



PRE-COVID-19

MARCH 2020

Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition Priorities were:

1. Planning from an Indigenous lens conference (April 2020).
2. Meeting with Special Investigation Unit to talk about the death of Greg Ritchie.
3. Discussions with Salvation Army to rethink their new building on Montréal Road and focus on community safety.
4. Releasing the research "Share Your Story – Racism in Health Care".

POSTPONED

COVID-19 PANDEMIC 2020

APRIL - JUNE

OAC Responded to Needs of the Community:

- OAC had weekly meetings
- OAC joined the City's Human Needs Task Force and working groups (3X a week).
- OAC joined the COVID-19 Community Response Table
- Reached out to Funders to support needs
- PPE supplies from provincial partners (ONWA)
- Advocacy at Provincial and Federal level

First Round of Community Priorities:

- Elder Support
- Food Security
- Support for community members who were homeless.
- Respite Care
- Ensuring Indigenous children and youth had computers and Internet for education.

First Round of Organizational Priorities:

- Changing physical spaces to ensure that staff and community members were safe.
- Redesigning services and programs to do online or in person with protection.
- Support staff around their mental health and their immediate family needs.



JULY - SEPTEMBER

Working with Others to Respond to Needs City:

- 26 Specific requests from the City:
 - The Path Training on Indigenous people
 - Community Safety and Wellbeing governance
 - Anti-racism strategy
- Trying to establish Communications protocols

Royal Ottawa Hospital:

- Creating Pathways into the ROH
- Establishing an Indigenous "Act Team"

Children's Aid Society of Ottawa:

- Executive Director Circle

United Way of Eastern Ontario:

- Honouring Indigenous Data and Research
- Financial Literacy Project
- Indigenous Youth Employment Table



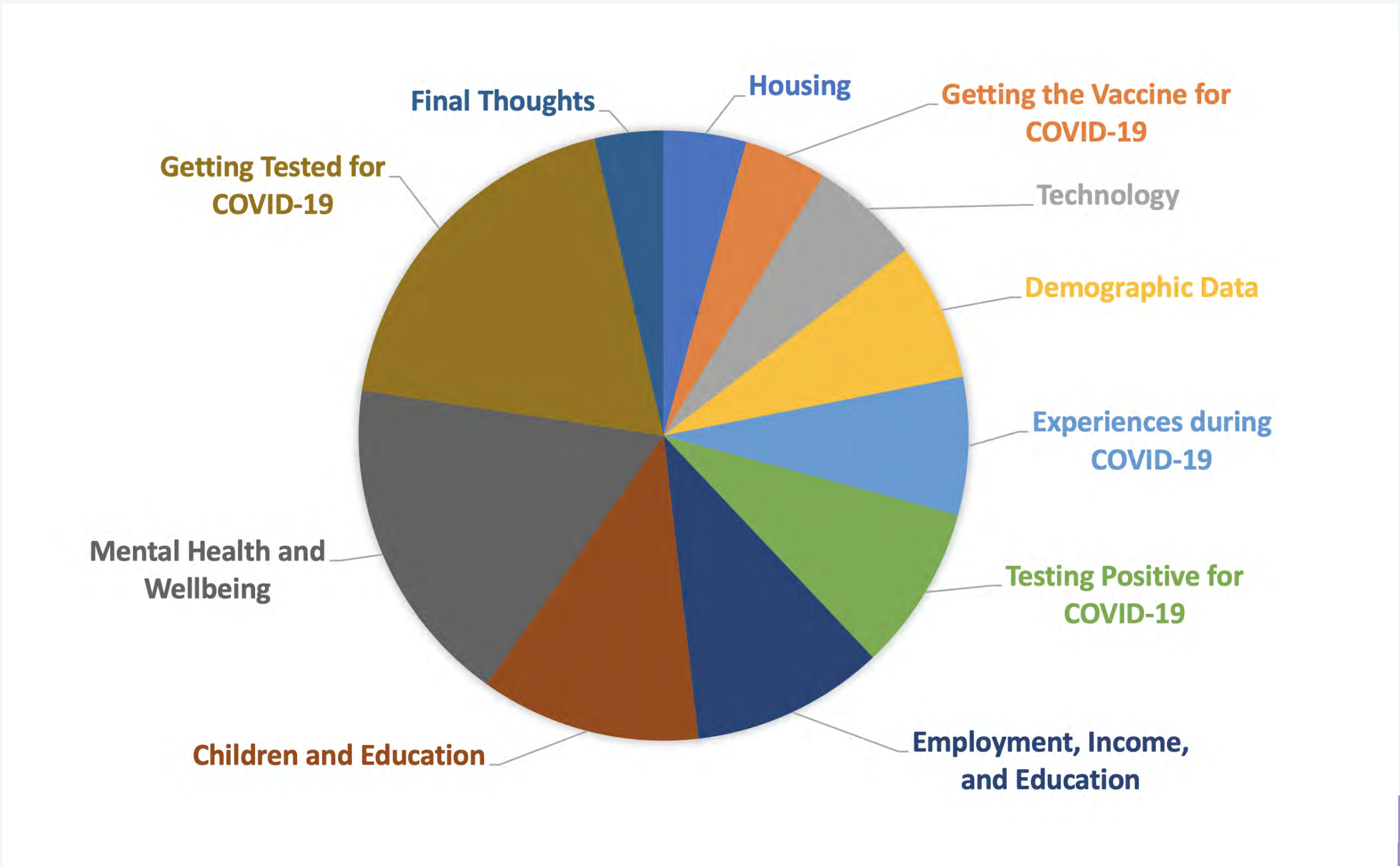
COVID-19 Research:

- 1. Committee established and met weekly
- 2. Hired Researchers
- 3. 3 Streams of research:
 - a) What happened to the Indigenous community in Ottawa?
 - b) What happened to Indigenous service organizations?
 - c) Comparing our local experience to the national experiences.

Key Partners:

- Ottawa Public Health
- Ottawa University
- Royal Ottawa Hospital

COVID-19 Survey Overview



OCTOBER - DECEMBER

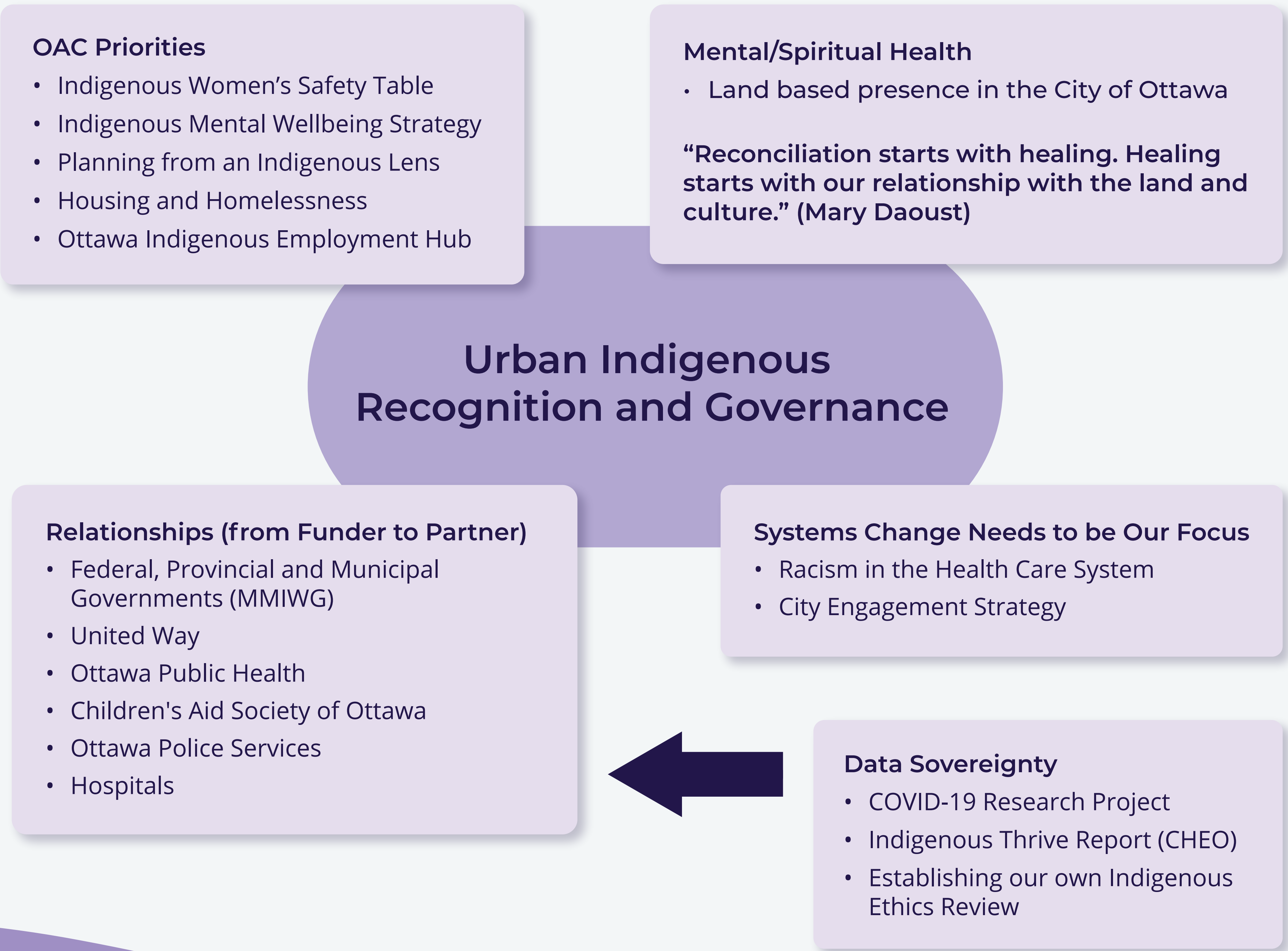
Funding for COVID-19 Supports:

- City of Ottawa
- Ministry of Indigenous Affairs
- Ottawa Public Health

Growth of Urban Indigenous Coalitions:

- Provincial Coalition (5 other cities in Ontario)
- National (36 cities across Canada)

Current Priorities



COVID-19 PANDEMIC 2021

JANUARY - MAY

COVID-19 Money:

- Distributed through OAC to organizations

Research:

- Ethics Review approved
- Surveys out
- Weekly Committee meetings

Elders:

- Monthly lunches and wellness care

OAC establishes the Indigenous Women's Safety Table:

- Women and Gender Equality fund the committee
- Four Working Groups:
 - 1. Police
 - 2. Residential Services
 - 3. Housing and Homelessness
 - 4. Health and Wellbeing

Indigenous Women's Safety Table

1. Police Working Group
 - Shared position with OPS
 - App
 - Intervention Ticket
2. Residential Services
 - Larga Baffin
 - Environmental Scan
3. Housing and Homelessness
 - Indigenous Framework
 - Current and new housing builds for Indigenous women
4. Mental Health
 - Family Treatment Centre – Operations and Capital



JUNE

Kamloops Children Unmarked Burial Grounds:

- Sacred Fire
- Sunrise ceremony
- Elder support



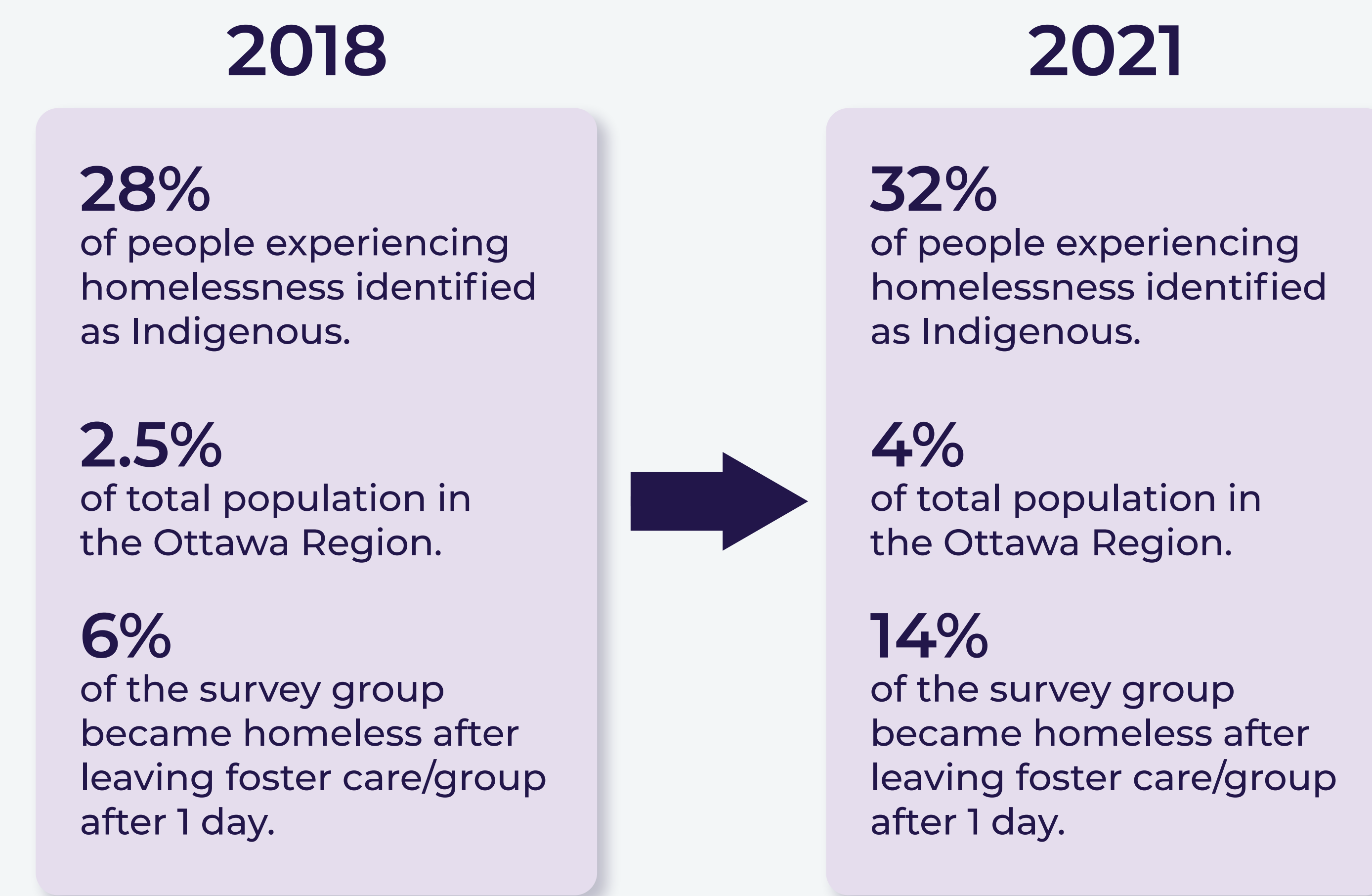
APRIL - JUNE

IWST - Business Case for Family Healing Lodge

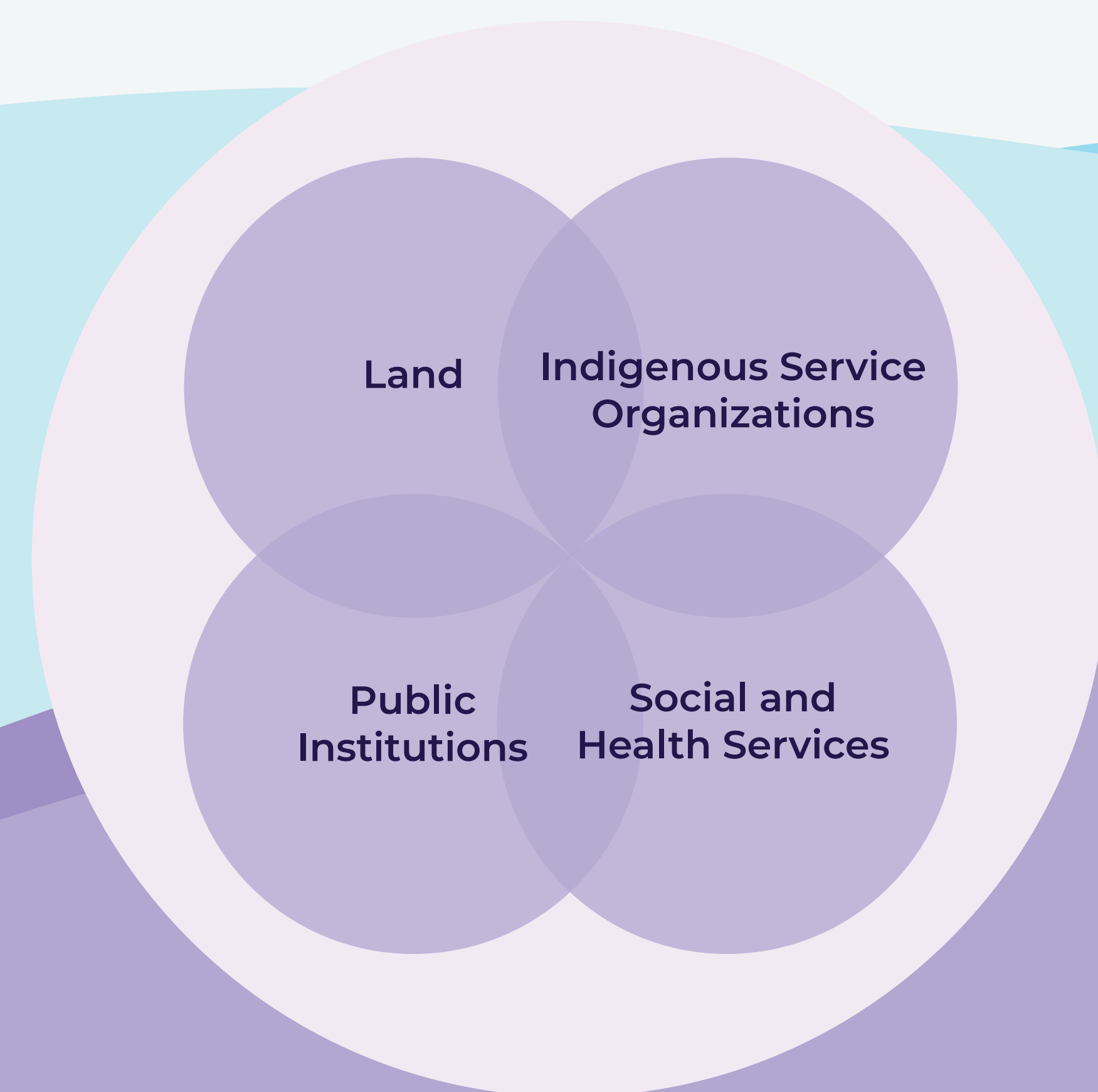
IWST Police Working Group:

- OPS supports a liaison position between the OAC and OPS

Telling the Story of the 2021 Homeless Point in Time Count



Indigenous Mental Wellbeing Strategy



OAC COMING OUT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC 2022

JANUARY TO MARCH

Ottawa becomes Occupied

- Appropriation of culture and promotion of division in our Ottawa community.



Accumulated Grief and Distress after Two Years



APRIL - JUNE

Land:

- Resiliency
- Tree campaign to stop the cutting of the trees for the new Ottawa Hospital.

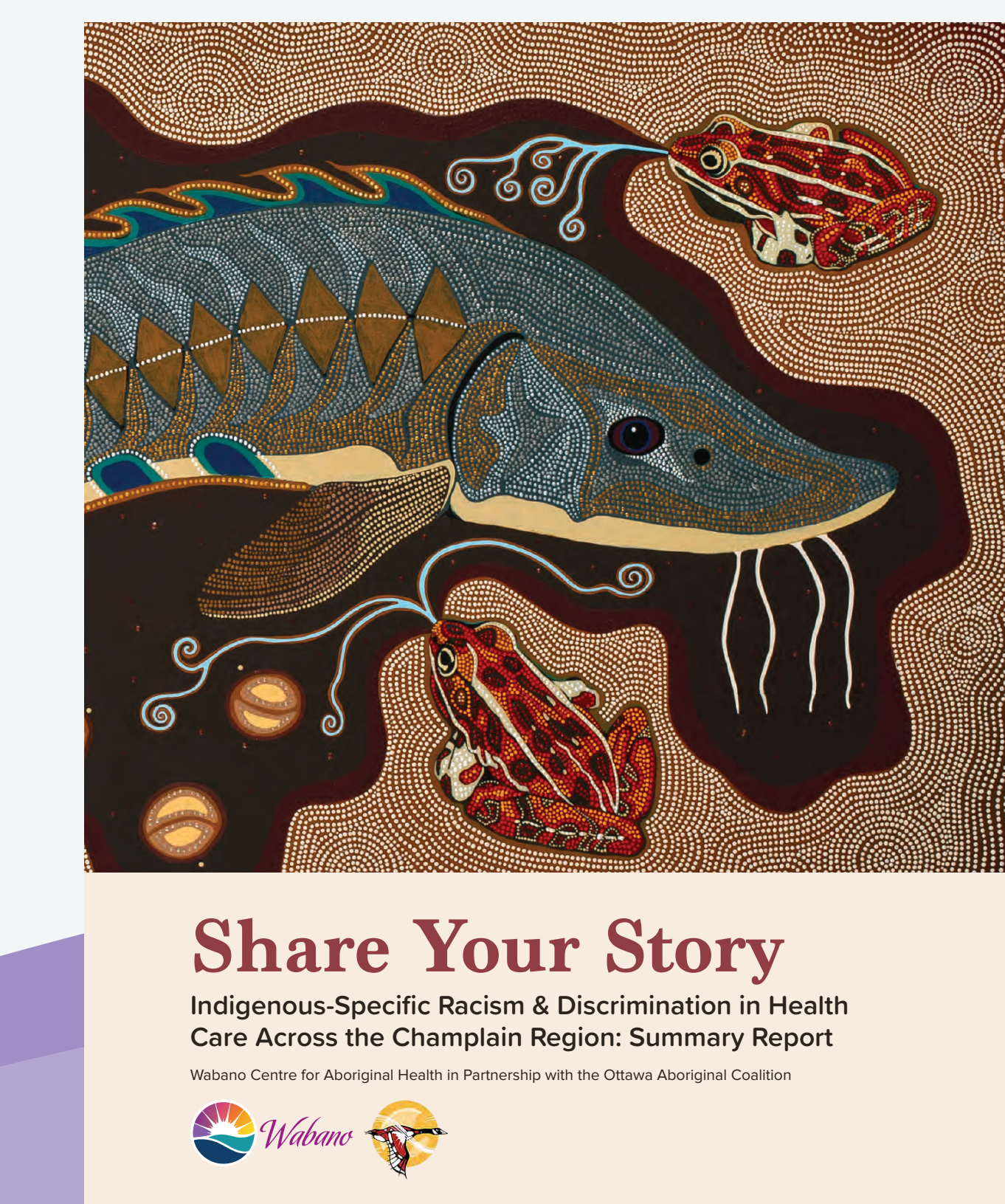


OAC Employment Hub:

- Life Skills and Employment Readiness
- Matching Indigenous community members with employers.
- Strengthening the OAC Indigenous community's workforce.
- Building Employers Capacity
- Framework

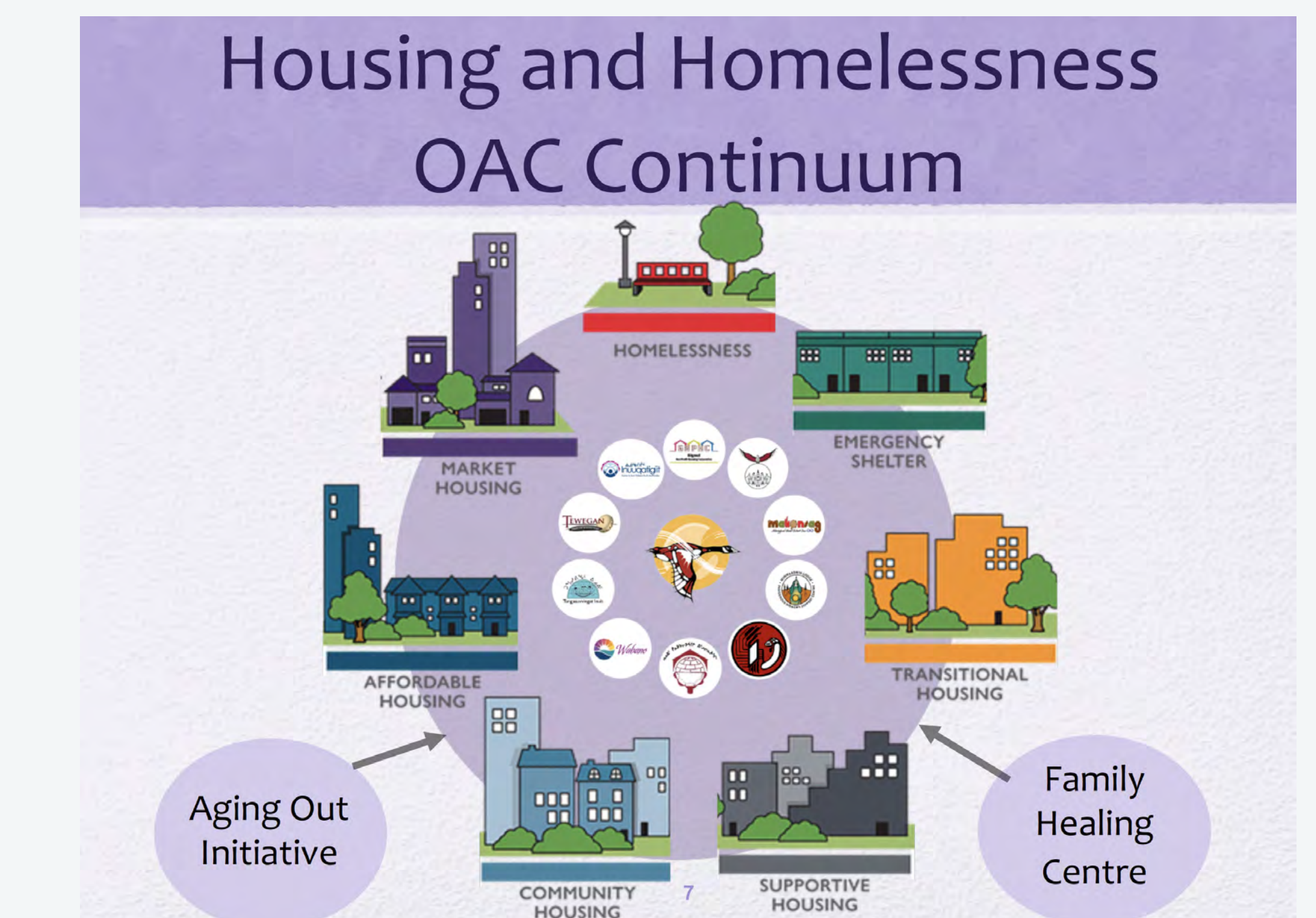
Share Your Story – Institutional Racism in the Health Care System:

- Wabano release of the research
- Meeting with all hospital CEOs



JULY TO NOVEMBER

Building a Housing and Homelessness Strategy



Career Fair

OAC FRAMEWORK

