



<p><i>Vision Statement</i> <i>Healthy and resilient communities for children, youth, and families</i> The characteristics of a healthy, resilient community are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caring relationships • People participating and investing in their community • Safe and nurturing • Strength in the face of adversity • Good relationships among community service providers • People gather with purpose 	<p><i>Statement of Need</i> Based on our work in the community we know that families and individuals are requesting a less fragmented response in receiving support from the array of service providers they interact with. Human service providers do not often have the time, resources or skill set to conduct a deeper analysis of the population they serve, their community of interest, or to facilitate joint planning initiatives. Many residents are interested for gathering with a purpose. Many groups of people with common concerns, interests and goals are requesting support and assistance in achieving their vision. While they have passion they lack expertise in collaborative decision making and collaborative planning. They are often not able to access the range of data and information which would assist them to do their work effectively.</p>	<p><i>Strategies</i> MAPS will use a multi-pronged approach in assisting human service providers and residents to plan more effectively together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community mapping and collaborative planning utilizing the 5 phases of community mapping and collaborative planning developed by MAPS • Map making, creating community profiles • Support local and regional community mapping initiatives with admin support • Engage in collaborative planning processes as requested • Conduct community-based research • Improve access to socio demographic information and community profiles
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<p><i>Activities</i></p> <p><u>Engage in community mapping and collaborative planning utilizing community mapping processes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate the community mapping and planning process as requested by partnership groups • Make maps as requested by existing partnership groups engaged in collaborative planning • Update Edmonton Social Atlas and Regional Social Atlas as needed • Conduct community-based research • Update MAPS website • Update our census data files and maps as data becomes available • Create new and innovative methods of engaging residents in community mapping and planning • Update our technology so that our maps can be more interactive and accessible <p><u>Support local and regional initiatives with admin support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide funds for admin support to local community mapping and planning committees <p><u>Engage in collaborative planning processes and partnership enhancement processes as requested</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and facilitate collaborative planning processes as requested • Provide workshops in how to develop and maintain effective partnerships and related topics as requested <p><u>Leadership development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and facilitate workshops in collaboration, community engagement and community development • Host showcase event for exceptional work in collaborative planning and effective partnerships 	<p><i>Expected Outcomes</i></p> <p><u>Short Term</u> Participants are more informed about their communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants identify opportunities and course of action for greater collaboration • Participants identify barriers to greater collaboration and strategies to address these • Participants identify gaps in service and strategies to address these • Participants identify what is working well and strategies to build on these • Increased capacity for partnership within community <p><u>Mid Term</u> Participants have implemented strategies for greater collaboration at regional level Participants have implemented strategies for greater collaboration at local level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants have an increased understanding of gaps in services to children, youth and families • Participant’s relationships and partnerships are strengthened • Participants have developed an infrastructure for partnering • Participants engage in increased joint planning at regional level • Participants engage in increased joint planning at local level • Increased effectiveness in responding to needs of children, youth and families <p><u>Long Term</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children, youth, and families have improved access to services
<p><i>Indicators of Success</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants report they are more informed about their community of interest • A list of opportunities and associated course of action for greater collaboration developed • Joint planning initiatives are occurring regularly • Participants report that they have increased understanding of gaps in services • Participants report relationships and partnerships have been strengthened through collaboration 	