COMMUNITY PARTNER DESCRIPTION:

A group of local agencies (Community Partners – Connecting with Corrections) came together to work to better meet the needs of the high-risk population who are incarcerated in our local correctional facility, especially as these individuals are getting ready to exit the system and return to the community. We know rates of recidivism are very high, so our objective is to better meet the needs of these people so they are more successful upon their return to the community, hopefully engaging with their community, becoming healthier individuals, and positively contributing to their environment.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Questionnaires will be completed with incarcerated people, or with people who were incarcerated, gathering information on their experiences with service providers in the community. The goal is to better understand what's worked for individuals, in helping them lead healthier lives, what hasn't worked, and what they feel they still need in order to do better. A literature search has been completed and the vast majority of information is from the US; the information that is Canadian comes from federal institutional data. This proposed research is an opportunity to get local data, that may fill in the gaps in the literature.

PROJECTED BENEFITS:
The information gathered can be shared with relevant service providers in the community, as well as with Corrections. The information gathered might also lead to services being expanded or changed in some way. It may also lead to the development of other services/resources in order to address some of the issues that lead to people's incarceration.

NB: These are excerpts from the Community Partner’s original proposal from 2018.