



Knowledge-to-Action in Alternative Crisis Response: An Interactive, Field-Based Workshop

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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional homelands of the **Council of Three Fires**: the **Ojibwe**, the **Odawa**, and the **Potawatomi**, as well as other Native nations who have stewarded this land since time immemorial.

We recognize that the area now known as Chicago remains home to many Indigenous people today, and we honor their ongoing presence, sovereignty, and contributions.

We also acknowledge the histories of displacement and dispossession connected to this land, and we commit to learning from and supporting Indigenous-led efforts toward justice, self determination, and healing.



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Meet the Speakers



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Agenda

Workshop Overview:

1. Brief background of our work
 2. Breakout group discussions
 3. Panel-facilitated group discussions
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Workshop Objectives:

1. To mobilize lessons from research and practice-based experiences to support communities, service providers, policymakers, and funders working to establish sustainable alternative crisis response systems.
2. To identify shared challenges, tensions and areas of alignment across alternative crisis response models.



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Background

Alternative Crisis Response: A Knowledge-to-Action Study

PHASE 1 knowledge

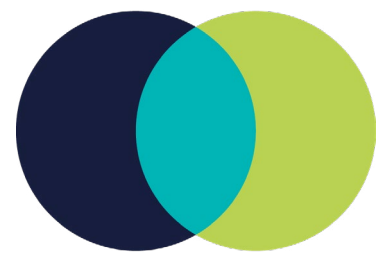
Two scoping reviews (one on co-responder models, one on civilian-led models) to map out the knowledge base

PHASE 2 action

Qualitative interviews with key informants

Working Definitions

How we defined co-response and civilian-led in our work:



Co-Responder Team

— A crisis response model that includes **both police officers and trained mental health crisis responders.**



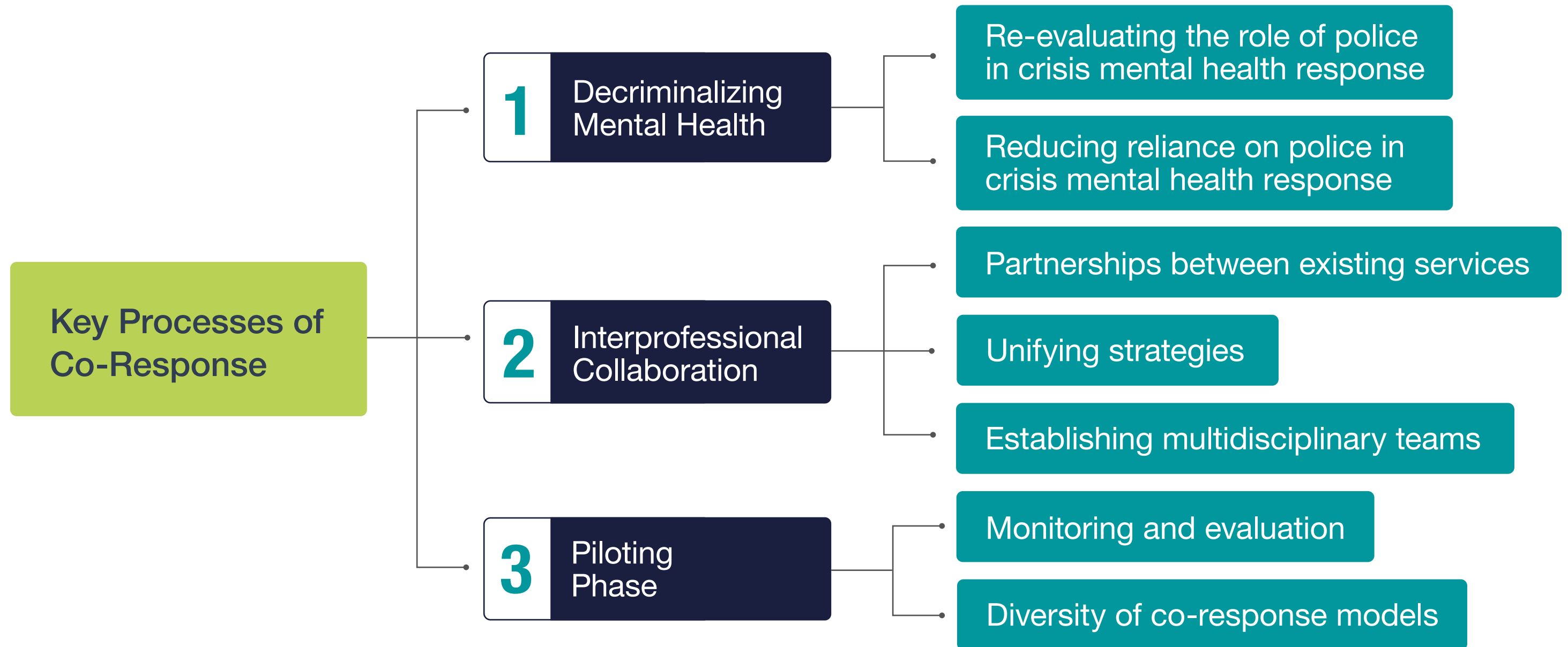
Civilian-Led Team

— A crisis response model that includes **trained mental health crisis responders**, including but not limited to mental health clinicians such as social workers, psychologists, nurses, and/or trained peers, **with no sworn members** (primarily police officers).

Scoping Reviews: Key Themes

Processes of Co-Response Crisis Mental Health Models

Three primary themes, each with respective sub-themes were identified to address how and why crisis mental health systems have been restructured into co-response models.



Scoping Reviews: Key Themes

Restructuring Crisis Response Programs as Civilian-Led

Three primary themes were identified regarding key processes involved in restructuring crisis response models into civilian-led teams, each with corresponding sub-themes.



Group Discussion (30 mins)

Discussion Prompts:

1. How would you describe the support in your local context regarding alternative crisis mental health response models? *(By social will, we mean community interest, desire, or opinion; by political will, we mean the priorities or level of support among elected officials or local government).*
2. What do you understand as some of the risks or challenges in restructuring crisis mental health response models in your local contexts?

Group Discussion (30 mins)

3. Of the models discussed—civilian-led / co-responder — what approach do you believe holds the most promise for your context?
 - a. What are barriers / facilitators?
 - b. Which of these approaches have been tried, and how were they implemented?
4. How do teams currently determine which types of crisis they respond to?
 - a. Are (and if so, how) terms like “non-emergency” or “non-violent” defined? Are the parameters of non-emergency/non-violent situations consistent across teams (i.e., does non-emergency/non-violent mean the same to police versus co-responder teams versus civilian-led teams?)



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