

HARNESSING THE POTENTIAL OF COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION THROUGH HIGH-FIDELITY WRAPAROUND: A CANADIAN CASE STUDY OF COMMUNITY

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Community-based collaborative approaches are being used in Canada to support community safety and well-being. Referred to as community mobilization (CM), these initiatives employ alternative approaches to mainstream models of reactive policing. One community mobilization initiative called CommUNITY Support Team, located in Altona, Manitoba, has implemented the Canadian High-Fidelity Wraparound approach as its model of community mobilization. This mixed-methods case study examines how CommUNITY has implemented Wraparound, as well as the readiness factors in the local community that have supported the adoption of this approach. Findings suggest that the history of collaboration in this rural community, a commitment to the principles of Wraparound, leadership from the education sector, and a focus on adherence to high-fidelity implementation have enhanced CM in this setting.

INTRODUCTION

Crime has devastating social, economic, and personal costs on victims, offenders, family members, communities, and societal institutions.¹ Mainstream responses, which typically include increasing the power and reach of police through “crack downs” and tactical interventions, and/or