



OUR SHARED PRINCIPLES

CHOICES FOR YOUTH HAS BEEN LEADING A PROCESS OF ENGAGEMENT AND EXPLORATION TO STRENGTHEN OUR COLLECTIVE UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUES AFFECTING AT-RISK YOUTH AND EMERGING ADULTS IN THE PROVINCE AND HOW SERVICES CAN BE IMPROVED, EXPANDED AND BETTER INTEGRATED TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL.

Change is coming to Newfoundland and Labrador. Our mental health, addictions, housing, child welfare, and education systems are all shifting their approaches to children, youth, and young adults. By working together across regions, governments and agencies, Newfoundland and Labrador is becoming a Canadian leader in the provision of support services for vulnerable youth and emerging adults.

THIS YEAR, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, YOUNG PEOPLE, ELDERS, GOVERNMENTS, AND INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATIVES CAME TOGETHER TO COMMIT TO THE FOLLOWING 14 PRINCIPLES



RECOGNIZE DISTINCT NEEDS



REDUCE BARRIERS



FOCUS ON PREVENTION



FAMILY-CENTRED INTERVENTIONS



YOUTH CHOICE & SELF-DETERMINATION



SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH



SUPPORT FOR LGBTQI2S YOUTH



HARM REDUCTION



INTEGRATED SERVICES & COORDINATED ACCESS



TARGETED SUPPORTS FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE



TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICE



SUPPORT FOR YOUTH & EMERGING ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES



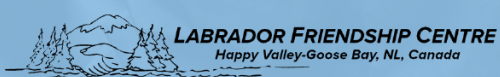
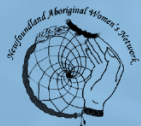
RECOGNIZING INTERSECTIONALITY



CELEBRATING SUCCESSSES & STRENGTHS

SERVICES MUST DELIVER THE QUALITY AND CONSISTENCY THAT YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO,

but must also respect local differences. Working towards this goal, we the undersigned agree these core principles should always be present in our work and organizational practices.



AND OVER 100 MORE COMMUNITY, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS.

OUR PROVINCE IS FULL OF CHANGE MAKERS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CHAMPIONS.

Together, we are creating safer, more inclusive, thriving communities for youth and emerging adults.

BY ACTING TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

TO LEARN MORE, AND ADD YOUR VOICE TO LIST OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING THIS WORK, VISIT WWW.CHOICESFORYOUTH.CA/PRINCIPLES

