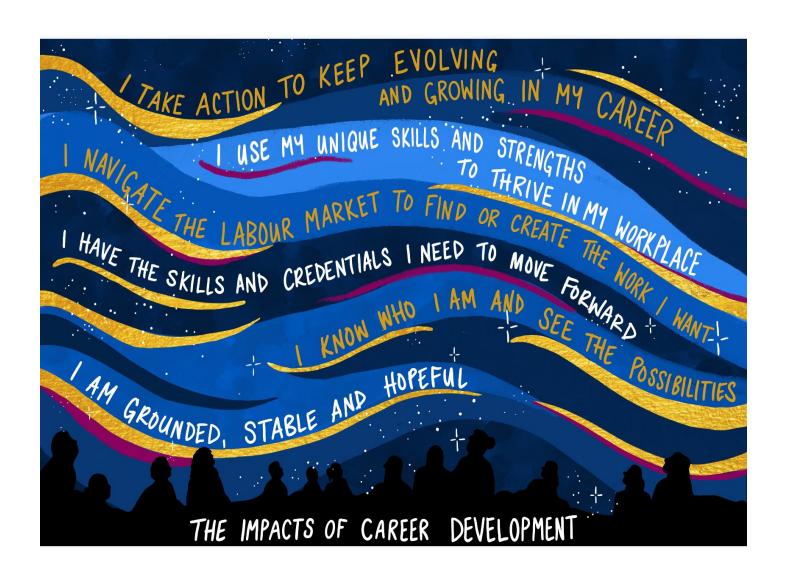
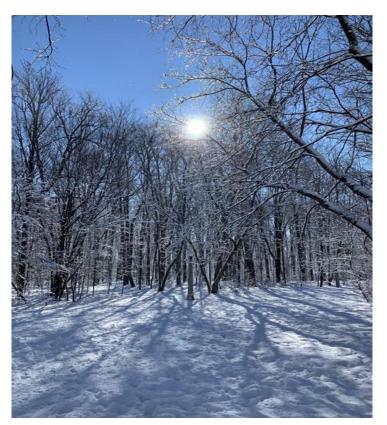
### Embracing our Role as Practitioner-Researchers

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This is where I am right now!







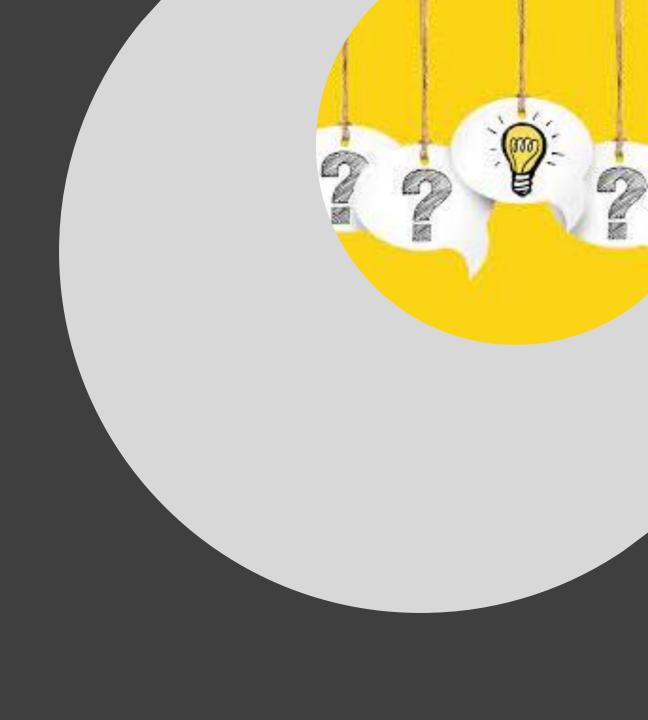


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### One Case Example TAKING CHARGE OF OUR OWN EVIDENCE





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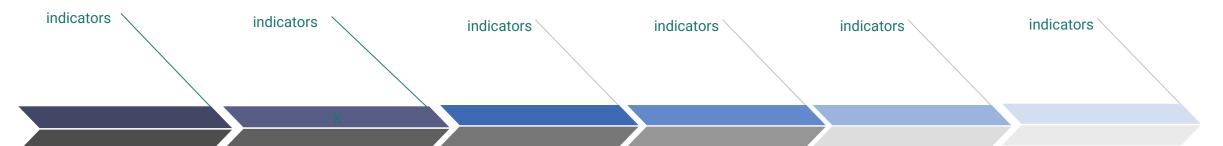
#### We started out by asking...

 What changes do you hope will occur as a result of working with career/employment services? What changes really mattered along your career journey?  What changes do you see in your clients that are important, but are never tracked or reported?



#### Career Development Dimensions

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#### **Pre-Employability**

Adequate transportation, dependent care; stable and safe housing; supports for physical health, mental health, addictions; responsible for own choices; have strategies to stay motivated

#### Career Decision-Making

Know self and related opportunities; know entry requirements and conditions; aware of issues that could affect hiring; evaluate options; set and follow through on achievable goals

#### Skills Enhancement

Select and apply for chosen education/training program; have strategies to address anticipated challenges

#### Work Search Entrepreneurship

Have realistic
employment
goal/business plan;
identify employers;
understand
workplace
norms/expectations;
meet skill
requirements; apply
work search/
marketing tools and
strategies

#### **Employment Maintenance**

Meet
responsibilities
and workplace
expectations;
demonstrate skills
and attitudes
needed for current
employment; act
on corrective
feedback; seek
assistance when
needed

#### **Other Influencers**

See self as competent and worthwhile; feel hopeful about future, open to new ideas and change; able to bounce back and follow through on commitments



An elegantly simple employability assessment approach to understanding the strengths and needs of people coming to service and capturing meaningful ways they change as a result of career services.



Gathers data on all the indicators within the Career Development Dimensions Framework



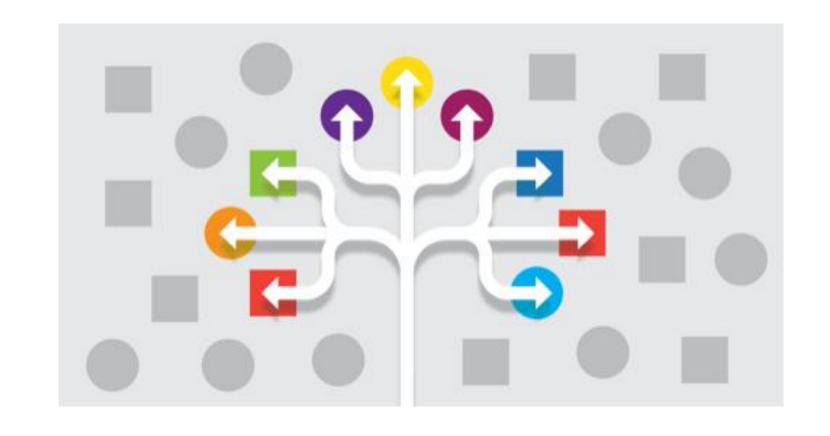
Integrated seamlessly into career services



Provides data on how people change that informs the whole ecosystem

### Our Most Recent PRIME Research

- 6 participating agencies with diverse client groups
- 1,039 clients assessed using PRIME November 2018-February 2020



#### The Tale of the Impact of Quality Career Services

- Clinically and statistically significant positive changes in clients across 6 career development dimensions and 36 indicators
- A separate analysis of client progress across 16 indicators of mental health and wellbeing likewise showed statistically significant positive changes



#### The Tale of Practitioner Transformation



# ROFESSIONALISM

"THIS HAS BEEN THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND INSIGHTFUL WORK-LEARNING EXPERIENCE I HAVE EVER HAD."

- -100/ ARE CONNECTED TO AND SUPPORTED BY THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY, UP FROM 66.7/
- AM CLEAR ABOUT THE SCOPE OF MY PRACTICE AS A CAREER DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONER

# PRIME ENSURES ALL CAREER PRACTITIONERS ARE USING SIMILAR PRACTICES, AND IT STREAMLINES THE WORK OVERALL." -DEEPER UNDERSTANDING AND

- DEEPER UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION FOR THE CAREER PRACTITIONER ETHICAL GUIDELINES THAT UNDERPIN QUALITY CAREER SERVICES
- I KNOW HOW TO APPLY THE ETHICAL GUIDELINES FOR CAREER PRACTITIONERS IN MY DAY-TO-DAY PRACTICE

### MORE CLIENT ENGAGEMENT, MORE DISCUSSION, BETTER FOLLOW THROUGH. A VISION FOR THE FUTURE."

- -100% OF CLIENTS ARE ENGAGING IN THEIR ACTION PLANS, UP FROM 88.9%
- -100% OF CLIENTS SEE THEIR PROGRESS, UP FROM 83.3%
- 100/ OF CLIENTS SEE WHERE AND HOW THEIR ACTION PLANS NEED ADJUSTING, UP FROM 83.3/

### PRIME INSTILLS HOPE FOR BUILDING A FUTURE STORY. IT MEETS CLIENTS WHERE THEY ARE."

- · COP'S ABILITY TO ACCURATELY ASSESS THEIR CUENTS' EMPLOYABILITY STRENGTHS AND NEEDS AT INTAKE INCREASED FROM 77.8% TO 83.3%
- COP'S ABILITY TO DELIVER CAREER
  SERVICES THAT MEET THEIR CLIENTS'
  NEEDS INCREASED FROM 83.3/ TO
  91.7/

## ENDENCES RELEVANT, REAL-TIME INFORMATION THAT REFLECTS THE CLIENT'S JOURNEY."

- -100% OF CDPs AGREE THEIR DATA IS
  MEANINGFUL AND ACCURATELY
  REFLECTS THE REAL PROGRESS ANI
  OUTCOMES THEY SEE IN THEIR
  CLIENTS, UP FROM 72.2%
- -91.7/ OF CDPs AGREE THAT
  USING [PRIME] FOR COLLECTING
  AND REPORTING DATA PROVIDES
  THEM WITH RELEVANT AND
  USEFUL FEEDBACK



PRIME: MEASURING THE IMPACTS ON THE JOURNEY TO EMPLOYMENT

### The Benefits to Frontline Careers Professionals



- I am clear about my scope of practice
- I possess the competencies/skills I need
- I see value in being a member of a professional association
- I have a strong sense of my professional identity
- I am proud to call myself a career professional
- I want to be certified as a career professional
- My practice is enhanced by evidence/research

#### The Benefits to Service Recipients

- I apply the Code of Ethics in my day-to-day practice.
- My clients and I enjoy a strong and effective partnership in our work together.
- My clients are actively engaged in developing and implementing their action plan.
- My clients can readily see the progress they are making as they work with me.
- We adjust the action plan along the way to maximize progress and positive outcomes.
- I regularly assess and record the progress my clients.
- The data I collect and report on is meaningful and accurately reflects the real progress and outcomes I see in my clients.
- I can prove the impact(s) of specific interventions/services I deliver to clients.
- I feel motivated and empowered to improve the impact of our services on clients.





### The Benefits to Researchers

- Regular reality checks
- Deeper learning and insights
- The development of stronger programs, tools, and approaches
- Increased likelihood of application of learning
- Better ideas for future research



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