

Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council





**Nia:Wen, Marsee, Miigwech,
Ay Ay, Yawλ'ko, Qujannamiik,
Thank You**

**To Our Council Members
For Their Leadership,
Vision & Collective
Resiliency.**



INDIGENOUS TORONTO





80,000+

(WLH)

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

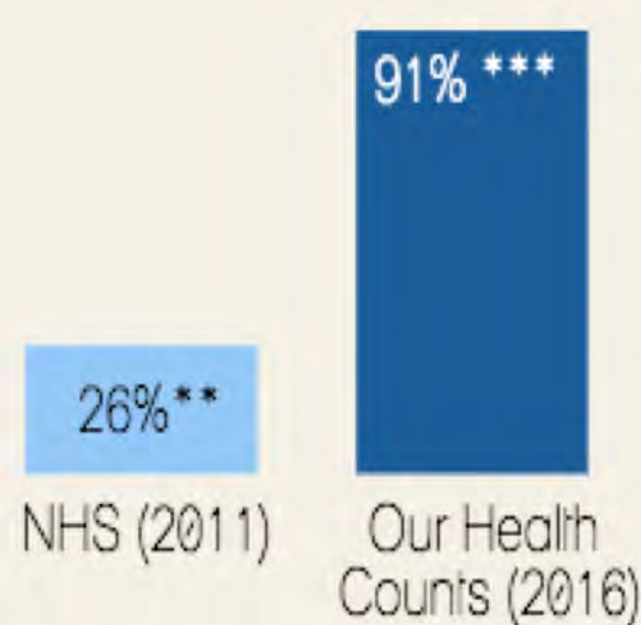
2020

373,395 Indigenous People in **Ontario**, 2.8% of the Population (2016)

Ontario has **Largest** Indigenous Population in **Canada** (2016)

Toronto has the Largest Population in **Ontario** at 70,000+ (WLH) – Stats Can (46,315)

Over **90%** of Toronto's Indigenous population lives below the (before tax) Low Income Cut-Off (LICO)



When a family spends 20% more (of their total income) than the average family on food, shelter, and clothing.

Why is the study so successful?

- ✓ Strong social networks within Toronto's Indigenous community.
- ✓ Indigenous community staff and leading organizations are experts and have skills necessary for respectful and relevant Indigenous community engagement.

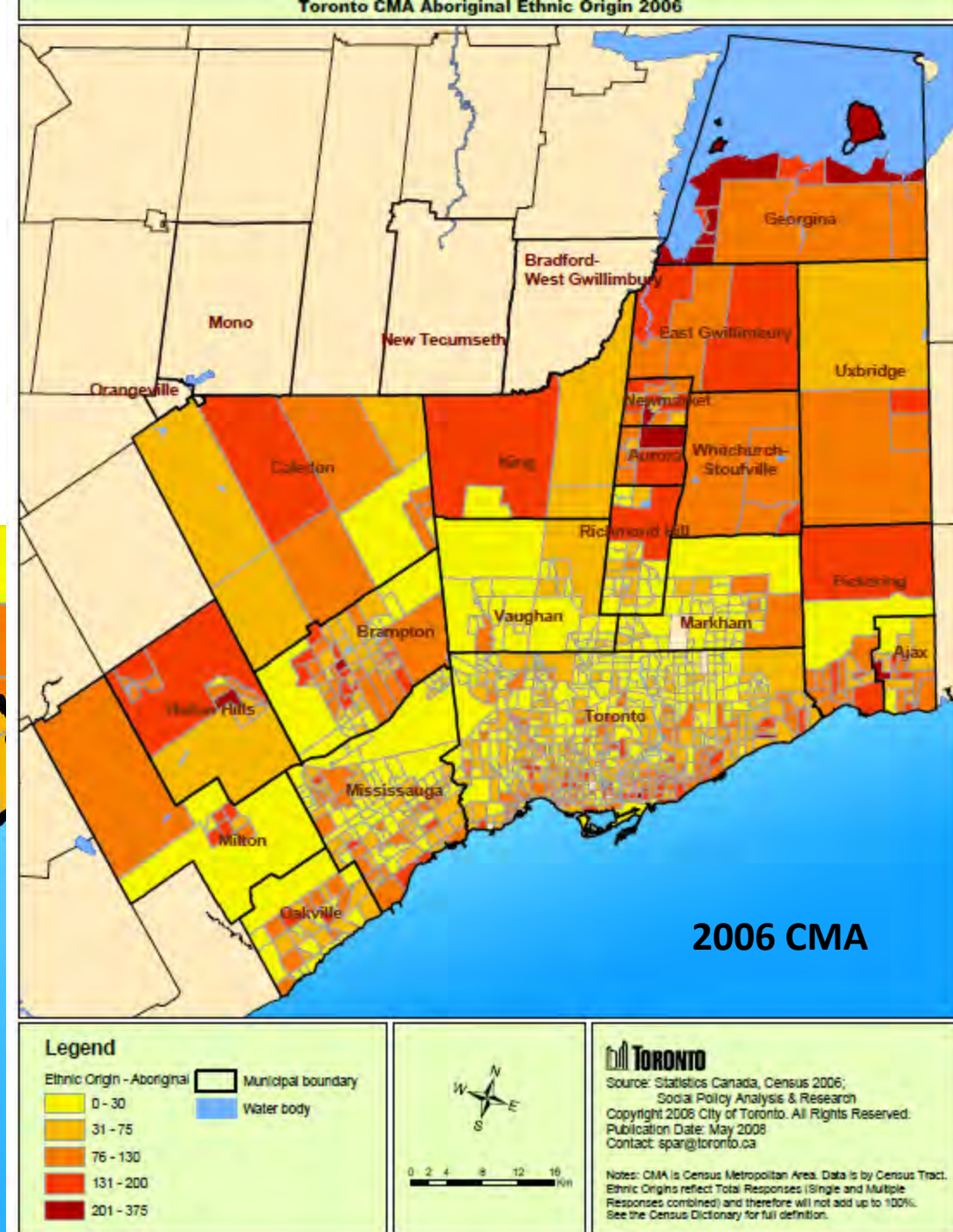
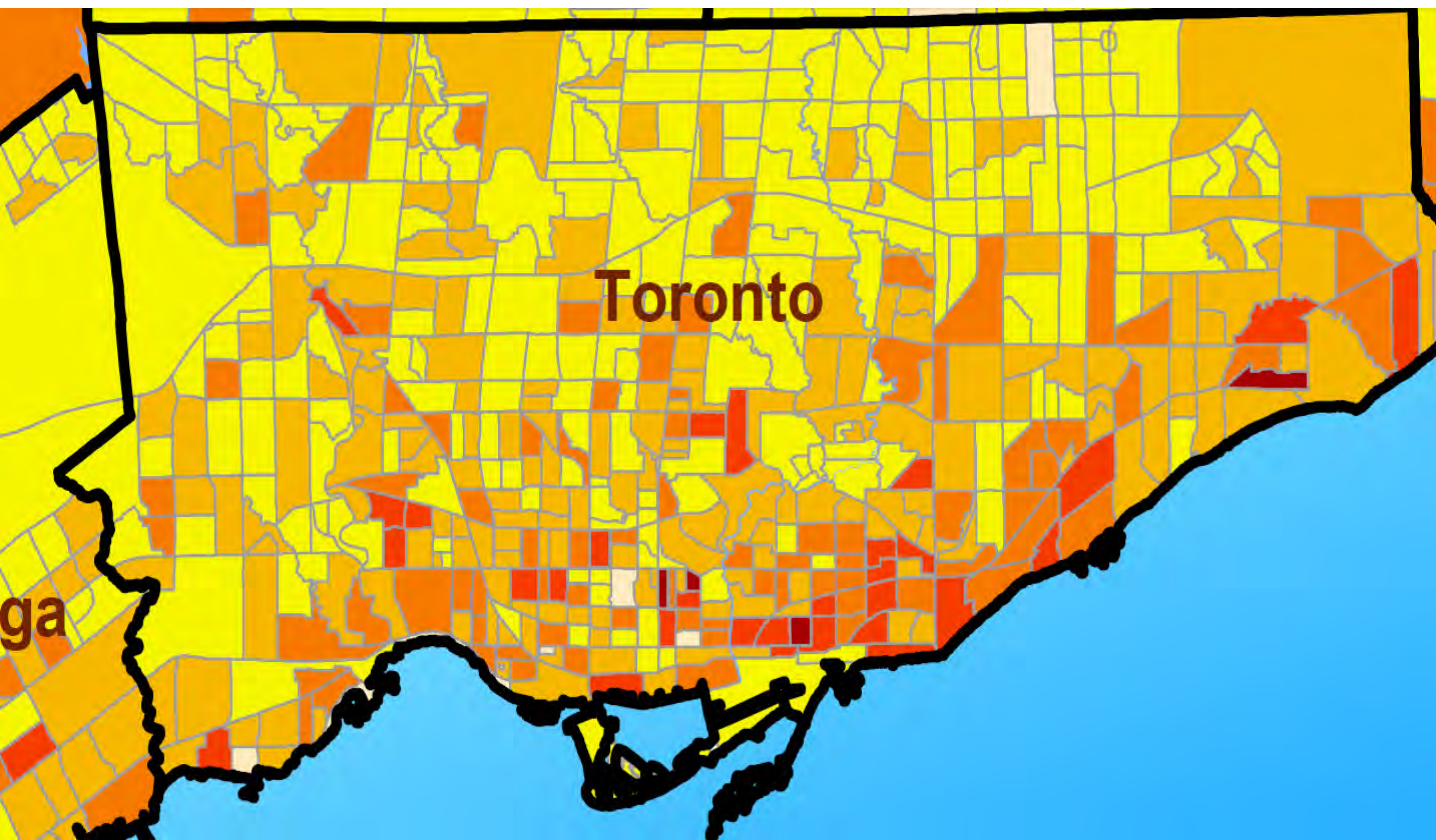
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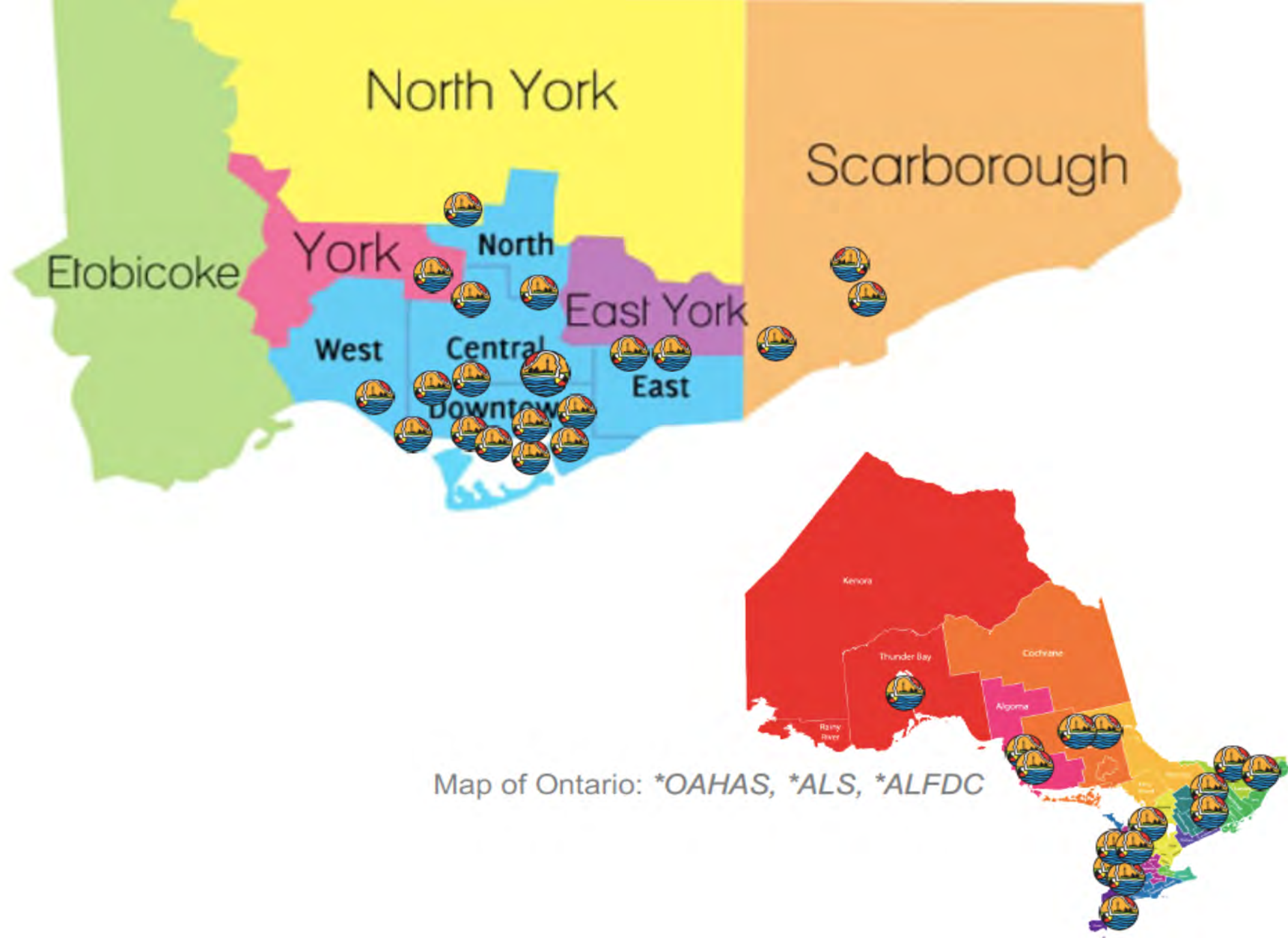
Interim Report May 2016

Seventh Generation Midwives Toronto | Well Living House, St. Michael's Hospital



Where Are Toronto's Indigenous People?





Map of Ontario: *OAHAS, *ALS, *ALFDC

ABOUT US



MANDATE

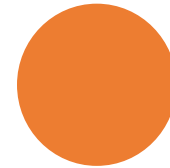
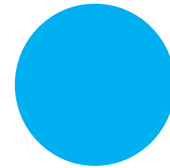
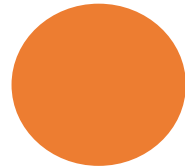


MISSION



VISION

TASSC is a leading not-for-profit research, policy, and advocacy organization that addresses the social determinants of health to improve and enhance the socio-economic prospects and cultural well-being of Aboriginal peoples living in the City of Toronto.



To build a healthy and vibrant environment while increasing the capacity of Aboriginal people to create a self-sufficient community in Toronto. To guide future generations as strong carriers of Aboriginal culture while achieving socio-economic success.



Our Story



- TASSC is the successor organization to an informal group of Aboriginal executives called the Toronto Aboriginal Social Services Association (TASSA).
- Established in the mid-1990s, TASSA met to collectively raise the issues of Aboriginal peoples in the City of Toronto and to share information across organizations.
- In 2009, TASSA commissioned the Toronto Aboriginal Research Project (TARP) Report, the largest and most comprehensive study ever conducted of Aboriginal peoples in Toronto.
- In May 2011, TASSA incorporated and became TASSC, a name more suited to the services TASSC's member organizations provide.



MEMBERS





1. 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations
2. Aboriginal Legal Services
3. ANDPVA/Arts Indigena
4. Gabriel Dumont Non-Profit Homes Inc.
5. Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre
6. Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment and Training
7. Native Canadian Centre of Toronto
8. Na-Me-Res (Native Men's Residence)
9. Native Child and Family Services of Toronto
10. Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto
11. Nishnawbe Homes Inc.
12. Thunder Woman Healing Lodge Society
13. Toronto Inuit Association
14. Wigwamen Incorporated
15. Urban Indigenous Education Centre – TDSB
16. Aboriginal Labour Force Development Circle
17. Toronto and York Region Métis Council
18. Ontario Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Strategy





SUPPORTS





**Individual &
Family
Well-Being**



**Poverty
Reduction**



**Homelessness
& Affordable
Housing**



**Decent Work
& Leadership
Development**



**Education
(Throughout
the Life Cycle)**



**Social Justice
& Justice**



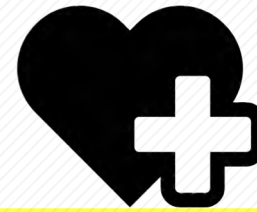
Child Welfare



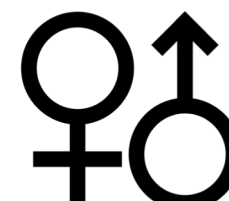
**TRC
Reconciliation**



Arts & Media



Health



2S LGBTQ



**Mental Health
& Addictions**



**Employment &
Economic
Development**



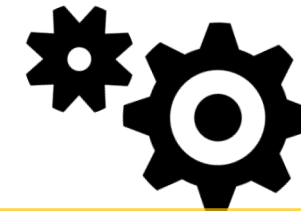
**Cultural &
Land**



**Sector & Cross
Governmental
Relationships**



**Funding
Reform &
Resources**



**Better
Systems
Coordination**

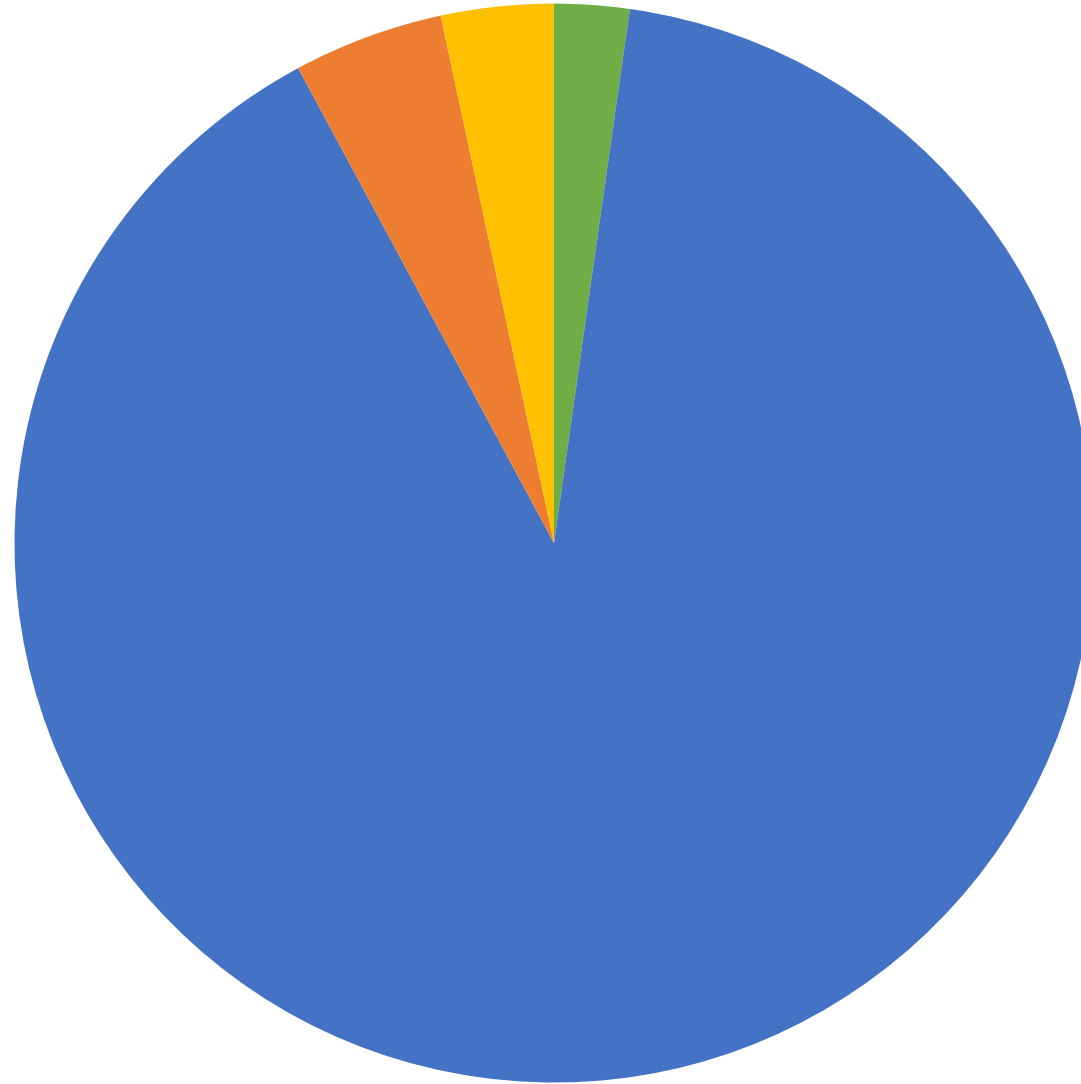


**Public
Awareness**

TASSC FUNDING



TASSC FUNDING SOURCES BY TYPE

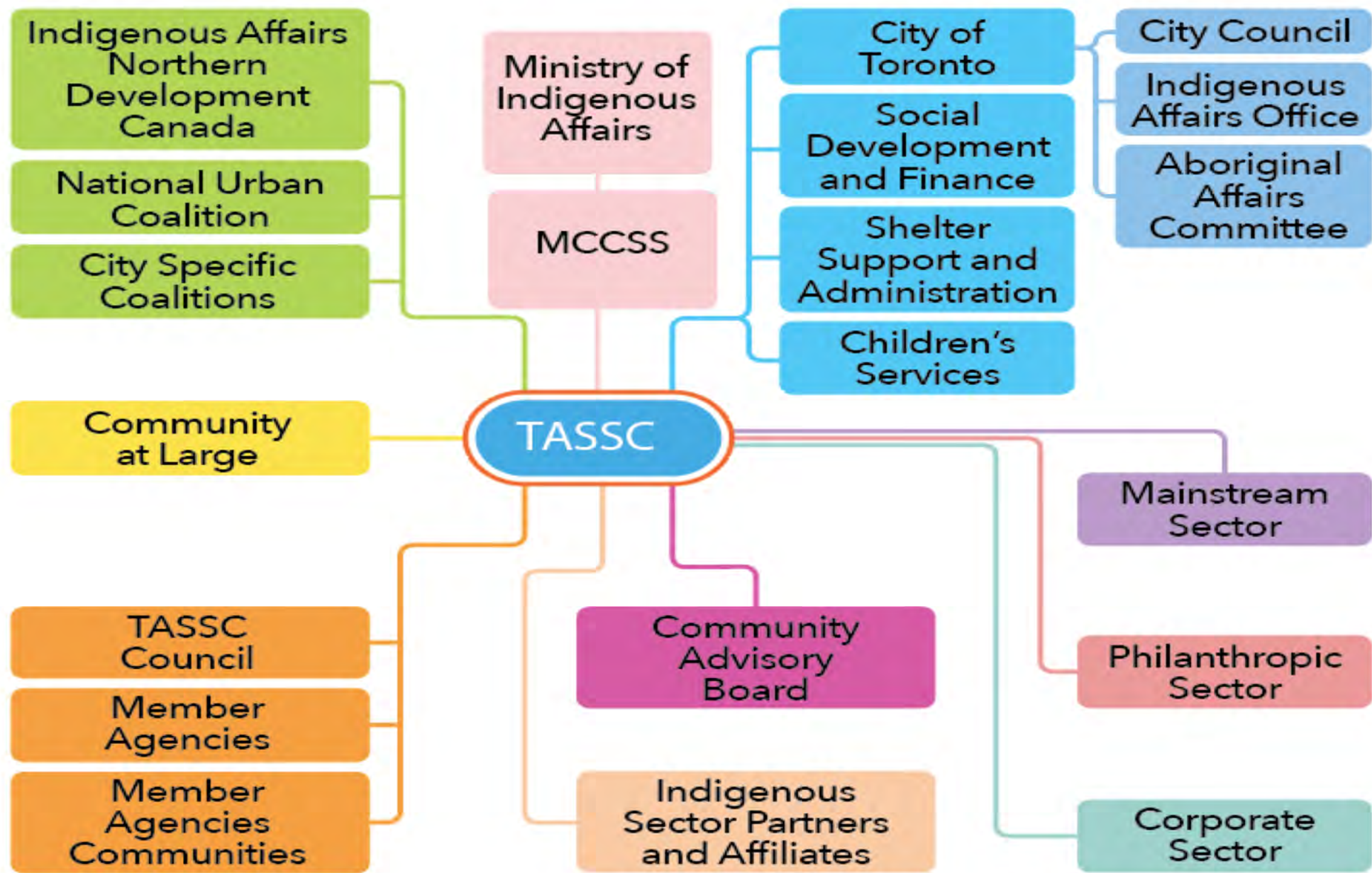


■ FOUNDATIONS/PRIVATE ■ FEDERAL ■ PROVINCIAL ■ MUNICIPAL



RELATIONSHIPS

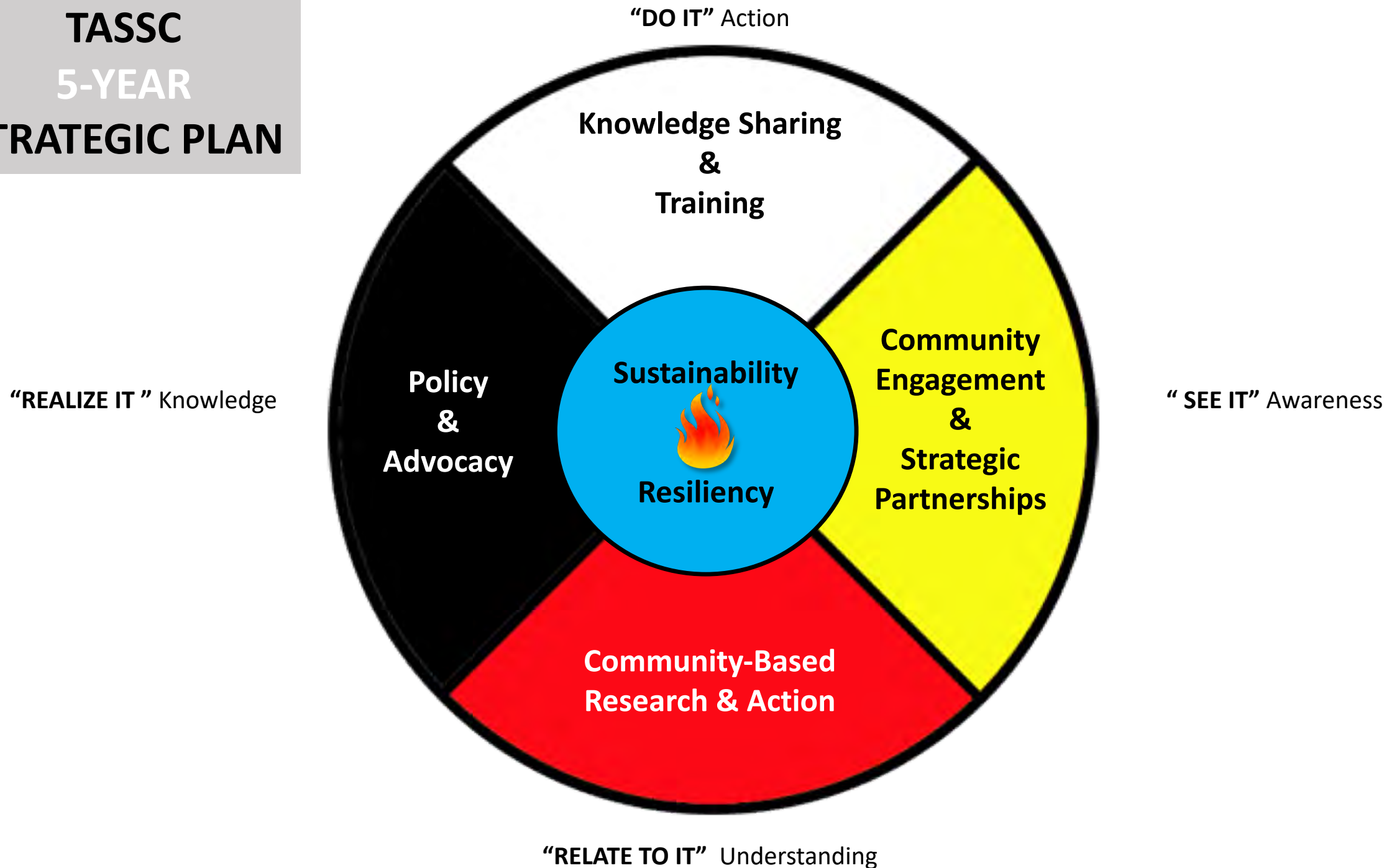




STRATEGIC PLAN



TASSC
5-YEAR
STRATEGIC PLAN



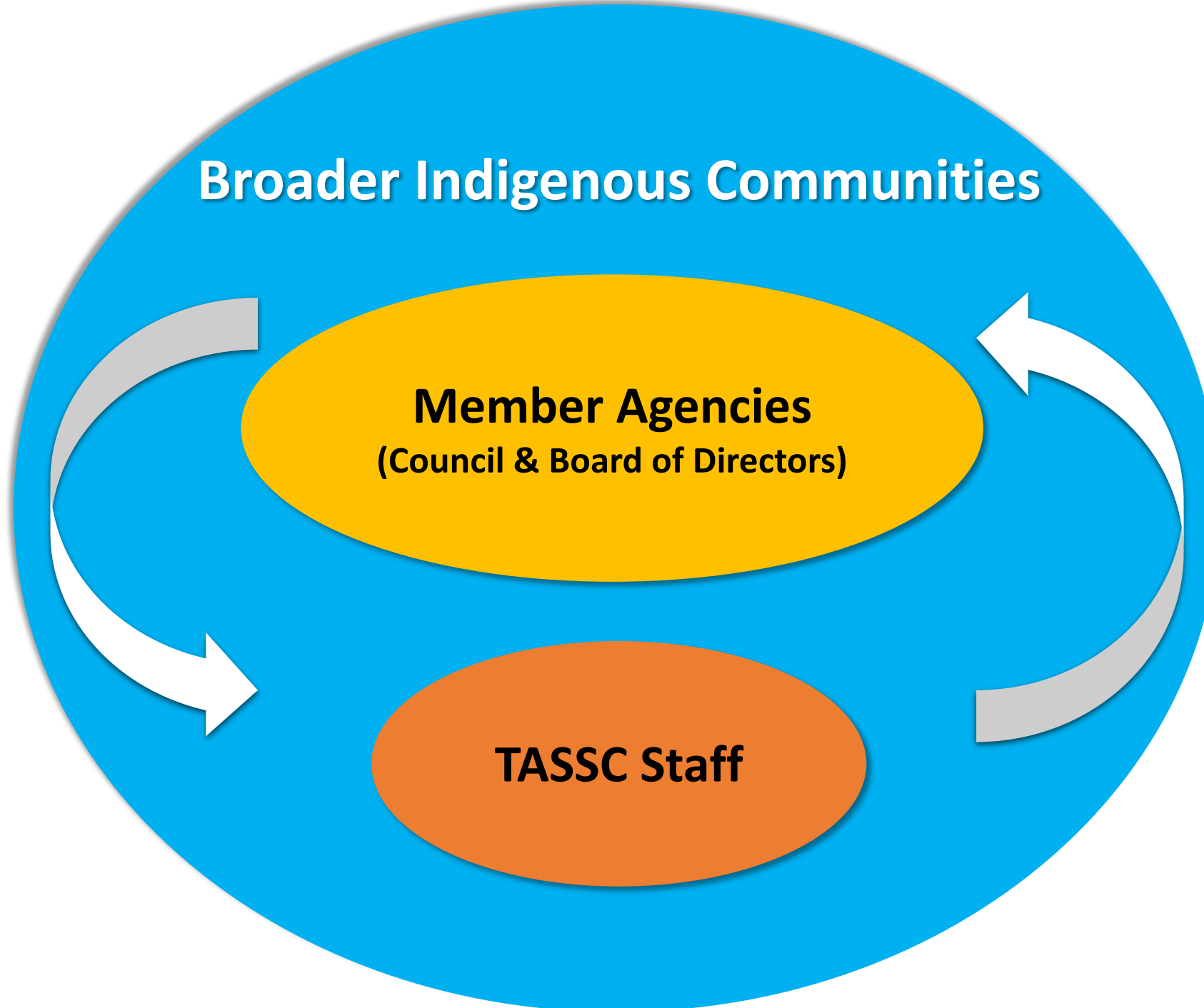
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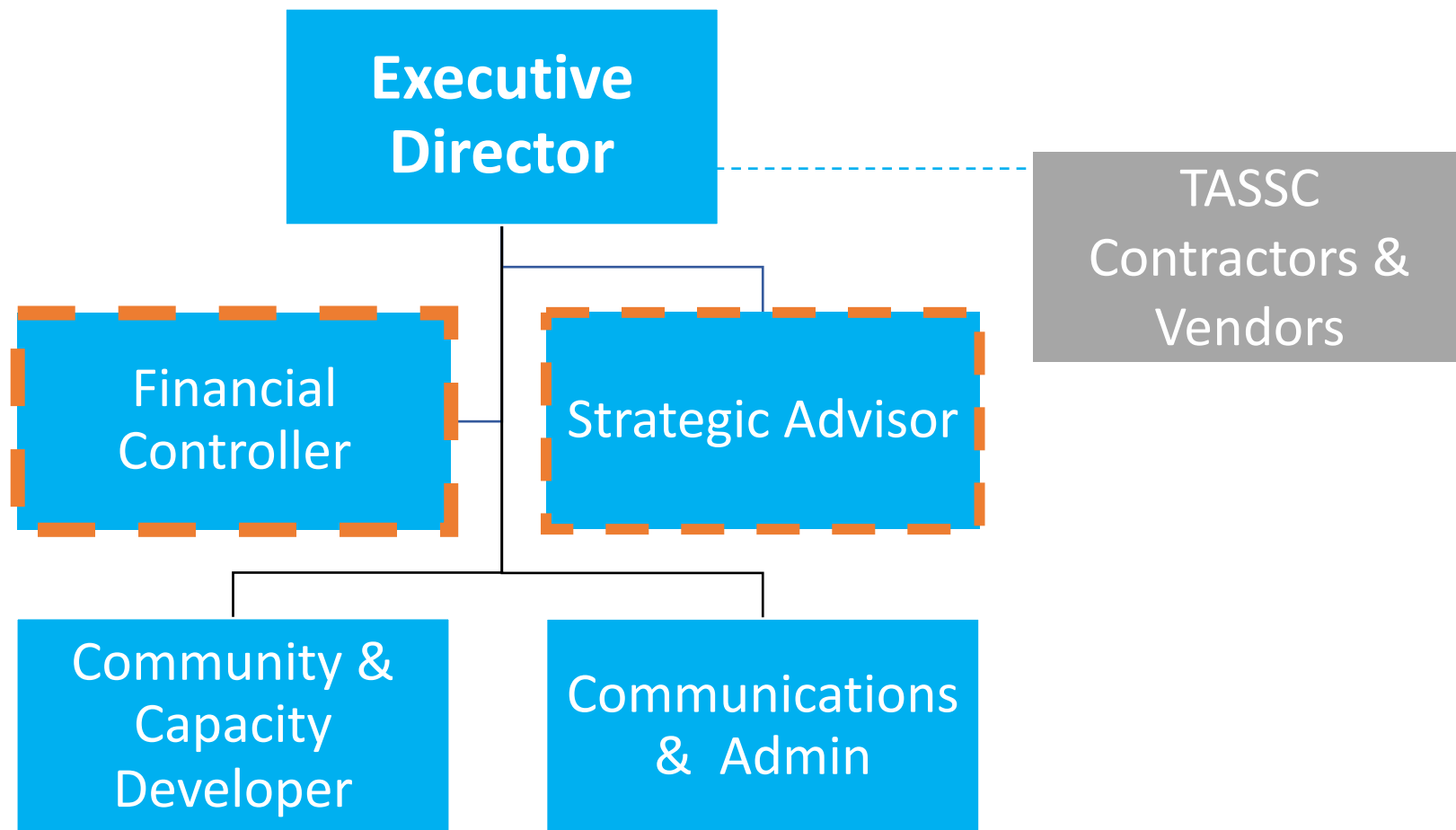
Governance Model

- Consensus Based
- 18 Voting Members and 2 Non-Voting (Associate Members)
- Board, Council and Exec are Made up of the Executive Directors of each Agency
- Priorities are Determined and Driven by the Community and Leadership





TASSC COUNCIL BOARD of DIRECTORS





CURRENT INITIAITVES



COVID 19



Communique March 23

**\$10MM In Relief
Funds Raised to Date**

Multiple Proposals Submitted

Multiple Stakeholders Engaged

Several Advocacy Efforts

Non-Stop Social Media

**10+ New Partners
30+ Meetings over 15 Weeks**

**1000's of Community
Members Served**







TIA



The Circle Grew Stronger

**Resulted in
over 150
Community
Calls and
Emails**

FOOD SUPPORTS



Council Fire Native Cultural Centre:
Daily Meals To Go & Food Supports



Native Child & Family Services of Toronto:
Food Hampers



2-Spirited People of the First Nations:
Food Supports

TIA



Toronto Inuit Association: Food Supports

Gabriel Dumont Homes:
Food Supports for Residents



Native Canadian Centre of Toronto:
Lunches To Go and Hampers

***Disclaimer: Subject to change
More updates to come soon!***

**FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES & SUPPORTS
CONTACT SUPPORT@TASSC.CA OR 647.957.8372**

Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council Member Agencies have been working together to ensure that Indigenous and Non-Indigenous community members are safe and have their basic needs met during this time. Below is a map of the general areas that agencies have been using to ensure best coverage to meet the most need.



LEGEND

**TORONTO INUIT
ASSOCIATION & 2 SPIRITED
PEOPLE OF THE 1ST NATION**
Covering ALL Wards

NCFST – Native Child &
Family Services of Toronto

GDNPH- Gabriel Dumont
Non-Profit Homes Inc.

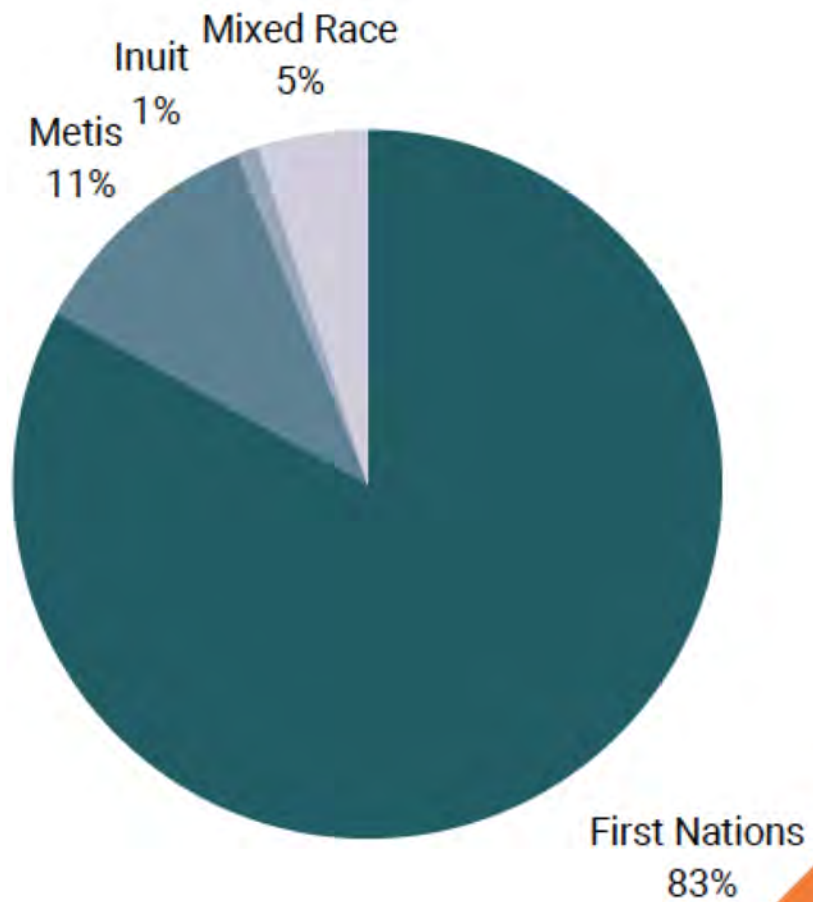
NWRCT- Native Women's
Resource Centre of Toronto

COUNCIL FIRE- Toronto
Council Fire Native Cultural
Centre



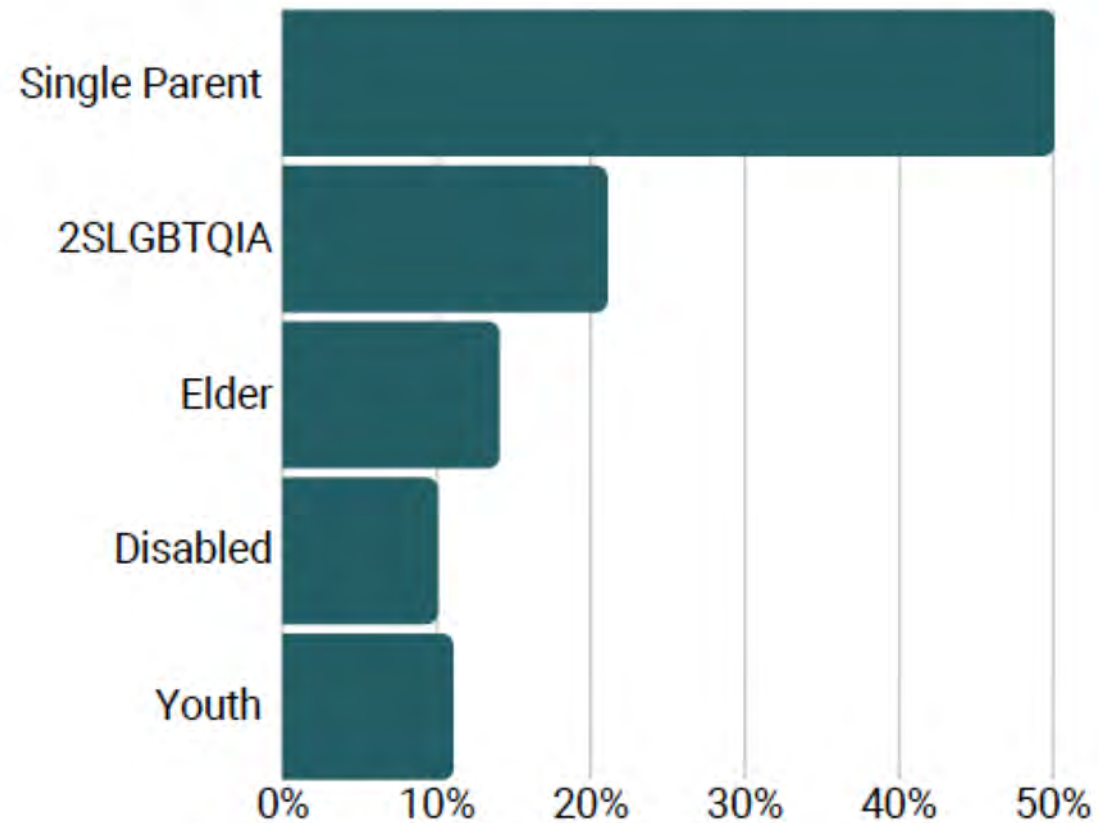
Ethnicity Overview 08

ETHNICITY OVERVIEW FOR MARCH TO APRIL 2020



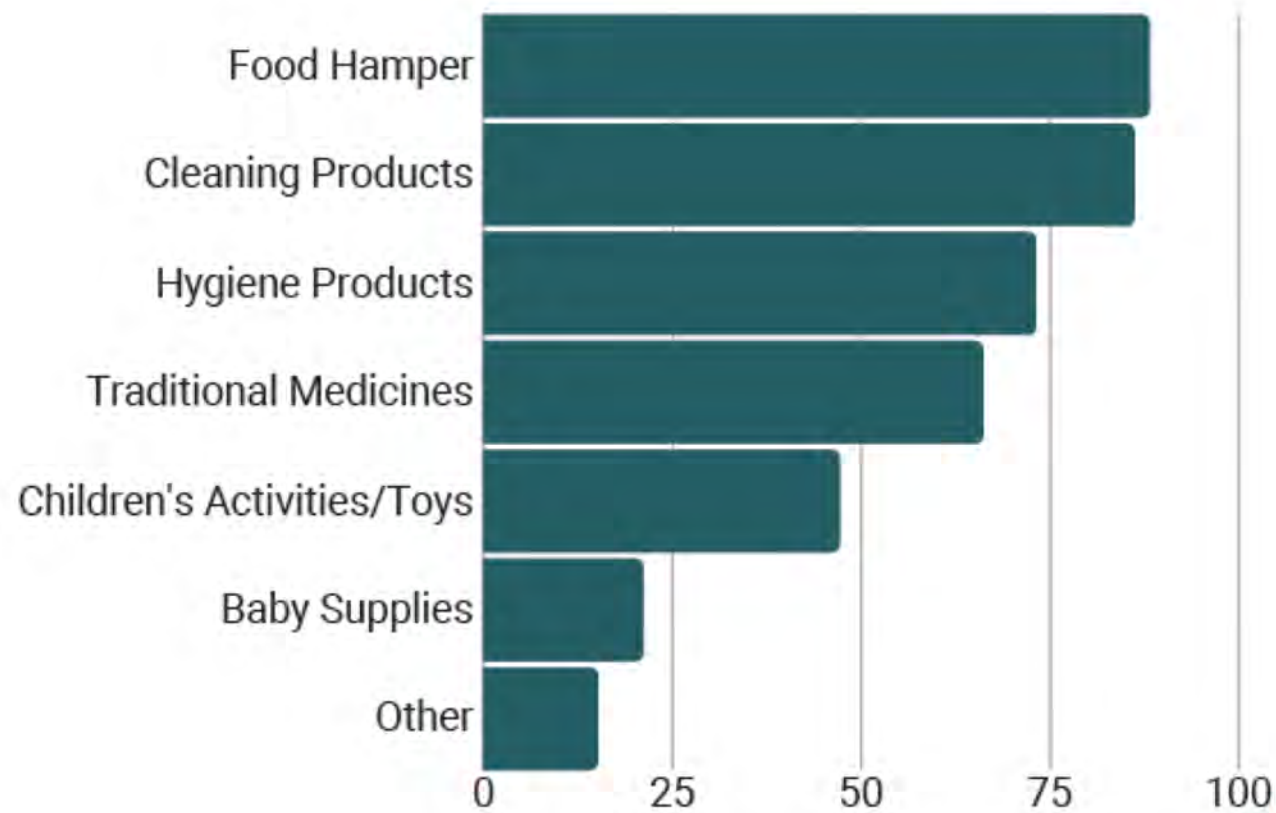
Identity Overview 09

IDENTITY OVERVIEW FOR MARCH TO APRIL 2020

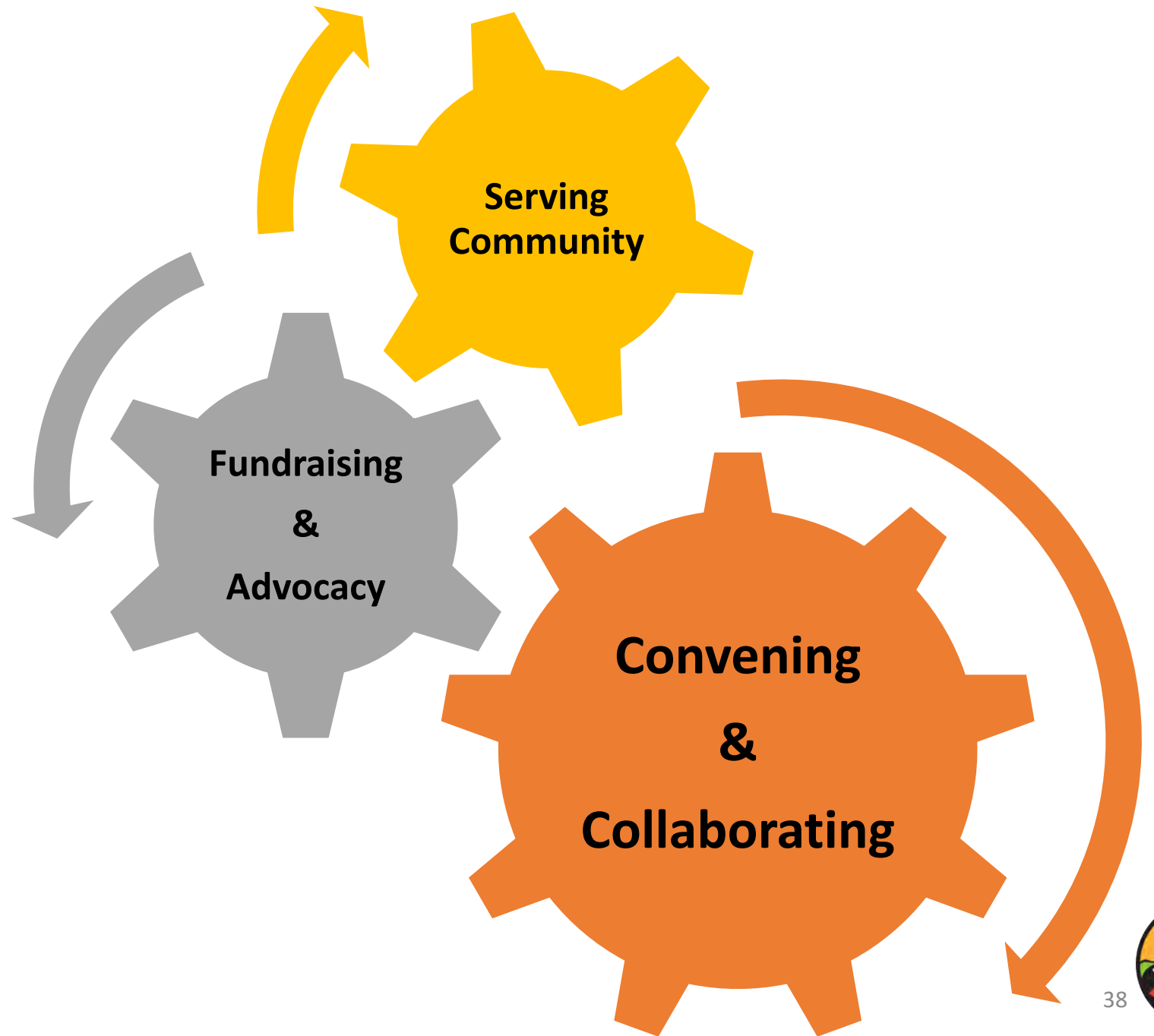


Support Requested 12

SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR MARCH TO APRIL 2020



WHAT WE ARE DOING





**We Advocate and
Elevate Our
Collective Voice**

TORONTO ABORIGINAL SUPPORT SERVICES COUNCIL (TASSC)

HOW THE CITY OF TORONTO CAN SUPPORT TASSC'S COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE STRATEGY



Include TASSC representation at all City of Toronto Tables

Support a funding strategy that considers/includes an Indigenous set-aside for City of Toronto projects/investments



Establish an Indigenous specific COVID-19 Assessment Centre site

Support funding for TASSC as a central coordinating body in Toronto



18

TASSC MEMBER AGENCIES

100%

TASSC AGENCIES CONTINUE SERVING COMMUNITY

80,000

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE LIVE IN THE CITY OF TORONTO

\$10M

NEEDED IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUNDS, AND TO RESTORE REASONABLE BASIC OPERATIONS



We Came Together. We Shared Ideas, Resources and Hope.













**2 SPIRITS:
COMMUNITY
KITCHEN
FOOD BANK
DELIVERY!
CALL:
437.249.6837**





“Working with our TASSC partners in the collective effort to address the challenges Indigenous people face is inspiring the TYRMC to explore new paths to reach and provide assistance to our most marginalized Métis.”

- TYRMC



“I feel that this [pan]demic has shown the public and governmental agencies the importance of our work as community prevention/outreach workers. In light of all the negativity felt throughout this ongoing [pan]demic, I hope our government will take corrective measures to prevent inadequate funding for basic necessities and promote efforts to improve the standard of living for their citizens.”

- OAHAS



The assistance we receive is very much appreciated. It is also heart warming to know the community has thought of our family during this tumultuous time. I send many Miigwetchs to the people who made this happen.

- NCCT Participant



Wigwamen has delivered over 1,000+ meals to Seniors as well as meals, food hampers (Approx. 280+ boxes).

NWRC and TWHLS offered supports and hotels for women and children fleeing violence and those being released from incarceration.

2-Spirits and TIA has ramped up virtual engagement and offers food delivery across the city.

NCFST has delivered 1000's of Hampers city-wide.

UIEC supported students and families with food and other supports.

OAHAS amped up street outreach and harm reduction supports and supplies.

Council Fire provides over 300+ meals daily and virtual programming.

NaMeRes advocated to open an Indigenous testing site.

Nishnawbe Homes and Gabriel Dumont supported residents with food security and more. .

ANDPVA helped artists through Watch Parties.

TYRMC delivered Métis Youth Culture Kits to 70 Toronto & GTA

Wigwamen has delivered over 1,000+ meals to Seniors at Wigwamen Terrace, as well as meals, food hampers (Approx. 280+ boxes).

ALS supported community through food and other supports.





*Thank
You*

FOR ALL YOU DO.



TASSC



- Recovery Planning
- Continued Changemaking
- Continued Collaboration
- Continued Advocacy
- Project Restarts
- New Initiatives
- Continued City Building
- Continued Unity
- Community Engagement
- Continued Support to Community

IMPORTANT

**WORK
AHEAD**



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