

CLIP Takeaways



Organizational Relations

Key takeaway:

8 Settlement Service Provider Organizations (SPOs) are core, creating a peripheral space for smaller SPOs, informal networks, and nonSPOs particularly Ethnic-based organizations (EBOs)

Action items:

- Develop strategies to strengthen relations and information sharing with smaller SPOs, informal networks and nonSPOs
- Pay attention to power dynamics within communications and interactions
- nonSPOs unfulfilled role: Support and incentivize nonSPOs' newcomer-specific services
- EBOs as untapped resource: Value the insights and modalities of EBOs
- Informal networks as invisible support: Strengthen
 online presence and connections with social media
 for newcomers (ie. facebook groups)











Duplication and Gaps in Services

Key takeaway:

Duplication: Service areas prioritized: employment, settlement and culture-community

Gaps: Service areas not prioritized: mental health and trauma; youth with complex needs; ethnocultural connections; cultural understanding; interpretation and translation. Lack of online information on language- and population-specific services

Action items:

- Consolidate and streamline services in employment, settlement, and culture-community
- **Communicate and strategize** with funders about addressing gaps in services
- Conduct comprehensive, strategic analysis of services prioritized and not prioritized
- **Update SPOs' websites**, including specific info on language- and population-specific services

Funding

Key takeaway:

Bureaucratic, competitive and time-limited funding processes may impede or stifle partnerships, sustainability and long-term strategic planning of SPOs

Action items:

- Diversify funding sources and strategies
 - to increase autonomy and allow the pursuit of goals and priorities apart from those of governments and funders
- Open up and utilize communication pathways with funders, particularly government funders
 - to create an organizational culture of mutuality between SPOs and funders
 - to discuss new, shifting contexts of newcomer needs and organizational challenges

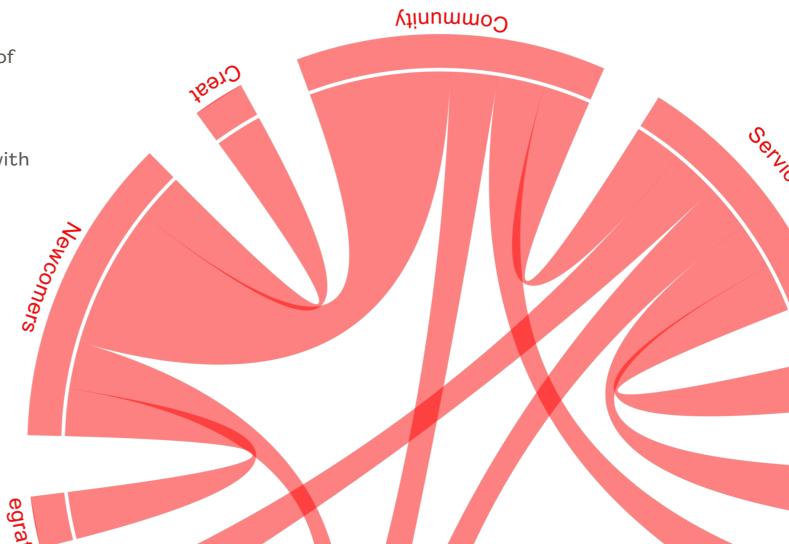
Evaluation

Key takeaway:

A wide range of evaluation approaches are utilized, some not sufficiently robust

Action items:

• **Strengthen evaluation capacities,** especially for smaller SPOs, via resources and training





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