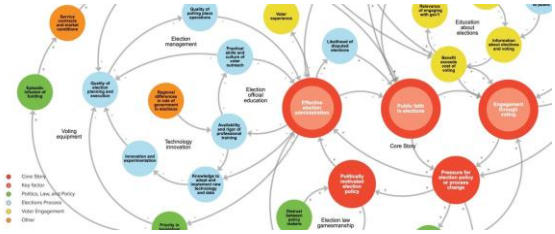
Spokane County Community Mapping Project



2019 Focus: ***Behavioral Health & Family Violence & Trauma***

The Spokane Regional Health District and Priority Spokane are partnering to fund a resource, needs, and gaps mapping process through Engaging Inquiry (https://engaginginquiry.com/) an internationally renowned planning organization. Engaging Inquiry will provide leadership, instruction, technical assistance, software, and research over two years. The process will then be owned by our community to use in the future. Going forward this process will be included as a final step in Priority Spokane's annual community assessment process to map one or more of the top priorities identified to produce a professional document. This will inform, guide, and identify gaps for community planning. We will start the process in September 2019 that will entail the 3 components summarized below:

1. A train-the-trainer program that will train 7-8 key community leaders in the mapping process to use independently in the future for Spokane County. Per our extensive research and conversations, we foresee this mapping process being a great addition to our current community assessment process as well as a great service and resource for our community. The mapping tool will not only identify current programs, projects, and resources but will track root causes and identify gaps.

2. A series of community workshops & stakeholder meetings resulting in a community resource/needs/causes map on the topic of family violence and behavioral health. We'll identify 30-40 key participants to participate in this work group. This will result in a professional document that we hope will be an essential tool for planning/collaborating/assessing. We'll then market the results to the community and train key community organizations on how to use it. This will also include the software program to create the mapping tool, graphs, and charts which will be housed at SRHD.

3. A Leveraging Workshop available to the community as a whole that will train on how to use the professional document and process to leverage resources new and old, address gaps, and identify root causes.

NEXT STEPS: The community mapping process takes 4-6 months and this year Engaging Inquiry will lead the process while training our trainers. Next year they'll provide technical support as we lead the process ourselves.