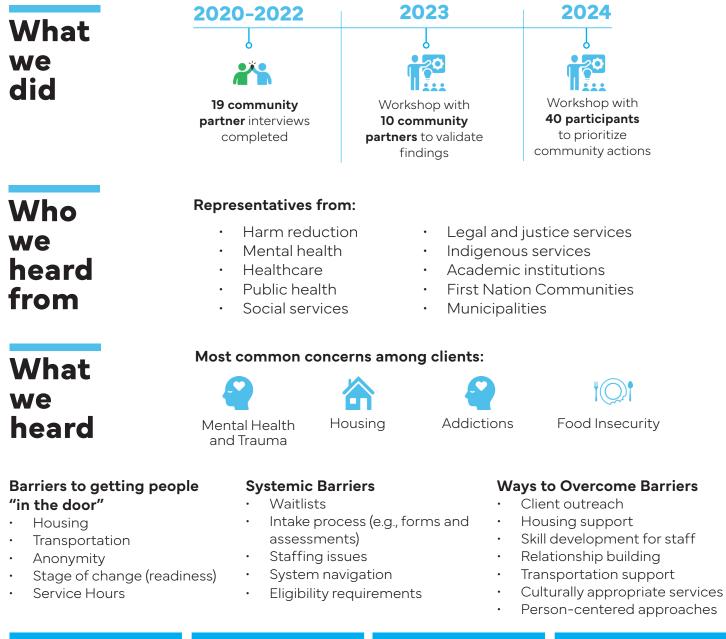
Toxic Drugs in Algoma

Interviews and Workshops with Community Partners

The purpose was to better understand the current toxic drug landscape in Algoma to help influence positive change.



Strengths

- Person-centered care •
- **Building relationships** •
- Harm reduction
- Culturally appropriate services
- Wraparound services that meet basic needs
- Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT)

Weaknesses

- Housing
- Waitlists
- System navigation Stigma
- Transportation
- Staffing issues
- Limited local services
- People without a primary care provider

Opportunities

- Lower barrier services
- . System navigation tools
- Cultural competency training
- Trauma-informed care
- Community education
- Local data collection Intersectoral
 - collaboration

- Person-centered approaches

Threats

- Staff burnout
- Inadequate funding
- Feelings of
- helplessness
- Concerns about staff and client safety
- Social media
- Stigma and social polarization
- More people without a primary care provider

High priority community actions

- Advocate to government for policies and funding that support people's basic needs
- Establish a supervised consumption site with wraparound services
- Develop universal intake/consent forms to support system connectivity
- Provide an online forum to improve communication between agencies and clients
- Identify strategies and best practices for upstream prevention
- Conferences to learn more about evidence-based prevention and harm reduction interventions

