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Phase 3 & the Manitoba Approach

- CDHPI Phase 3
 - Interviews with survivors of severe domestic violence and individuals close to someone killed within the context of domestic violence.
- The Manitoba Approach
 - An examination of gender-based violence in the Prairies (and Canada more broadly) must take into account the unique circumstances of Indigenous women, girls, families, and communities.
 - Engaging in research with Indigenous communities and organizations is the right thing to do.
 - Congruency with the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
 - In order to conduct research that is methodologically sound, culturally responsive, and safe, Indigenous communities and organizations must be engaged fully and authentically throughout the entire research process.

Guiding Principles

- Relationships, Relationality, & Collaboration
 - Participation from Indigenous community agencies from various regions in Manitoba.
 - Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre (Angie Hutchinson)
 - Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre (Diane Redsky and Jacquie Leader)
 - Circling Buffalo (Sharon Mason)
 - Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (Hilda Anderson-Pyrz)
 - Wahbung Abinoonjiiag (Dana Riccio-Arabe)
 - Alternating the notion of “research subjects” to a collaborative partnership
 - Principle of reciprocity
 - Honouring and acknowledging survivors as co-creators
- Strength-Based Focus
 - Highlight the resilience and expertise of Indigenous individuals and communities
- Trauma-Informed Approaches
- Research as Sacred Stories (not “data”)

Phase 3 Launch

- September 25, 2019
- Hosted by Wahbung Abinoonjiiag
- Elder Belinda Vandebroek offered a prayer to open the launch
- Speakers:
 - Angie Hutchinson
 - Hilda Anderson-Pyrz
 - Sharon Mason
 - Jenny Lay and Gorete Rodriques (survivors)
 - RESOLVE





Opening Ceremony

- November 25, 2019
- Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) hosted the Opening Ceremony in Thompson, MB
- Grandmother Marie Ballantyne performed a Pipe Ceremony and offered a prayer to open phase 3 of the CDHPI in a good way
- Grand Chief Garrison Settee was in attendance at the Opening Ceremony
- Feast with Indigenous partners, community members, and RESOLVE staff

Trauma-Informed Approaches

- Ongoing consultation with Indigenous partners about trauma-informed approaches toward interviewing survivors
- Recruitment
 - Importance of relationships
 - Indigenous community partners have pre-existing relationships with survivors.
 - Spirit of Peace Program, Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre
 - Informal presentations about the CDHPI and participation in an interview
- Interviews
 - Care plans for participants before, during, and after interviews
 - Availability of an Indigenous interviewer
 - Focus on in-person interviews (pre-COVID)
 - Plans to interview survivors in northern Manitoba

Indigenous Survivors in Manitoba

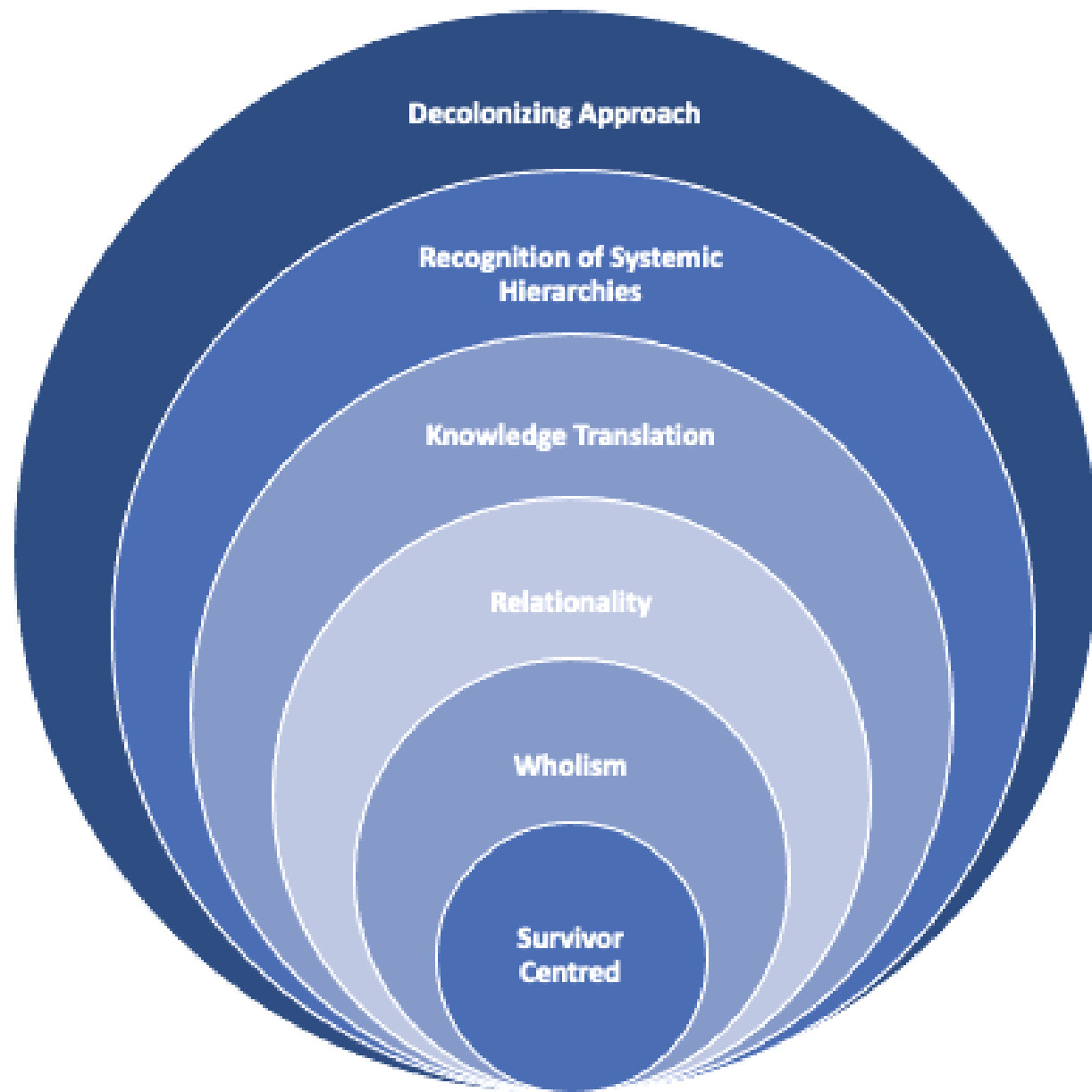
- 17 Indigenous participants in Manitoba
 - 16 survivors
 - 1 individual close to someone killed within the context of IPV
 - 5 of the 17 Indigenous participants also identified that they live in a rural, remote, or northern location





Honoring Survivors

- Chantal Daniels (Red Cedar Gifts) created medicine bags that included sage and a tobacco tie
- Angie Hutchinson smoked her pipe with the gifts and said a prayer for those who contributed to the study
- These gifts were given to Indigenous survivors in Manitoba as a way to honour their stories
- Indigenous Community partners in Manitoba, RESOLVE, and CDHPI Principal Investigators also received a medicine bag



Data Analysis Framework



Future Plans

- Closing Ceremony – summer 2021
- Data analysis
- Collaborative analytic process (Indigenous partners & RESOLVE)
- Publications and presentations

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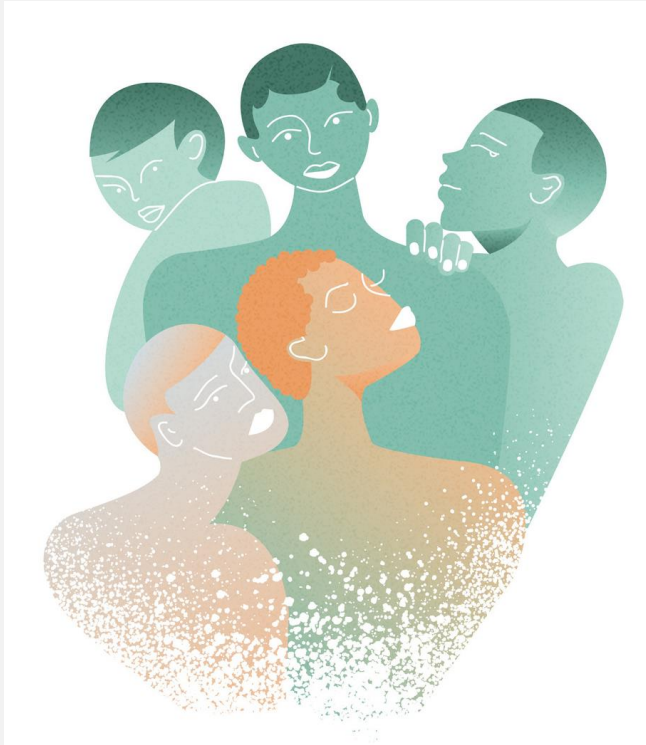
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