PLACE BASED RESPONSES
OPTIMAL

IMMEDIATE
Youth with difficulties

LONG TERM SOLUTIONS

YOUTH

Basic Needs

Home, Health, Safety, Food, Clothing, Social Network

Mainstream School

Community Programs

Cultural Attachment

CONNECTED

INTEGRATION
Community connections, enrolled in programs, attachments

EXCLUSION
In and out of Care, not connected to school or community, streamed into 'special' programs that do not fit needs, marginalized, perceived as outsider, stupid, less than.

RISK BEHAVIOUS
Drinking and drug using, self harm, criminality, withdrawal from care givers, attachment to peer group

OUTREACH & ENGAGMENT
Establish contact and build relationships between service provides through outreach

YOUTH SPECIFIC RESPONSE
Individualized case management, assigned key support, negotiated plan directly with youth

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ASSESSMENT & SUPPORTS
Providing appropriate supports for family and care givers, coaching, mental health and medical assessment, developmental and learning assessments

ENGAGED IN COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD
Support to attach with mainstream programs – school, community centres, cultural communities, etc.

ACCESS
Address barriers and open mainstream options, inclusive programs, volunteerism, employment
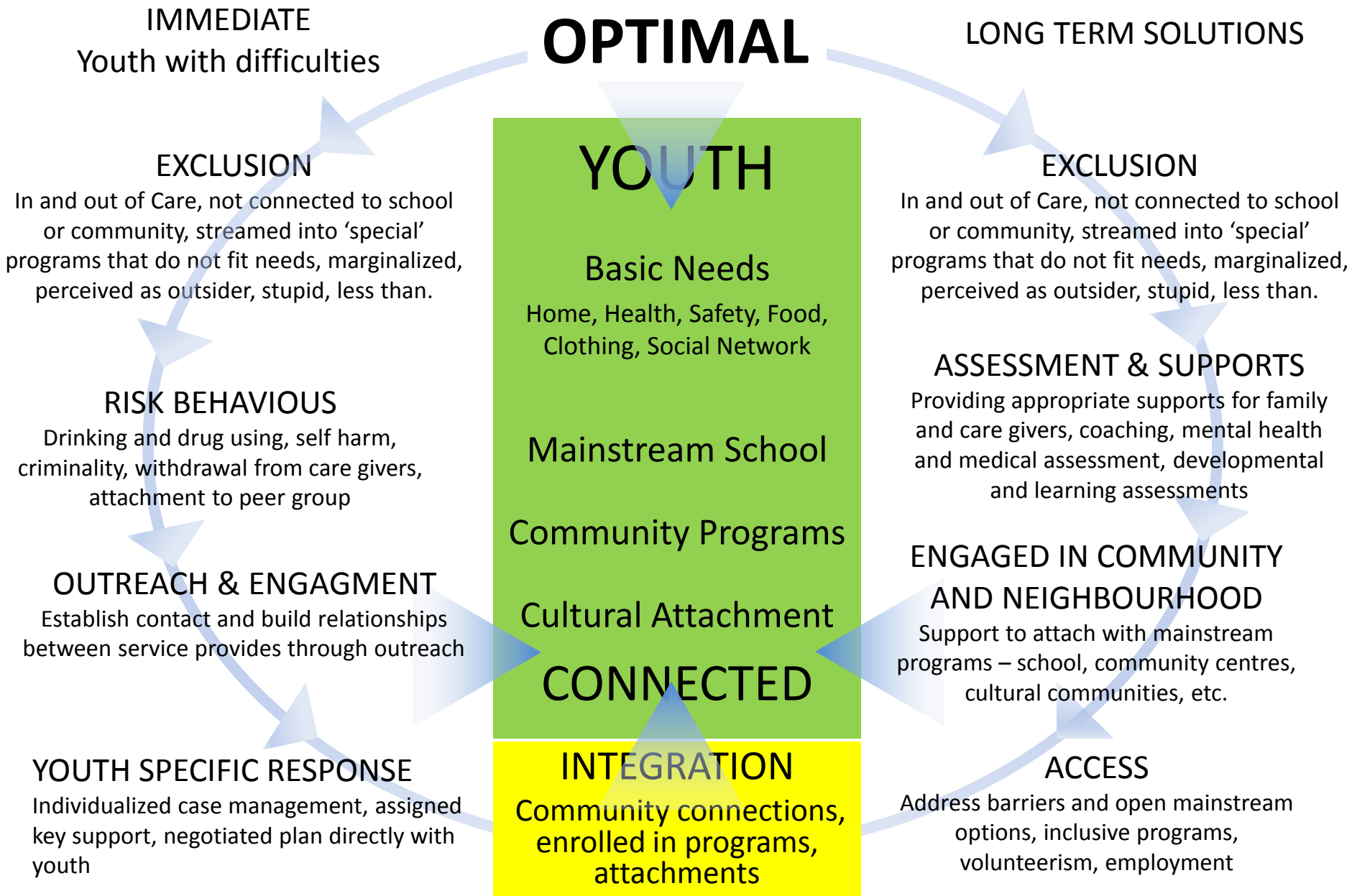
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PRINCIPLES

Inclusion

Child/Youth Centered

Accountability to Child/Youth

Responsive - Continuity of Relationship

Responsive - Timely and Consistent

Integrated Systems as experienced by the Child/Youth

Builds the Capacity of the Children and Family

Supports the Rights of the Child/Youth

RE-ALIGN POLICIES AND PRACTICE TO REFLECT REALITIES OF YOUTH AND PLACE

NOT COMPROMISED BY CURRENT POLICIES OR PRACTICE
Some examples of current challenges:
- M-F 8:30 am -4:30 pm Service Provision Model- resources not available when needed by youth in crisis.
- Confidentiality concerns – coordination - youth lost in silos …or just lost due to gaps in information sharing
- Safe House policy-many vulnerable youth do not have access
- Conditioned responses to first exclude, or stream children/youth presenting with difficulties into a separate group(s) away from mainstream (school, recreation, arts, community programs)
- Current public recreation /community program delivery barriers to inclusion – cost, capacity to accommodate and embrace differences
- A set of systems that works from deficits of individuals-not their strengths – FOCUS ON WHAT THEY CAN DO
- Use of single program response to address complex problems that require comprehensive solutions-often with multiple strategies/programs.