Niagara's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

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Background







Beginning in 2009

• MCSCS identified that police services were frequently responding to crisis situations that were non-criminal in nature + identified a need for a more collaborative service delivery model which prioritizes the local risks and needs of a community.

• 2012: Crime Prevention in Ontario: A Framework for Action

2013 to 2016

• MCSCS engaged with pilot communities across Ontario to test components of the Community Safety and Well-Being Framework

• 2014: Community Safety and Well-Being in Ontario: A Snapshot of Local Voices

2017

• Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario

2018

• Bill 175, Safer Ontario Act passed which included section 187 (1) under the *Police Services Act*: "Every municipal council shall prepare, and by resolution, adopt a community safety and well-being plan."

2019

• Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 passed in March (however, has not yet been enacted), with the continued municipal requirement to complete a CSWB Plan.



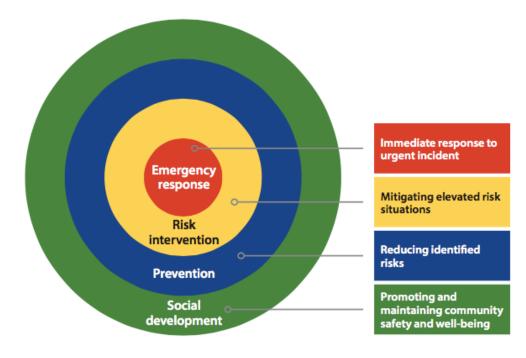
Community Safety and Well-Being Framework

Pillars of Framework

Coordinate a multi-sector approach to improve **community safety and well-being**, thereby:

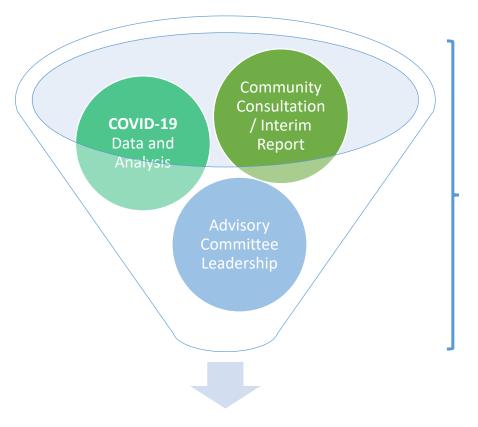
- Reducing harm, crime or victimization of individuals by meeting their needs before escalation to crisis, and;
- Preventing more costly emergency response interventions

Zones of Intervention for Community Safety and Well-Being Planning





Local Approach



Provincial
Community
Safety and
Well-Being
Planning
Framework

Niagara's CSWB Plan

- Diverse, multi-sector Advisory Committee
- Data assessment (incl. pandemicrelated trends)
- Extensive community consultation
 - 310 residents participated in <u>37</u> focus group sessions; two surveys; community sessions



Mno Bmaadziwin – Living the Good and Health Life, Indigenous Engagement Report



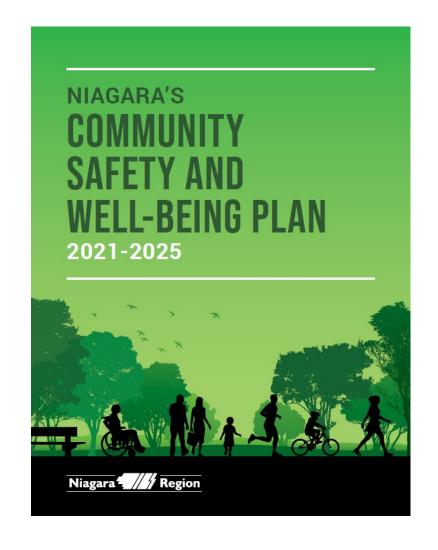
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Mental health and addictions

Housing and homelessness

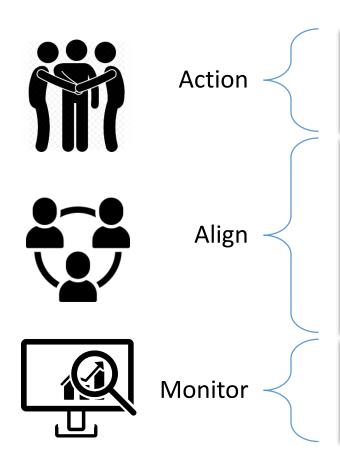
Poverty and income

Systemic discrimination





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- Streamline and coordinate outreach services
- Implement recommendations within Mno Bmaadziwin
- Expand Situation Table model
- Improve access to core mental health and addictions services
- Address opioid misuse through cross-sector collaboration
- Create a coordinated access system for those experiencing homelessness
- Support an economic development strategy that advances gender equality and inclusion
- Develop a local poverty reduction strategy
- Family violence
- Support for older adults
- Support for individuals with disabilities



Questions?

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