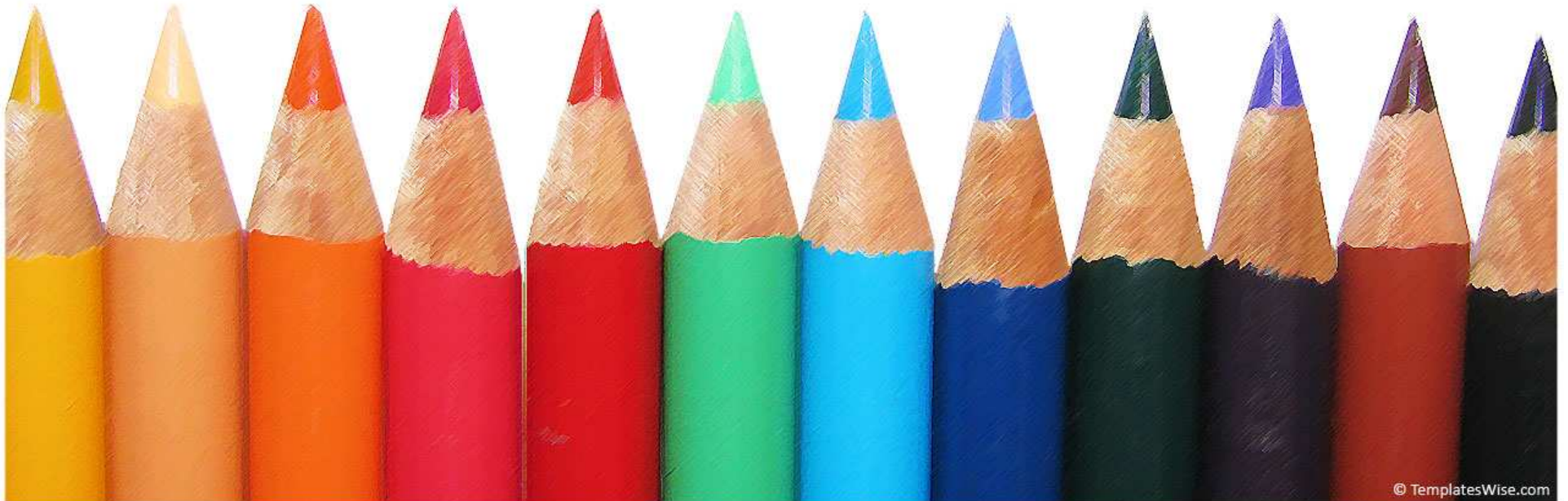


Calgary's CARE Strategy for Children and Youth of Immigrant Families



Vision and Mission

Vision of CARE Strategy:

Children and youth of immigrant families in Calgary will achieve equitable levels of academic, community involvement and vocational success comparable to the general population of children and youth

Mission of CARE Strategy:

Calgary Communities work collaboratively to enhance and coordinate strategies that promote the positive socio-economic, academic and cultural well-being of children and youth from immigrant families



History of CARE Strategy

2003 - 2004

A 23 member Advisory Committee comprised of immigrant serving agencies, funders, social service agencies, and school board representatives was established to support the development of ***Conversations for Change: An Overview of Services for Immigrant Children and Youth***



2005 – 2006

The **Immigrant Children & Youth Collaborative** was struck from volunteer members of the Conversations for Change Advisory Committee to address the recommendations. ***Overall Framework for Action for Immigrant Children and Youth*** resulted.



2007

Strategy Development Committee was formed with representatives from 14 organizations including ISCC to develop an immigrant children and youth strategy.

Strategy Development Committee presents a comprehensive framework, logic model and governance structure and presents to Community Café for input. 75 attended and stay connected.

Presentation to ISCC about the **Immigrant Children and Youth Strategy**



2008

The Strategy is re-branded as Calgary's **CARE Strategy for Children and Youth of Immigrant Families**. A joint committee of the Strategy Development Committee, the Immigrant Sector Council Calgary, and the Alberta Association of Immigrant Sector Agencies work together with the intent of transitioning the Strategy to full management by the ISCC.

United Way and Area provided core funding for the CARE Strategy

Drafted the **Care Strategy Standing Committee Terms of Reference**



2009

CARE Standing Committee met on a bi-monthly schedule and moved CARE Strategy into its operational phase.

City of Calgary CARE Network formed to incorporate CARE principles into the City's work with children and youth of immigrant families.

The Immigrant Children, Youth & Families Program Directory was created in Inform Alberta.

CONNECTIONS participatory learning network event.

Guiding Principles

CARE Strategy believes that children and youth of immigrant families:

- will succeed in all facets of life when given opportunities.
- will contribute and benefit society as a whole.
- will benefit from a multi-sectoral collaborative approach needed to cultivate their overall well-being and integration.
- provide important views that their participation in decision making enhances programs and services.
- have rich cultures and traditions that must be acknowledged, celebrated, and shared.
- have a right to experience equitable and accessible programs and services



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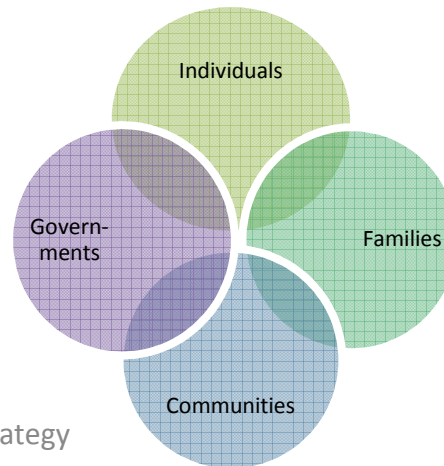
Guiding Principles Cont'd

We also believe that:

- research and knowledge of best practices of services for children and youth of immigrant families must be generated and shared.
- individuals, families, communities and governments share responsibility for the well-being of children and youth of immigrant families.



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Key Recommendations

from *Conversations for Change: An Overview of Services for Immigrant Children and Youth*

- A. Develop a strategy to attend to the priority areas and gaps that have been identified through this overview
- B. Implement inter-sectoral and system wide coordination of services for children and youth.
- C. Develop and integrate core cultural competencies into all social service, education, and health delivery practices.

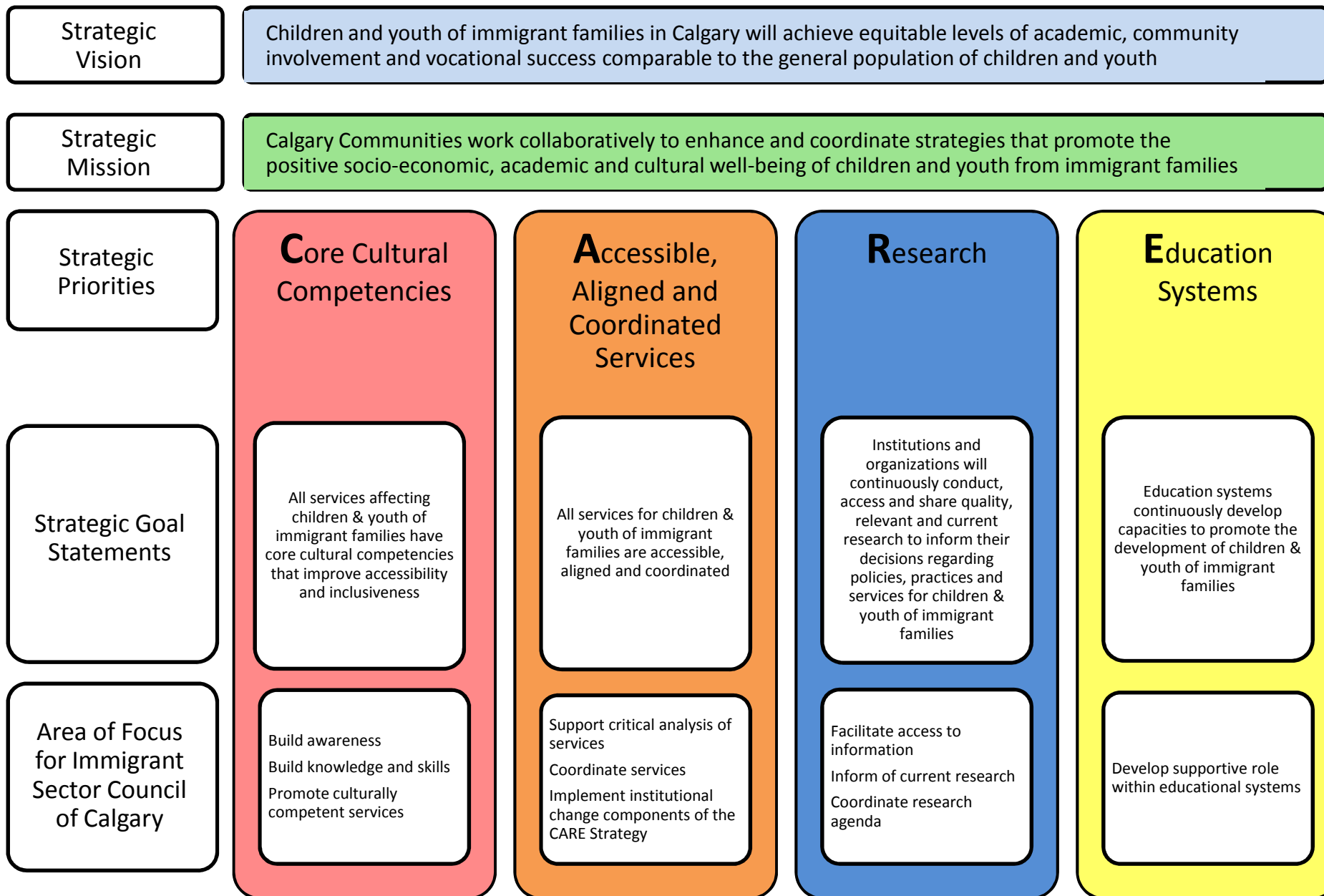




Key Recommendations

- D. Identify and share existing research about immigrant children and youth.
- E. Strengthen relationships with schools to further promote the educational, social, and cultural development of immigrant children and youth.
- F. Develop effective partnership strategies to support immigrant children and youth.

CARE Strategy for Children and Youth of Immigrant Families Framework

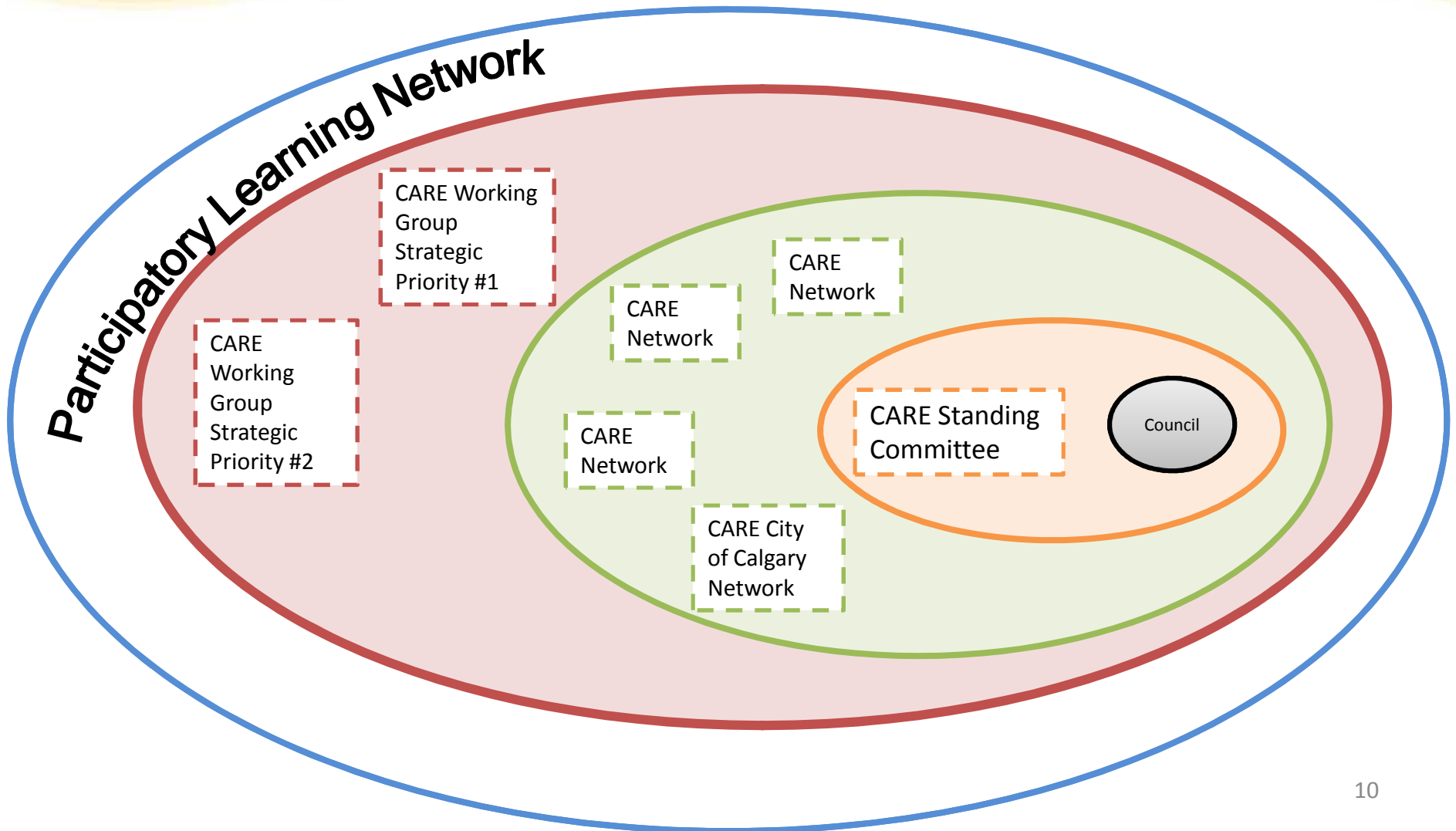


CARE Strategy Strategic Priorities 2010-2012

1. Improve accessibility of extracurricular activities for Children and Youth of Immigrant Families
2. Support preparation of student-teachers in addressing the distinct needs of refugee children and youth



CARE Strategy Members





CARE Strategy

IMPACT

Internal systems are changing in key education, health, justice and social service institutions to provide inclusive, welcoming services for children and youth of immigrant families

Children and youth of immigrant families in Calgary are achieving equitable levels of academic, community involvement and vocational success comparable to the general population of children and youth

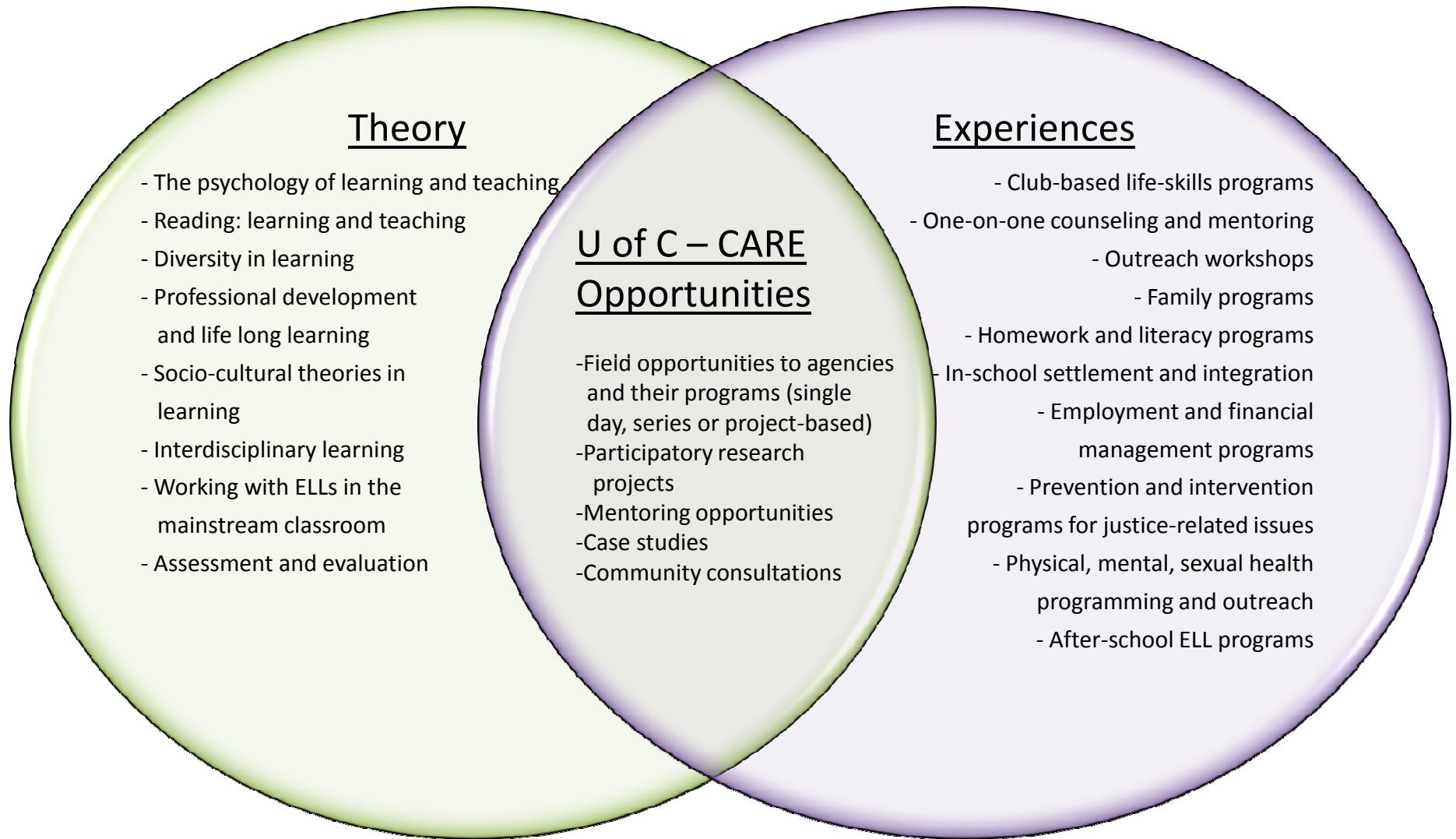




U of C and CARE Strategy Collaboration:

**Opportunities to foster connections between
theory and practice in the
Bachelor of Education Program**

Collaborative opportunities to foster connections between theory and practice



Potential Stakeholder Contributions

Implement

- Provide programs and services congruent with CARE Strategy's Strategic Priorities
- Involvement with CARE Strategy committees

Educate

Contribute to the current body of knowledge and disseminate research and information about participatory learning opportunities

Empower

Provide children and youth of immigrant families and their families with opportunities for input and involvement

Engage

- Develop relationships with other community stakeholders and engage in their work
- Explore opportunities to establish a CARE Strategy partnership (i.e. other faculties)

Endorse

Promote and support the CARE Strategy in your academic, professional and in your social networks



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