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Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

To Create a Safe, Secure and Thriving Downtown





Diverse & Unlikely Relationships: Police-led, Cross-Sectoral



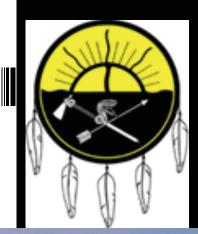
Recognize & build on pre existing strengths



Address all socio-economic groups



Build momentum through action research



## Serpent River First Nation: Community Economic Opportunities Project



#### What worked?

- Strong Community Leadership
- Building on community's cultural values & strengths
- Leveraging community credibility through university affiliation
- Expanding/revising mandate of existing organization (EDC)

# A Framework for Community-University Policy Influence

Relationships

- Cross-sectoral
- Long term
- New/unlikely

Leadership

- Multiple
- Rooted in culture
- Organizational

Community Engagement

- Community driven
- Build momentum through action
- Elevating marginalized voices

#### University's Role

- Respecting local knowledge of issues & strategy
- Linking policy-makers with communities
- De-mystifying research & policy-making processes for communities
- Supporting community credibility through research evidence & dissemination
- Translating theory into practice through action research

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