

First Nations Health Authority Health through wellness

Indigenous Community Perspectives: The Power of Data

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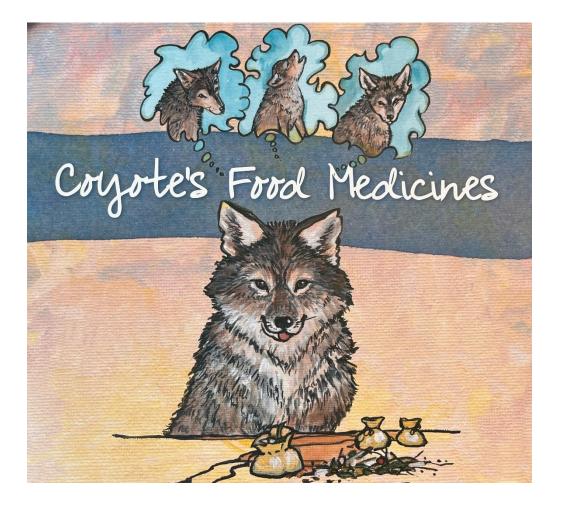


First Nations data

Our ancestors were storytellers

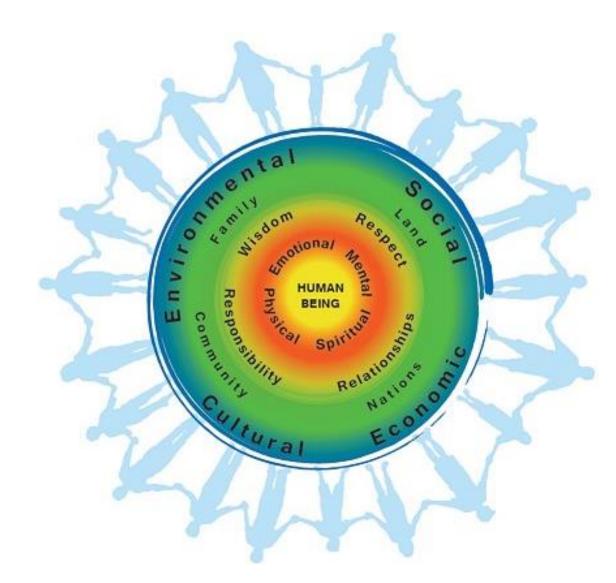


Storytelling as Knowledge Transfer



The *Coyote's Food Medicines* storybook

- Assist with healthy use of medication;
- Contributes to conversations with health care providers;
- Facilitates reciprocal learning; and,
- Key role in cultural safety and humility.



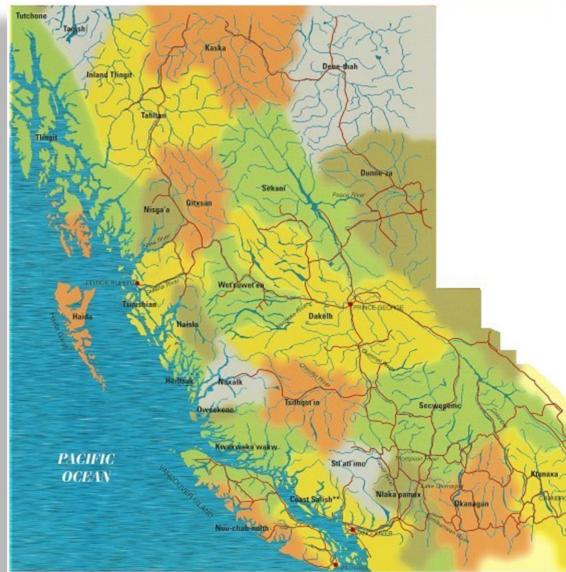


- Wholistic vision of wellness
- Reflective of the interconnectedness of the mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual facets of life
- Broader determinants of well-being
- Traditional teachings, ceremonies, traditional medicines, and ways of healing

BC First Nations Perspective on Health and Wellness

First Nations in British Columbia





Diversity:

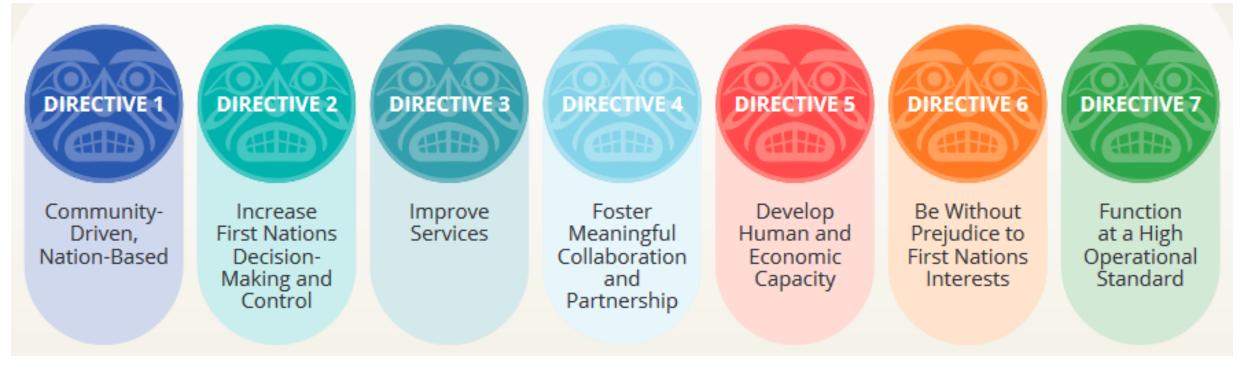
- 26 Cultural Groups
- 34 Languages
- Over 200 First Nations

Shared Vision & 7 Directives developed by First Nations in BC underpin work



Vision: Healthy, Self-Determining and Vibrant First Nations Children, Families and Communities in BC

7 Directives:



Indicators





1. Healthy, Self-Determining Nations and Communities

- 2. Supportive Systems
- 3. Healthy, Vibrant Children and Families – Physical, Mental, Spiritual, and Emotional Wellness



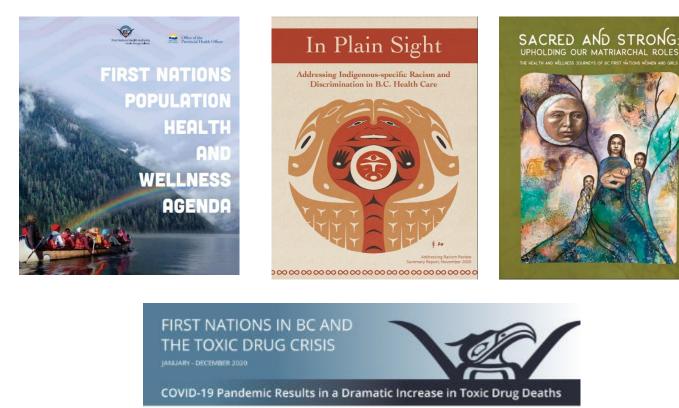
What does that look like?



- Connection to land
- Oral health
- Mental health
- Access to primary care
- Infant wellness
- Tobacco use
- Substance use
- Morbidity and mortality

Putting Data to Work for Community





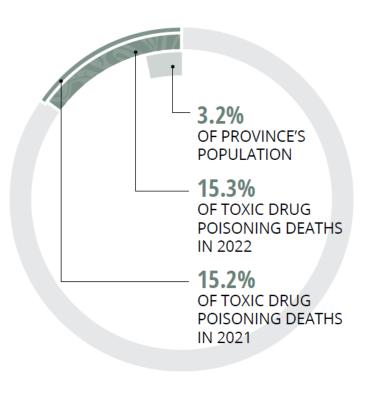
119% INCREASE IN TOXIC DRUG DEATHS: 2020 vs 2019	2020: 254 First Nations people died mengheer nietee ge noet dag weeks skoe 2011	************
	2019: 116 First Nations people died	*********

- Evaluation
- Reporting
- Anti-Racism Work
- Regional and Provincial Planning and Resources
- Leveraging funding
- Public Health Orders:
 - Toxic Drug Crisis
 - COVID-19 response

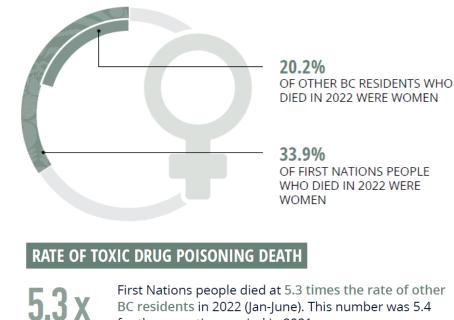


Comparisons

FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY **REPRESENTED IN TOXIC DRUG POISONING DEATHS**



FIRST NATIONS WOMEN EXPERIENCE VERY HIGH RATES OF TOXIC DRUG POISONING DEATH



BC residents in 2022 (Jan-June). This number was 5.4 for the same time period in 2021.



First Nations women died at 8.8 times the rate of other female BC residents in 2022



First Nations men died at 4.4 times the rate of other male BC residents in 2022

Considerations in acquiring and storing data



- Privacy Legislation
- Information Sharing Agreements to build bridges
- Conduct and Training: Readiness to work with data in a good way
- Consider privacy impact assessment under privacy law



Conclusions

Thank You



Gilakas'la (Kwakwaka'wakw) Kleco Kleco (Nuu-Chah-

Nulth) kwukwstéyp (Nlaka'pamux) Snachailya (Carrier) imləmt (Syilx)



Mussi Cho (Kaska Dena) Tooyksim niin (Nisga'a) Kukwstsétsemc (Secwepemc) čεcεhaθεč (Ayajuthem) Sechanalyagh (Tsilhqot'in) kw'as ho:y (Haldeméylem)

 Joyaxsim nisim (Gitxsan)

 Chem Kwen Mantúmi (Squamish)