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**Learning from Survivors:
The Beginning,
The Middle,
and The End
of Community
Assessment Projects**

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Defining lived experience

Lived experience refers to people's first-hand accounts and reflections in relation to the full context of their lives. Lived experience tells people's stories, but it is more than this-happened-to-me. It is people's reflective stories about the meaning of what has happened in the context of identity, culture, and history. Lived experience pays particular attention to the ways in which people are marginalized according to identity, position, and oppression in relation to the larger or dominant society.

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Efforts to incorporate the lived experience

- ☐ Surveys
- ☐ Interviews
- ☐ Advisory groups (former participants)
- ☐ Listening sessions
- ☐ Focus groups

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Question

How have you incorporated the lived experience of survivors into your work?

Type your answers into the chat...

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The complexity of risk and safety
For each woman and her children, what risks are generated by...

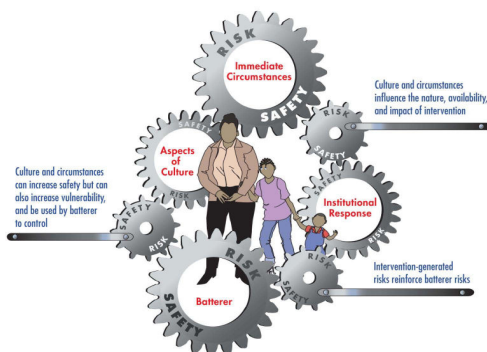


Figure 9: The Complexity of Risk and Safety⁴

Learning from Survivors during a Community Assessment

- Beginning**
 - Identify biggest gaps in system response
 - Clarify scope and focus of assessment
- Middle**
 - Learn more details of gaps
- End**
 - Advise on preliminary findings
 - Advise on recommendations

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The Native Women's Research Project

WHAT WAS IT?

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What did the project examine?

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How was Community Assessment used?

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Indigenous Research & Community Assessment

Indigenous ways of knowing principles:

- The communality of knowledge
- Recognizing spiritual connections
- Relational accountability
- Reciprocity
- Holism

Principles of community assessment:

- Standpoint of Indigenous women
- Focus on institutional processes (not good or bad workers)
- Contextualized local, state, national, cultural influences

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Incorporating the lived experience

INCORPORATING COMMUNITY

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Unique Design

- ☐ Elders Advisors
- ☐ Community leadership
 - ☐ Lead by Indigenous researchers
 - ☐ Native women who:
 - used or were caught up in the US legal system; or
 - worked for community agencies that worked with the US legal system
- ☐ Talking Circles

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Talking Circles

- ☐ Held throughout the different areas in the region studying
- ☐ Huge participation
- ☐ Informal discussions
- ☐ Flyers announced talking circles and stated availability of:
 - Child care
 - Food
 - Time and Transportation stipends
 - Advocacy

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Questions?

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FINDINGS

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Identified Problematic Features of Institutions

Specialization
Use of categories
Institutional vs lived time
Textually coordinated
Inability to take up women's stories
Sidetracking violence

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Recommendation

A system must honor all our relationships, be holistic and respect women in order to have integrity for indigenous people and communities.

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How community involvement influenced the findings

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Community involvement

View of the system through the lens of Indigenous Women

Uncovered ideological practices in operation

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Questions?

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June 7, 2:00pm to 3:15pm CDT

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Successes and Challenges in Implementing Audit
Recommendations**

With Lucy Pope, Ph.D., Collaborative Consulting

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