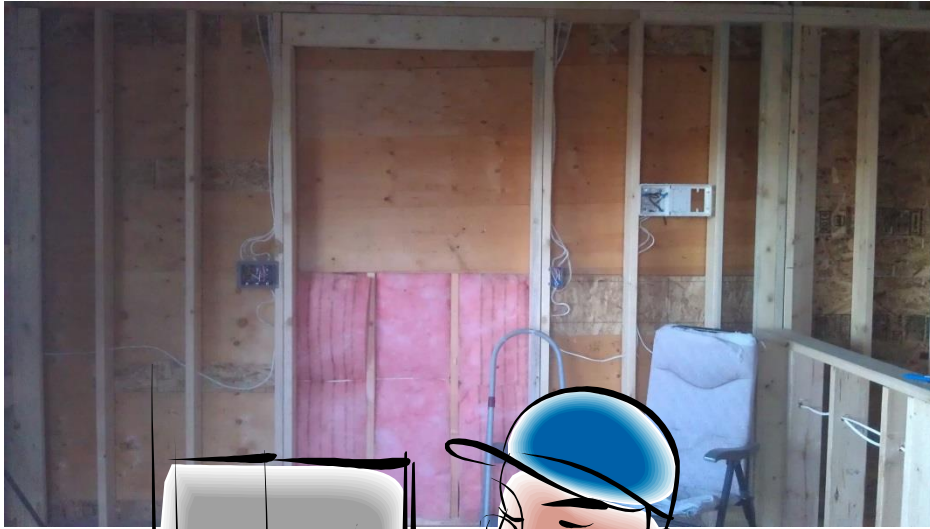
Committee

First Nations  
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Authority

First Nations  
Human Resource  
Labour Council

Council





**KNOWLEDGE = POWER**



# First Nations Data Governance Forums

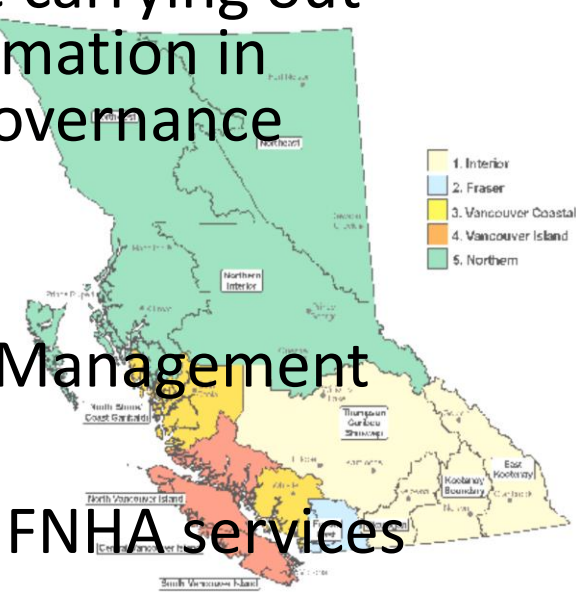
## Purpose:

*How can FNHA support BC First Nations individuals, families and communities to achieve and enjoy the highest level of health and wellness?*

- *How do we define wellness in the context of measurement and reporting – wellness indicators?*
- How can FNHA ensure that they are carrying out research and managing health information in accordance with BC First Nations' governance principles?

## Three main topics for discussion:

- Ethics in Research and Information Management
- Wellness Indicators
- Identity Management in relation to FNHA services



# Measuring our Wellbeing

**Who?** BC First Nations (and others living in our Communities)

**What?** Indicators related to Wellbeing

**When?** Every day, when carrying out the business of health care, and when conducting surveys or research

**Where?** Wherever First Nations citizens are receiving services, on and off reserve

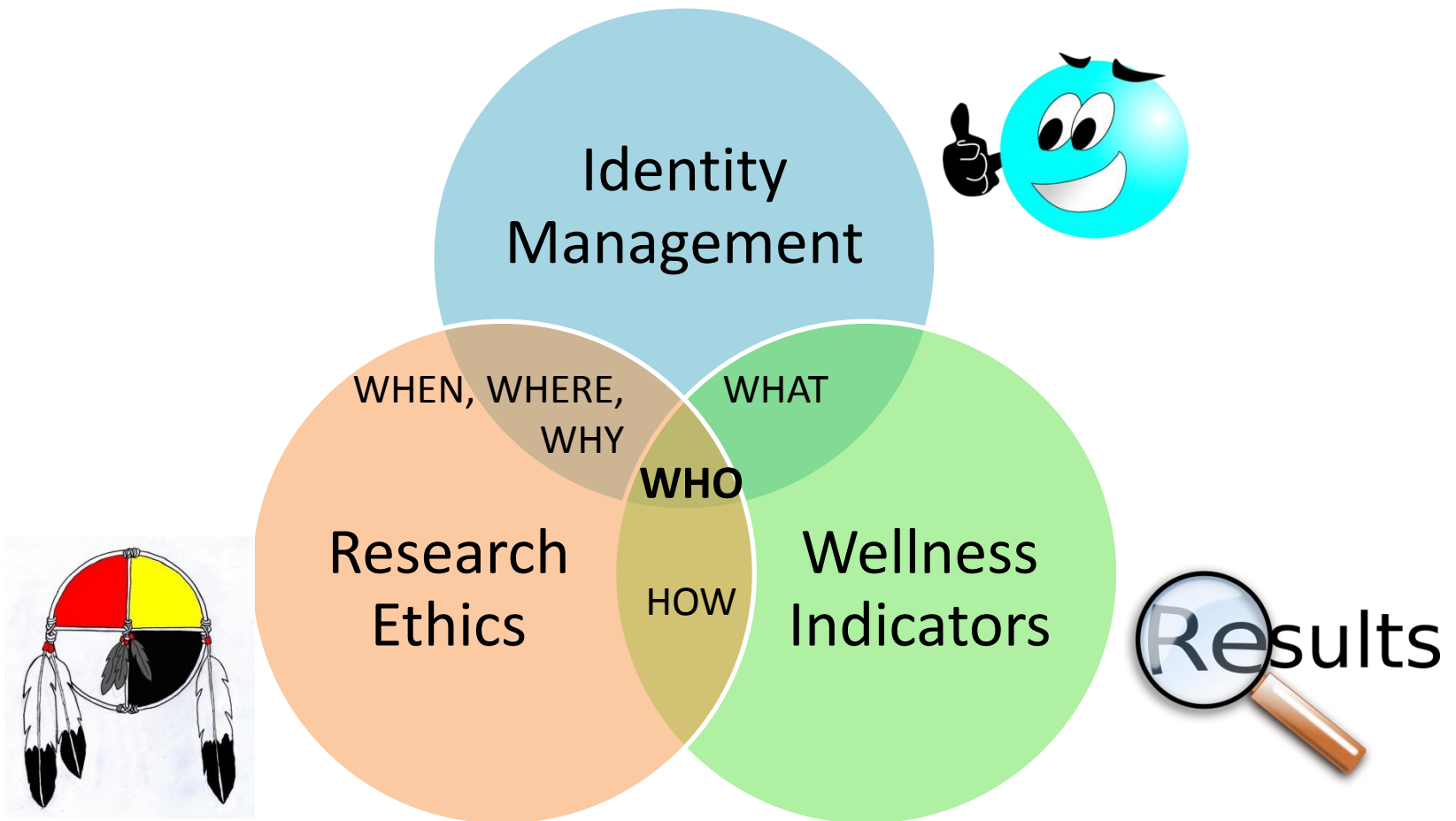
**How?** In accordance with First Nations values and governance principles.

**Why?** To ensure BC First Nations citizens receive the highest quality of care, no matter where they are living, working, or playing.

And

**To ensure that we are making progress on moving towards the collective vision of *healthy, vibrant, self-determining BC First Nations children, families and communities.***

# Inter-relating pieces of Data Governance



# Measuring Wellness:

An Indicator  
Development  
Guide for  
First Nations



- ✓ demonstrates respect for self, others and environment
- ✓ demonstrates love and compassion for self and others
- ✓ attends and participates fully in school and extra-curricular activities
- ✓ has current individual education/training plan
- ✓ adapts to new environments with ease
- ✓ confident communication skills...

- ✓ home is safe and secure
- ✓ has traditional name
- ✓ receives pre-natal screenings
- ✓ receives immunizations regularly
- ✓ practices healthy eating habits
- ✓ practices good dental and physical hygiene

## Examples



**Healthy, self-determining and vibrant BC First Nations children, families and communities.**

*First Nations Health Council  
Vision*

# The 7 Directives

Governance Principles Guiding FNHA in transformation of services and relationships

1. Community Driven, Nation Based
2. Increase First Nations Decision-Making
3. Improve Services
4. Foster Meaningful Collaboration and Partnerships
5. Develop Human and Economic Capacity
6. Be without Prejudice to First Nations Interests
7. Function at a High Operational Standard

# What we've heard from you

