



Trust: The Thread That Guides Our Path

TRUST-BUILDING MODEL

Framework for Building Trust with Indigenous Communities
through Relationship, Reciprocity, and Respect

- KEY VALUES
- TRUST-BUILDING ACTIONS
- RELATIONSHIP OUTCOME

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PATH OF RESPECT

Listening, understanding & adapting

TRUST-BUILDING ACTIONS

- Listen to stories, lived experiences and perspectives
- Learn about indigenous history, myths and realities
- Co-develop with the community and adapt to local priorities
- Identify barriers together and report on progress transparently

KEY VALUES

- Recognition of history
- Cultural safety
- Respect for community priorities



Better understanding of indigenous realities among professionals.

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PATH OF FRIENDSHIP

Creating authentic bonds

TRUST-BUILDING ACTIONS

- Build consistent, long-term relationships
- Be present, reliable and accountable
- Create safe spaces for open dialogue and feedback
- Celebrate successes together

KEY VALUES

- Relationship stability
- Authentic Relationships



Stronger, more authentic relationships built on mutual trust.

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CO-CONSTRUCTION

Sharing power & decision-making

TRUST-BUILDING ACTIONS

- Co-develop goals, strategies and action plans
- Validate decisions with community leadership
- Elevate frontline clinicians and community voices as leaders
- Honour community governance and expertise

KEY VALUES

- Shared decision-making
- Self-determination



Shared ownership and decisions that reflect community priorities.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Protecting trust for the future

TRUST-BUILDING ACTIONS

- Protect data and stories in community control
- Invest in capacity and long-term partnerships
- Embed training, coaching and knowledge sharing
- Plan for the future together

KEY VALUES

- Information sovereignty
- Sustainability from the start



Trust protected and strengthened for generations to come.



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Early Detection Cancer Screening