

Our Town, Our Kids

Juvenile Justice and Inclusion in the Heartland

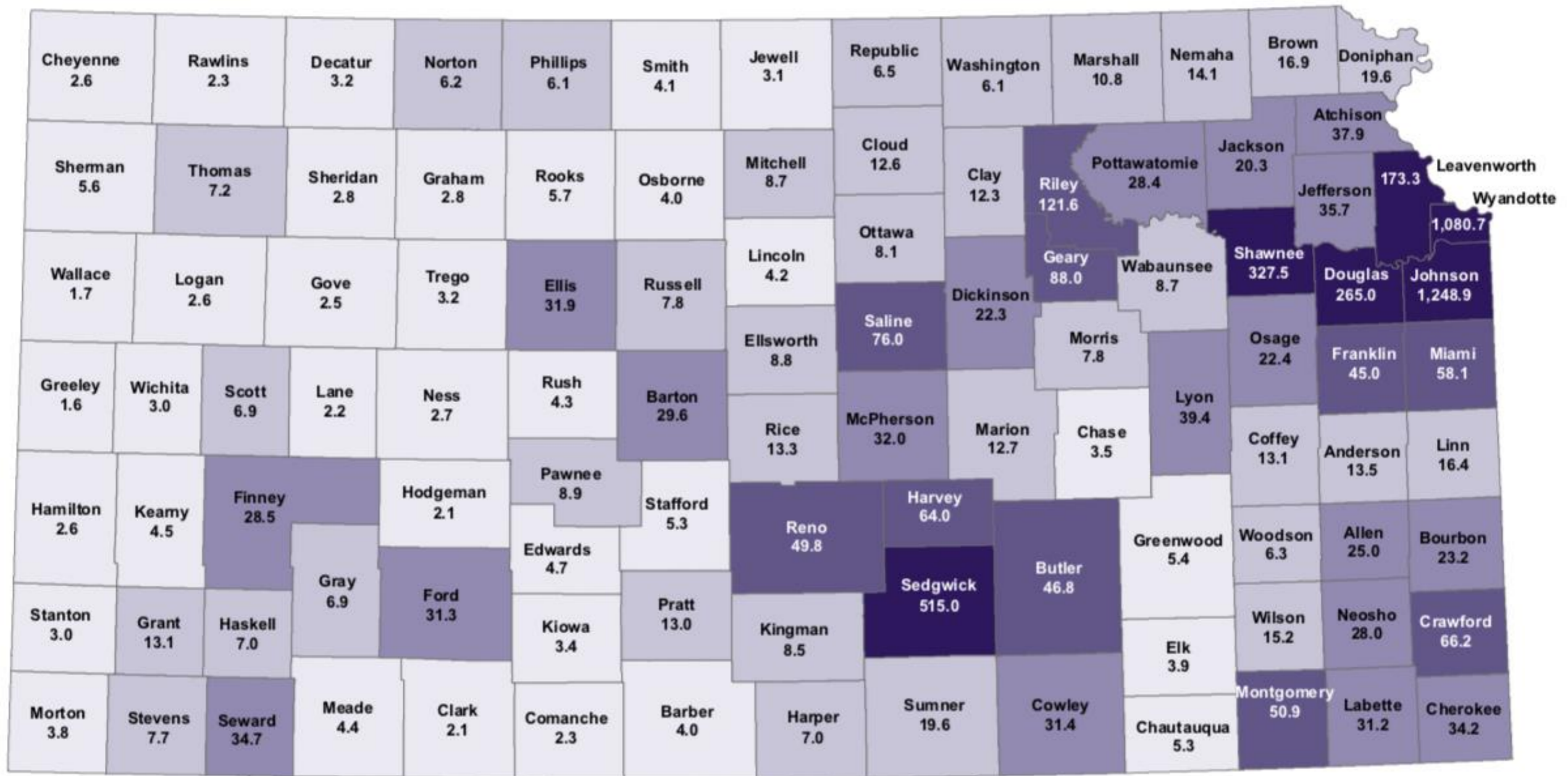
Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.





smile.

Population Density Classifications in Kansas, by County, 2017



Source: Institute for Policy & Social Research, The University of Kansas; data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates, Vintage 2017.

Population Density by Classification* (persons per square mile)

State: 35.6

- Frontier (less than 6.0 ppsm)
- Rural (6.0 - 19.9 ppsm)
- Densely-settled Rural (20.0 - 39.9 ppsm)
- Semi-Urban (40.0 - 149.9 ppsm)
- Urban (150.0 ppsm or more)

* Kansas Department of Health and Environment classifications.

K-State Juvenile Justice Collaborative

Multidisciplinary team from
Kansas State University, Fort
Hays State University, K-
State Extension



Recognizing that home is where our stories begin, Our Town Our Kids is designed to enhance capacity of Kansas communities to reduce the number of youth at-risk for involvement in the juvenile justice system.

the story



TROUBLE MAKER
RULE BREAKER
ANTI NAP TAKER

The anti-nap movement

- **It's never just one thing**
 - Developmental
 - Health
 - Environmental
 - distractions, peers
- **It's not all about you**
- **Band-aids and magic bullets**
- Palliative versus curative



“trouble-makers”

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- 39% less likely to complete high school
- 41% more likely to enter adult prison by age 25
- High incidence of depression, poor mental health, suicide
- Drastically reduces future earnings and ability to work
- Increases recidivism
- Mid-point at juvenile arrests but 5th in custody rate
- 80% out-of-home placements at low/med risk
- Longer secure-placement sentences

Kansas lawmakers vote to overhaul juvenile justice system

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TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas lawmakers have voted to overhaul the juvenile justice system by allowing more low-risk offenders to stay at home while participating in community-based programs like anger management.

Juvenile offenders can currently be placed in juvenile detention centers or group homes for any level offense.

Kansas has the sixth-highest rate of juvenile offenders placed in detention centers or group homes nationwide.

- Restricts out-of-home placement
- Focuses intensive system responses on highest-risk juveniles
- Shifts resources toward evidence-based alternatives
- Cost saving

Our Town Our Kids

juvenile justice toolkit for
local communities



Starting where you are. Learning the team approach, engaging key players, and organizing local groups.



Laying the foundation. What do communities need to know about juvenile justice AND their kids?



Enhancing local capacity. Developing goals and expertise, establishing collaborative pathways, fostering coalitions.

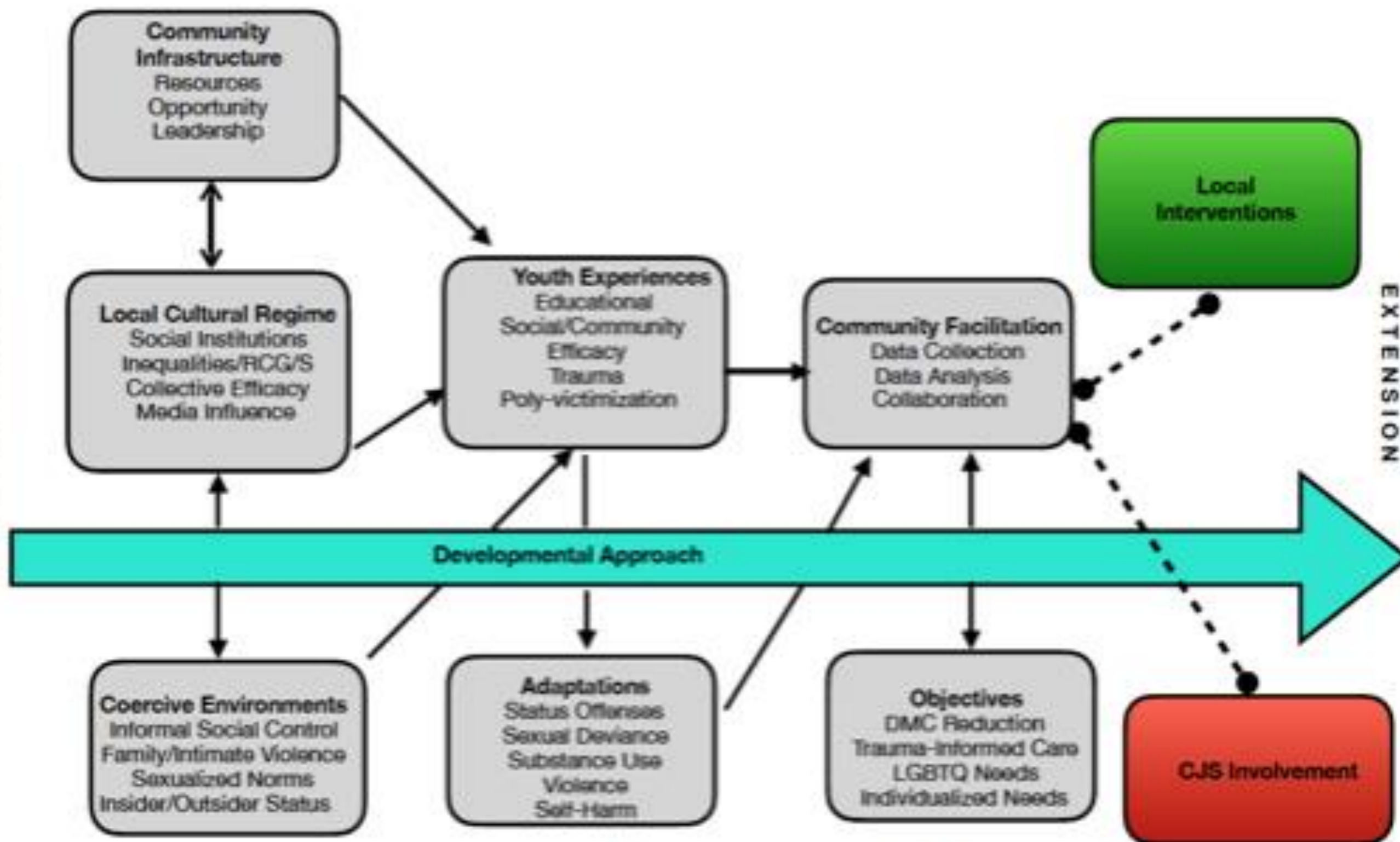


Ensuring long-term sustainability. Establishing partnerships, instituting task forces, and chartering ongoing training and support.



COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS



EXTENSION

UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

Conceptual model of foundational work, Our Town Our Kids

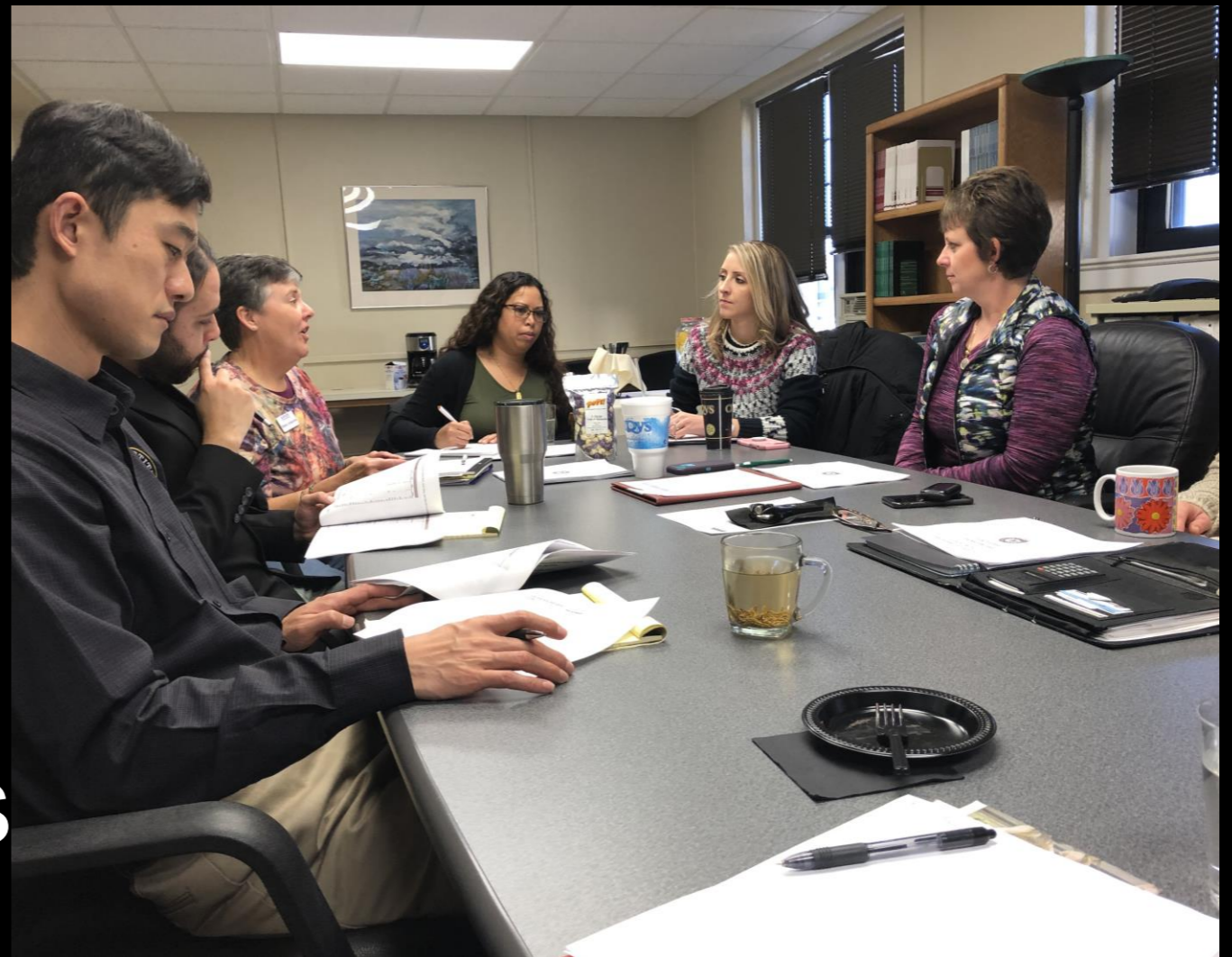
The learning journey

- Relationships
 - Listening tour
 - District dialogue circles



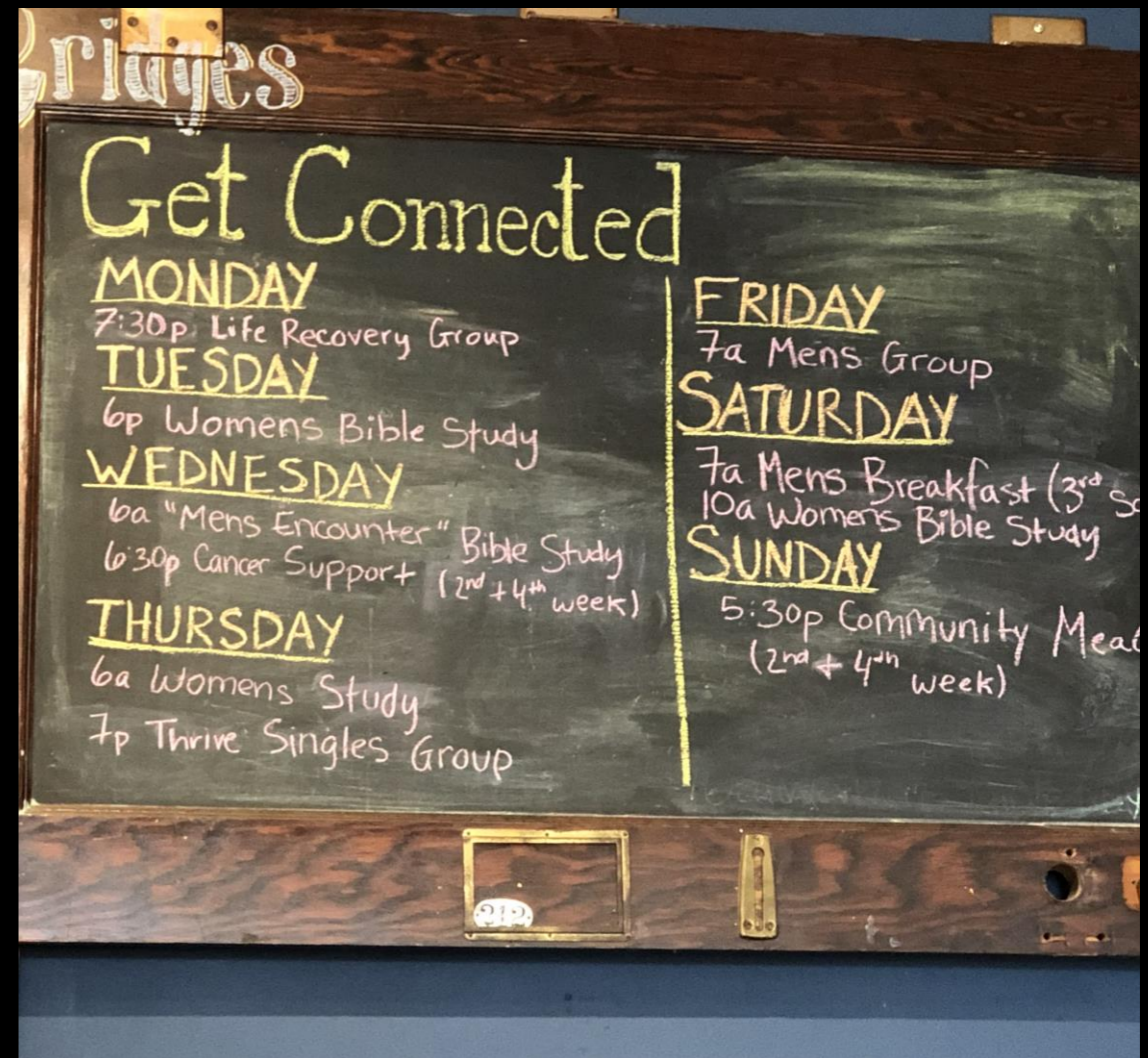
The learning journey

- Attainment
 - KDOC training
 - KJCC training
 - Local data bases



The learning journey

- Capacity building
- Study circles
- Capacity circles



The learning journey

- System building
- All of the above
- OTOK guidelines



The learning journey

- Replication
- Support and networking
- OTOK website
- ourtownourkids.org



Assets

- Right issue
- Right time
- Right place



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Challenges

- Urban
ethnocentrism



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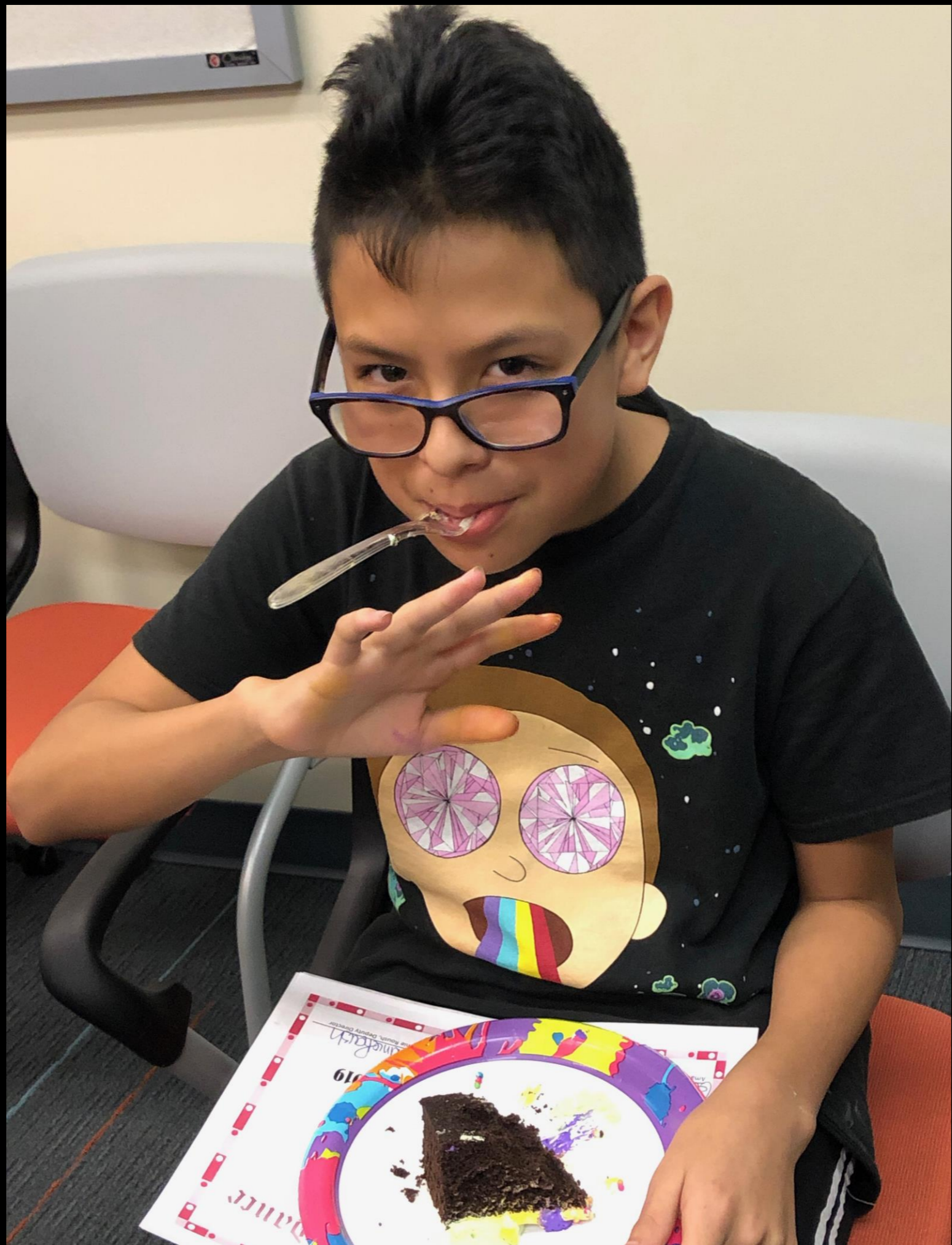
- Urban ethnocentrism
- Structural/cultural shifts
- Moving parts



Next steps

- District dialogues
- Training the trainers
- Adding partners







Questions?