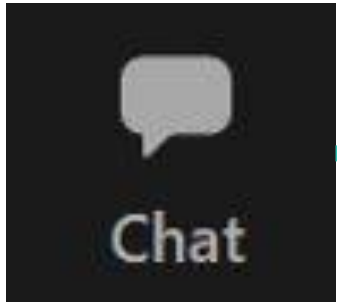


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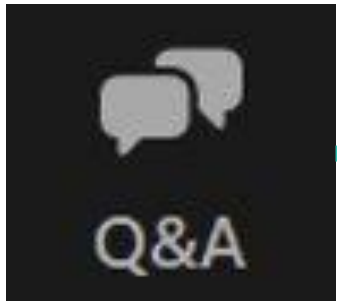
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- Introduce yourself!
- Talk with one another
- Share resources
- Respond to presenters



- Ask the presenters questions
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GPP RMC Framework Overview

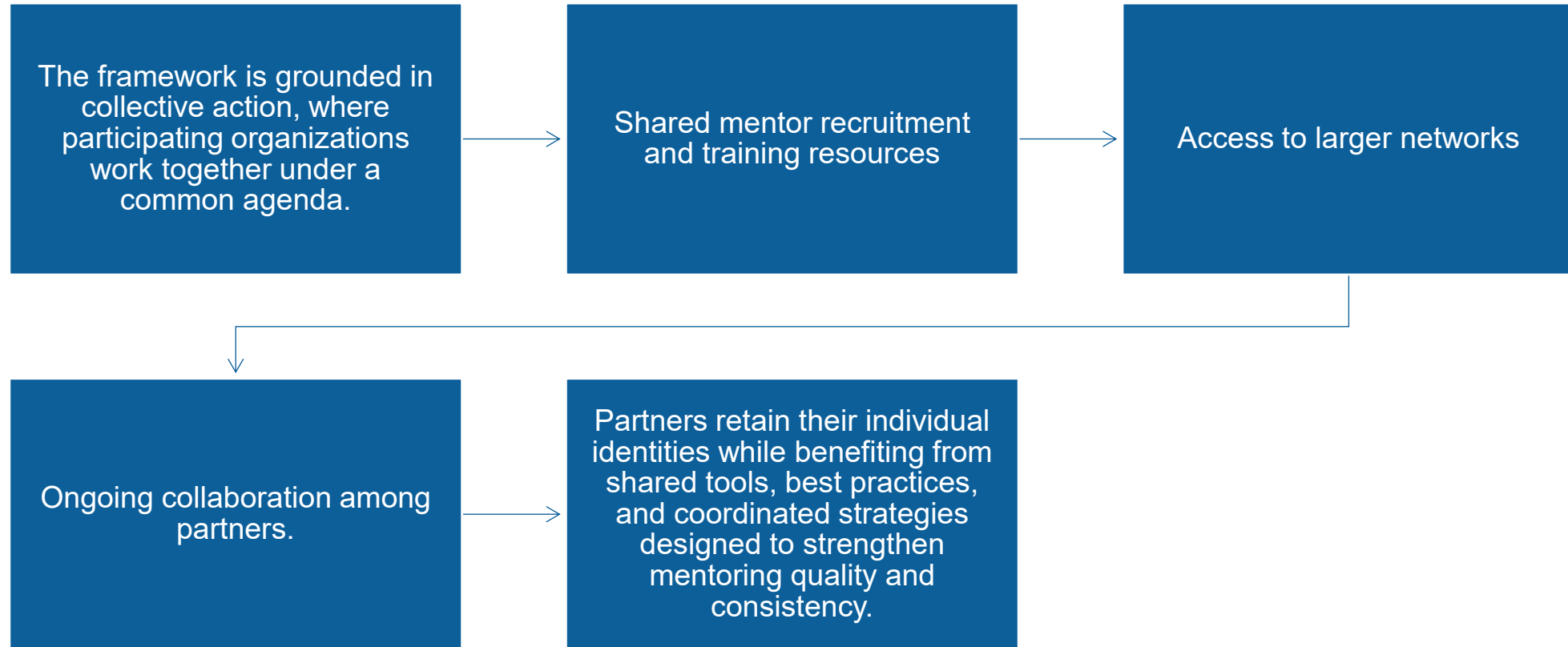
- The GPP Regional Mentoring Collaborative (RMC) framework is built on a regional mentoring collaborative model that brings together mentoring programs and key community stakeholders committed to improving youth outcomes.

Agenda

- I. Overview of GPP Regional Mentoring Collaborative Framework
- II. Connection to Collaboration
- III. Pause & Reflections
- IV. Q&A
- V. Feedback Survey



Core Components of the Framework



Benefits and Value of a Collaborative Model



Collective Impact and Service Delivery

- The GPP RMC framework redefines how mentoring services are delivered by providing a single point of entry for multiple mentoring models, including community-based, site-based, one-on-one, and peer-to-peer approaches.

Reflection:

How do you currently identify cross-sector partners?



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Building the Foundation

Community-driven and youth-centered design

Asset mapping of mentoring and community resources

Identification of dedicated leadership and conveners

Comprehensive needs assessment

Unified purpose and shared goals

Launch, Sustain, and Adapt

Formalized commitment through MOUs

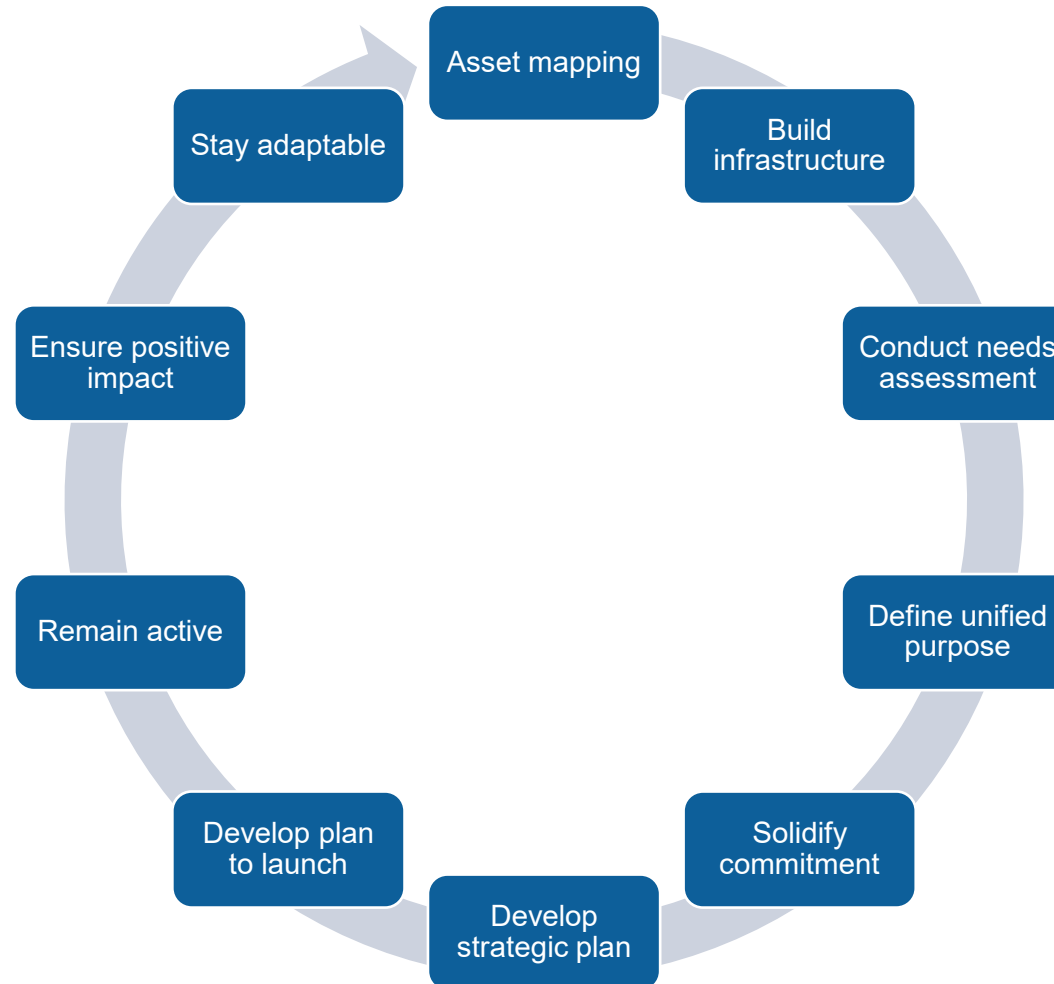
Ongoing partner engagement and recruitment

Structured launch plan and regular convenings

Data collection and outcome tracking

Continuous improvement and adaptability

Roadmap to Building a Strategic Partnership



Reflection:

What are best practices that can be used to engage and expand cross-sector partnerships?



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What are some best practices that can be used to engage and expand cross-sector partner



Three Next Steps

1. Conduct a collaborative asset mapping process to identify community strengths, partners, and available resources that can support partnership efforts.
2. Create a strategic engagement plan to build and strengthen relationships with identified partners and stakeholders.
3. Implement a mutually beneficial collaboration plan that promotes shared goals, coordinated action, and sustainable partnership outcomes.

Questions?



GPP Upcoming Trainings & Events

ADOPTING A MENTORING MINDSET

In-Person



Adopting a Mentoring Mindset

Designed for educators, workplace leaders, youth-serving professionals, and community partners, this practical training helps participants strengthen communication, build trust, and better support the growth and success of others.

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
June 11, 2026

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See you next time!

