

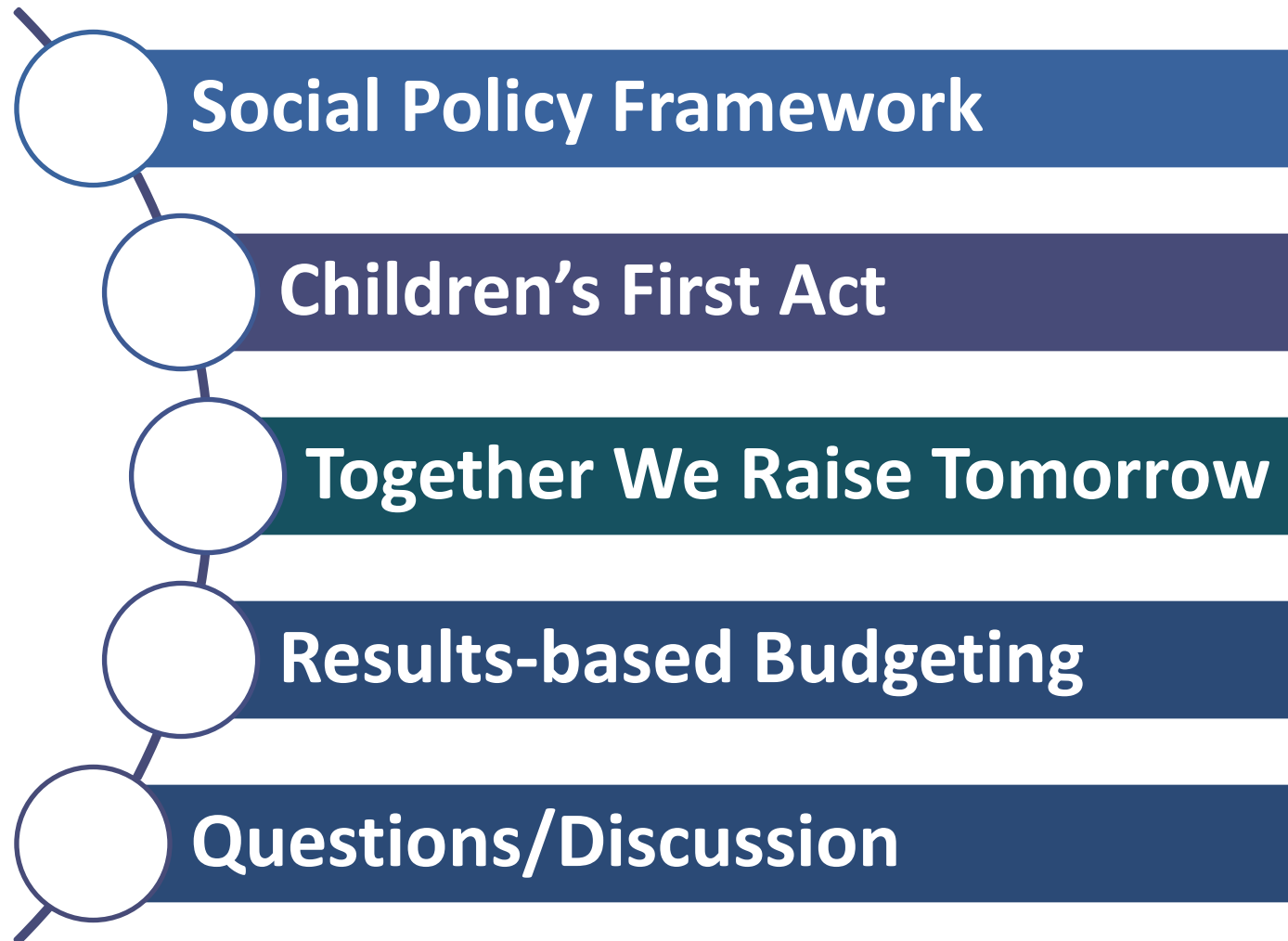
HUMAN SERVICES PRIORITY INITIATIVES

***ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF SERVICES FOR
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES***

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

Outline



Vision for Social Policy in Alberta

In Alberta, everyone contributes to making our communities inclusive and welcoming. Everyone has opportunities to fulfill their potential and to benefit from our thriving social, economic, and cultural life.

Social Policy Framework



Children's First Act

Key Elements of the Act

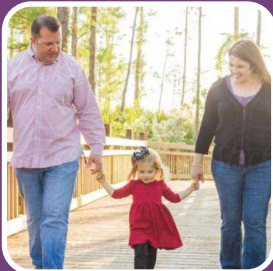
- Develop a Children's Charter;
- Government-wide review all policies, programs and services that impact children;
- Greater information sharing among government departments;
- Establish a Family Violence Death Review Committee;
- Enhance relationships between front-line workers and the families they serve

Together We Raise Tomorrow



Alberta Children's Charter

- As part of Bill 25 – *Children's First Act*, the charter will ensure Albertan children's safety, wellbeing, and quality of life.



Poverty Reduction Strategy

- A transformational initiative of the Social Policy Framework to end child poverty in 5 years and reduce overall poverty in 10 years.



Alberta Approach to Early Childhood Development

- A transformational initiative of the Social Policy Framework to improve and build a more integrated ECD system of early childhood supports.

Children's Charter Overview

Children are to be
Treated with Respect &
Dignity

Respect for Cultural,
Social, & Religious
Heritage

Children's Needs are
Central Focus of Policy
Making

Prevention and Early
Intervention are
Fundamental

Families/Parents
Paramount;
Communities and
Government Have
Shared Responsibility

Poverty Reduction Strategy: Supporting Children & Families

Strategy Goals

To end **child poverty** in 5 years and **reduce overall poverty** in 10 years through a **community driven** approach.

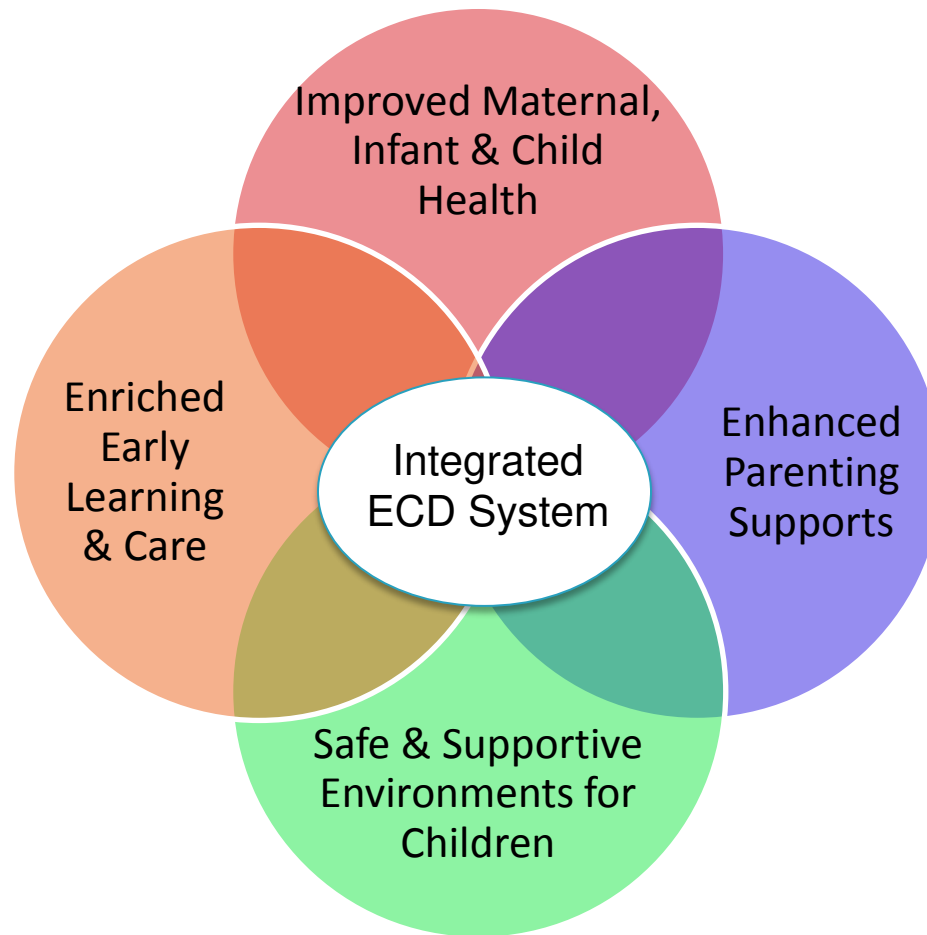
Definition of Poverty

“The exclusion or lack of **resources, resiliency, capabilities and choices** necessary for an adequate standard of life”

Children & Families

Addressing child & family poverty creates vibrant communities and improves opportunities for future generations

An Alberta Approach to Early Childhood Development

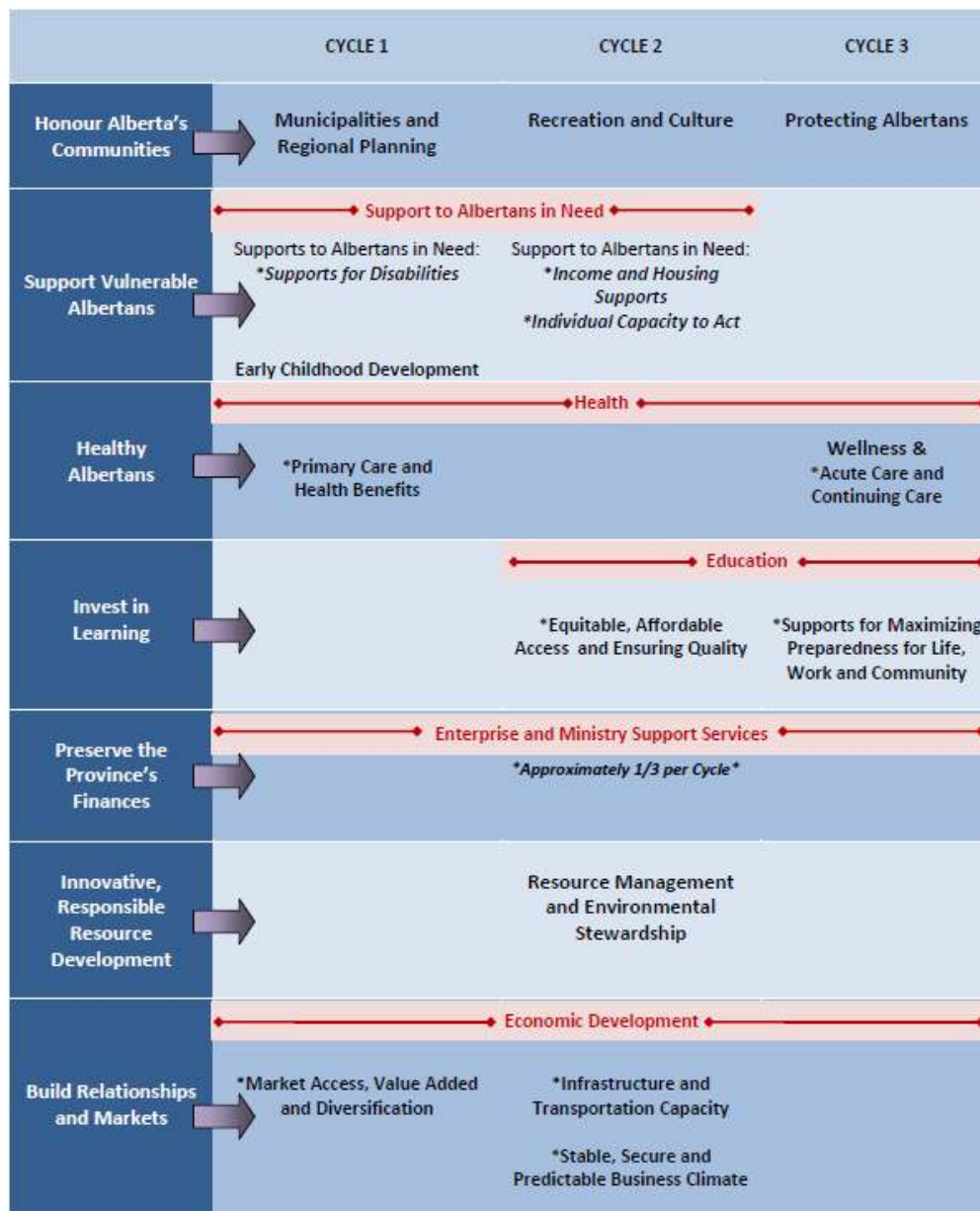


Results-based Budgeting (RBB)

RBB is about:

- Ensuring government programs and investments are achieving the outcomes Albertans want.
- Ensuring that government programs and services are being delivered in the most efficient and effective way possible.

RBB Major Lines of Business



RBB Review Process



Challenge Panels

Who is on the Challenge Panel?

- Challenge panels consist of Treasury Board Committee Members, MLAs and Public Members

What is the Purpose of the Challenge Panel

- Ensure review plans are comprehensive
- Ensure reviews were completed appropriately
- Provide comments and advise to Treasury Board

Results-based Budgeting: Human Services' Review Approach

Focus on Outcomes

- Focus the review of programs and services on outcomes.

Align with Social Policy Framework

- Align reviews with SPF outcomes for Albertans and SPF system and delivery outcomes.
- Reflect the SPF principles in program analysis.

Develop Policy Considerations

- Develop policy considerations to guide the reviews towards the desired state.

Assess Current State

- Collect detailed program information to assess relevance, effectiveness and efficiency.

Design Future State

- Design the future state that aligns programs with the intended outcomes.

Provide Advice

- Provide advice and recommendations for changes needed in current state to support the achievement of the future state.

Social Policy Framework Outcomes for Albertans

Safe

- free from fear of abuse and violence

Healthy

- highest standard of health and well-being

Secure & Resilient

- career and work opportunities, with access to income supports when in need

Lifelong Learners

- develop knowledge, skills, and commitment to learning

Included

- feel welcomed in communities where they live, learn, and work

Active & Engaged

- participate in recreational activities and cultural experiences, and to engage in society

Cycle 1 Reviews – Oct 2012 to May 2013

Review	Units of Review (#)	Ministries	Value (\$)
Supports for Disabilities (Supports to Albertans in Need)	9	<u>HMSV</u>	\$862 million
Early Childhood Development	10	<u>EDUC</u> , HMSV, HLTH	\$677 million
Health Benefits	21	<u>HLTH</u> , HMSV	\$1,620 million

Cycle 2 Reviews – Apr 2013 to Jun 2014

Review	Units of Review (#)	Ministries	Value (\$)
Income and Housing Supports (Supports to Albertans in Need)	30	HMSV, HLTH, MUNA, TBF	\$2,285 million
Individual Capacity to Act (Supports to Albertans in Need)	11	HMSV	\$292 million

Cycle 3 Reviews – Oct 2013 to Sep 2014

Review	Units of Review (#)	Ministries	Value (\$)
Prevention (Protecting Albertans)	22	HMSV, JSG, AGRI, CULT, HLTH, EAE, ABOR, SERV, TRNS	\$209 million
Intervention (Protecting Albertans)	53	HMSV, JSG, ABOR, HLTH, MUNA, ESRD	\$1,300 million

“Human Services” programs in Intervention Bundle

Total value of Cycle 3 programs - \$ 1.3 B

- 58% are HS programs

HS Programs	Value (\$ 000)
Child Intervention	672,999
Public Trustee	15,564
Public Guardian Services	11,758
Youth in Transition	8,879
Child and Family Research	1,750
Early Intervention and Early Childhood Development	38,571
Total	749,521

Timelines for Child Intervention RBB

- **Development of Review Plan, including Outcome Mapping, Data Collection, etc.**
 - **Oct 2013 – Feb 2014**
- **Challenge Panel Input on Review Plan**
 - **Mar 2014**
- **Conduct the Review**
 - **Apr 2014 – Aug 2014**
- **Review Recommendations are presented to the Challenge Panel**
 - **Sept 2014**

Ongoing Evolution of Child Intervention

Improved Outcomes for Children and Youth and Families

Philosophic Framework

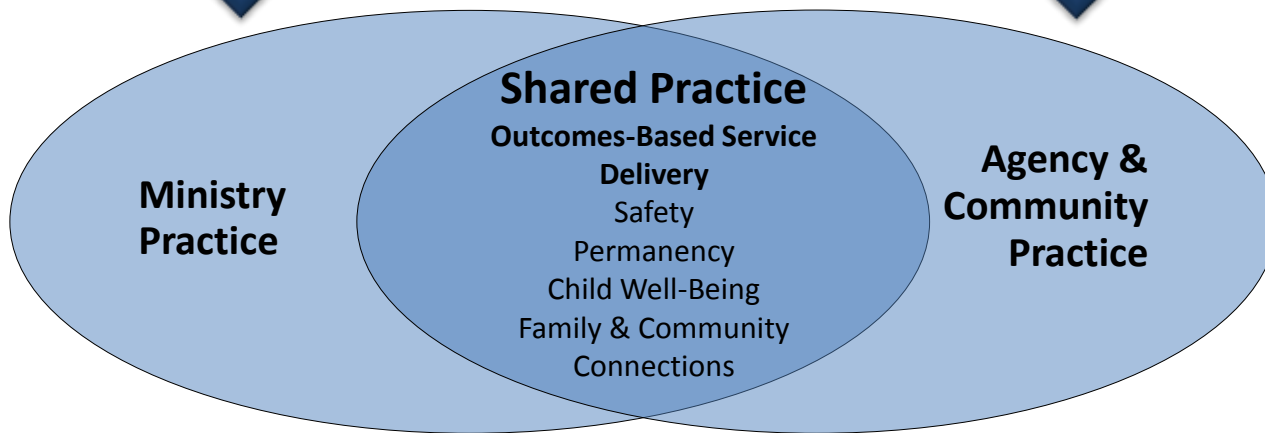
Alberta Response Model

Entrenching Our Goals in Legislation

Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act

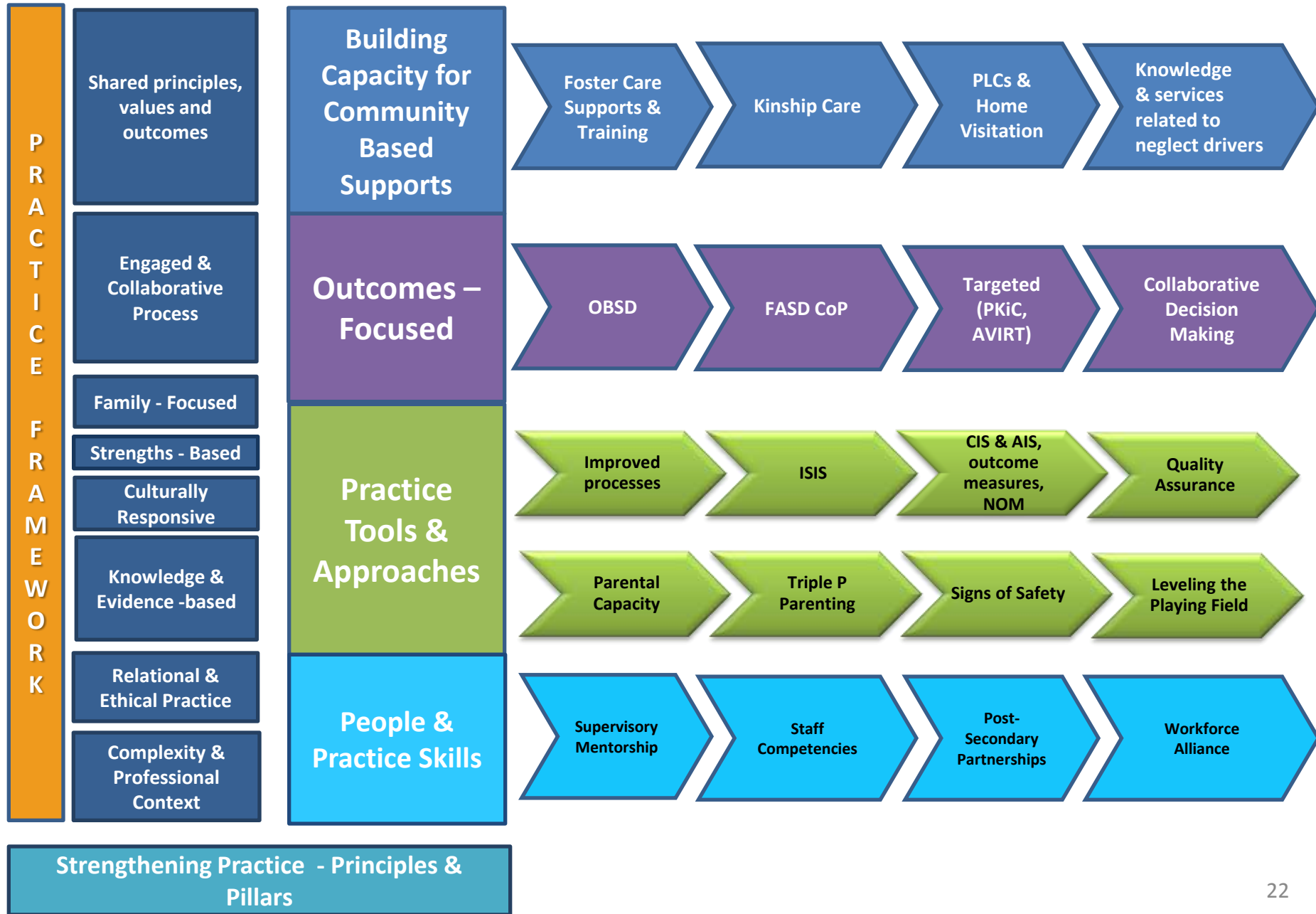
Providing the Framework and Tools

Casework Practice Model



PRACTICE FRAMEWORK

Strengthening Child Intervention Practice & Continuous Improvement



Current Priorities for Child Intervention

- Engaging stakeholders in a review of the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* (CYFEA).
- Implementing consequential amendments to CYFEA as a result of the *Children First Act*.
- *Developing a Child Intervention Quality Matrix.*
- Working with families and communities to keep children safely at home. Review the Front End Practice at the Intake and Assessment levels through redefining risk and safety.
 - Evidence suggests we take children into care even when there is no urgent need of protection.
 - Need to consider less intrusive approaches to supporting families.
 - Children may need services but not necessarily formal child intervention involvement.

Current Priorities for Child Intervention (continued)

- **Supporting the successful transition of youth into adulthood**
 - Identify youth placed in long-term group care settings who could reconnect with family.
 - Explore movement of youth from foster care to kinship care.
 - Focus on increasing placement in kinship care at the intake level.
- **Reducing the number of Aboriginal children in care**
 - Band Designate roles
 - Increase the use of collaborative decision-making: family group conferencing, mediation, etc.

Current Priorities for Child Intervention (continued)

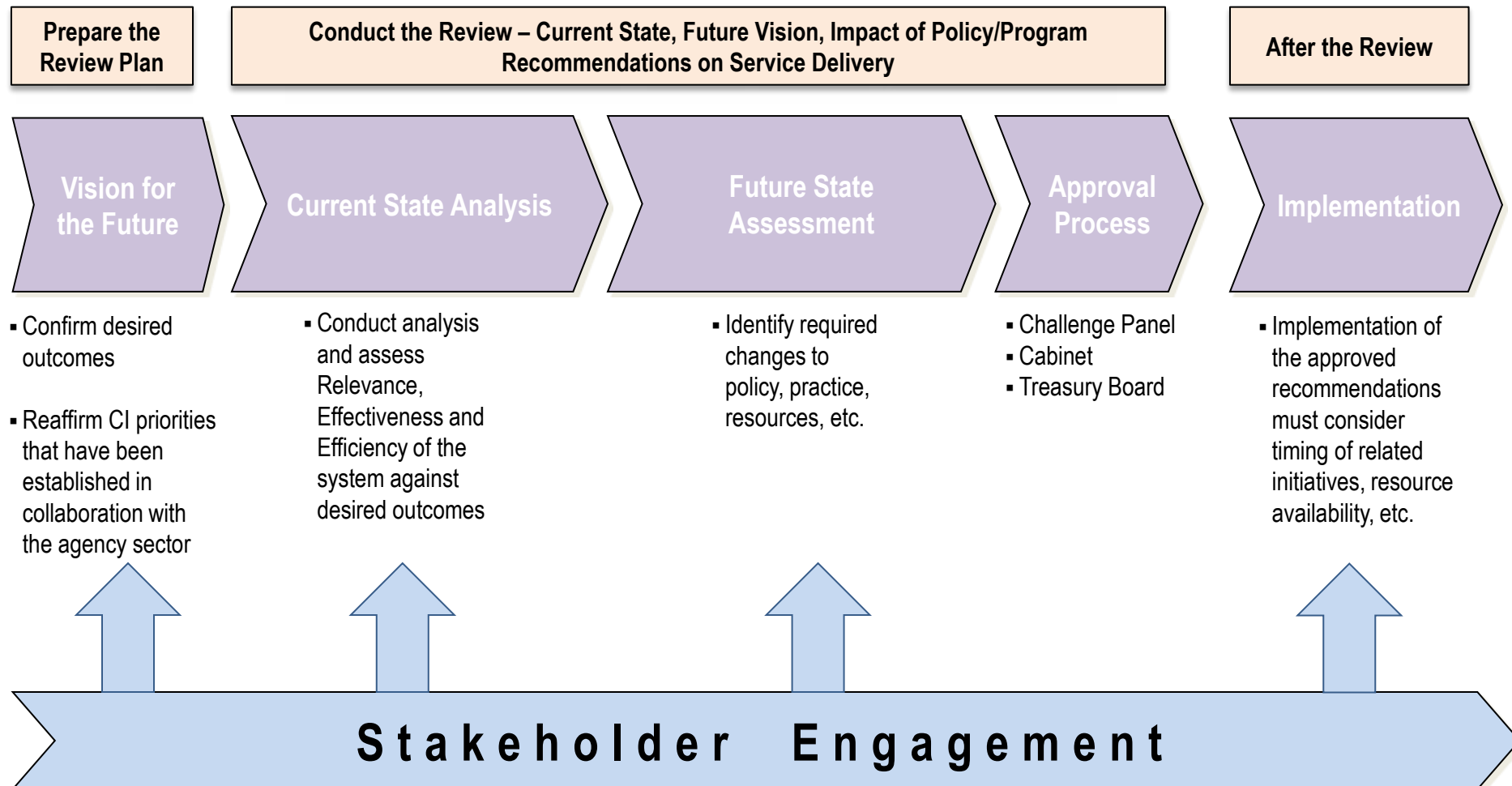
- Supporting caregivers, including recruitment and retention of foster parents
- Creation of a Practice Framework
 - AASCF is a Steering Committee partner
 - Define how staff, families, communities, service providers and other stakeholders should work together to help ensure the safety, stability, permanency and well-being of children and their families.
 - Clarify expectations for families receiving services, as well as for workers in the Child Intervention system.

How can AASCF members be involved in the RBB Process for Child Intervention?

- RBB will build on ongoing work and current CI priorities, informed by AASCF members.
- The RBB review and any recommended program/policy changes will be done in partnership with stakeholders, including AASCF members
- Intent is to use existing Child Intervention engagement opportunities.
 - **CYFEA: October – December 2013**
 - **Practice Framework: October 2013 – January 2014**
- RBB will provide additional opportunities for further input and participation in the process.
 - **Considering re-establishing quarterly meeting with AASCF**

Results-based Budgeting for Child Intervention

Opportunities for Input



Questions/Discussion

Thank you.

Questions?