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## Interagency collaboration in EFS

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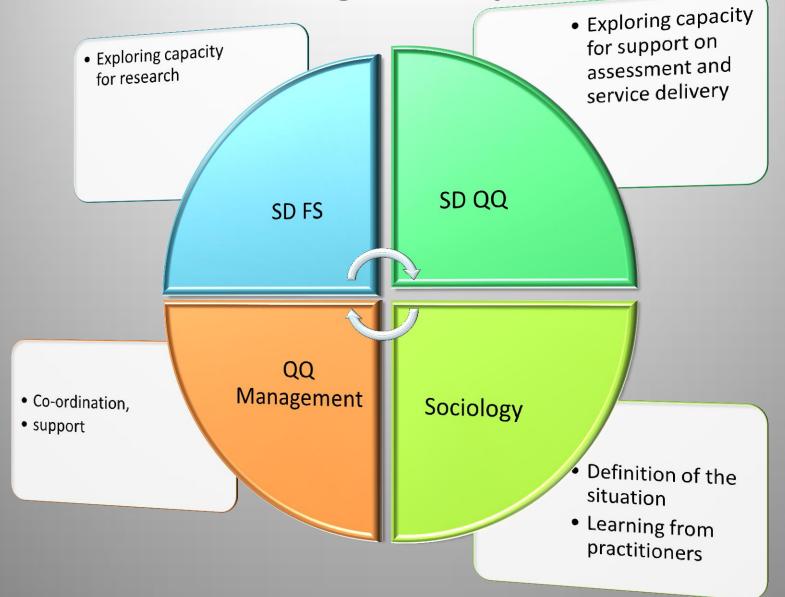


Interagency collaboration, is a core principle in systems of care, focuses on bringing together and engaging critical stakeholders: Community, University and SD CDPractitioners

"The secret is to gang up on the problem, rather than each other." - Thomas Stallkamp



Initial meetings and joint talks: 2009



### **Common vision and Teamwork**

Building a caring society- together



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

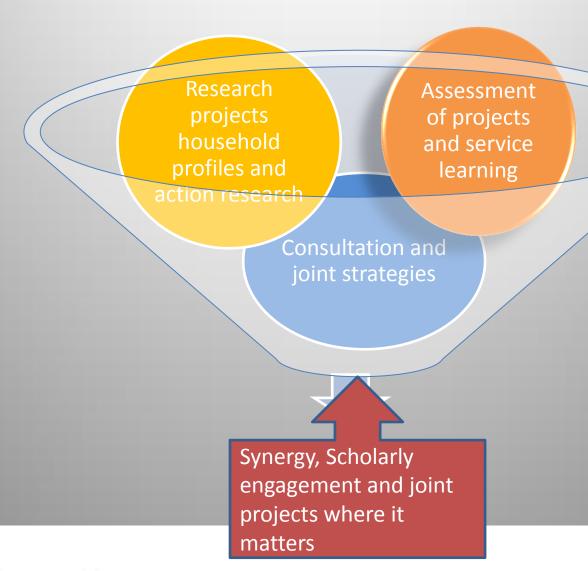
-effective team

"The purpose of life is to collaborate for a common cause; the problem is nobody seems to know what it is." - Gerhard Gschwandtner

-objectives and goals have been defined at the outset.



#### **COLLABORATION LED TO:**





#### **Collaborative Activities**

- Record keeping and sharing information.
- Program evaluation and assessment.
- Participation in interagency committee.
- Case reviews.
- Project planning and joint execution .
- Informal agreements
- Formal written agreements.



## Service learning year -2010

- SEHLAJANENG WOODWORK
- Flagship
- Itekeng Sewing Project







### 2011 collaborative future?



#### a mutually beneficial relationship that includes:

definition of mutual relationships and goals

jointly developed structure and shared responsibility;



mutual authority and accountability for success

and sharing of resources and rewards



## Service learning:

- •An idea of what it means to be part of something bigger than ourselves.
- Valuable skills.
- Sense of human compassion.
- •Stepping outside our comfort zones and taking initiative.
- •Improved thinking skills, communication, problem-solving, perspective.
- Civic responsibility



# Example of Feedback- absence of:

- Measure to identify successful projects
- Contracts
- Clear terms and conditions
- Period of access to the CDP



# 2011 projects

Household profiling- data interpretation

Community engagement committee—social entrepreneurship partnerships

2010 projects-action research project

New Community Based Organisations-assesments.



# "The best way to predict the future is to invent it."

John Scully(1987)



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