



Evergreen

Child and Youth Mental Health Framework

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Background & Objectives

- Project of the *Child & Youth Advisory Committee (CYAC)* of the *Mental Health Commission of Canada*
- Intended to complement and provide child and youth context to the *Mental Health Strategy* of the *MHCC*
- Evergreen is a Mental Health Framework specific to children and youth designed to:
 - a) Guide, rather than prescribe, policy & program development
 - b) Assist provincial and territorial governments and organizations in creating or modifying child and youth mental health strategies, policies, programming
 - c) Raise public awareness regarding child and youth mental health



Development Process

- **Committee Recruitment & Formation**

- Multi-stage recruitment:

- a) CYAC used as key informant group
- b) Systematic search to identify committee members
- c) Snowball referral from recruited members to fill “gaps” in knowledge
- d) Emphasis on recruiting youth, parents, youth with lived mental health experience and vulnerable populations

National Advisory Committee

- 100 Canadian professionals, youth and parents

Drafting Committee

- 30 Canadian mental health professionals, youth & parents

International Advisory Committee

- 25 world renowned experts in mental health

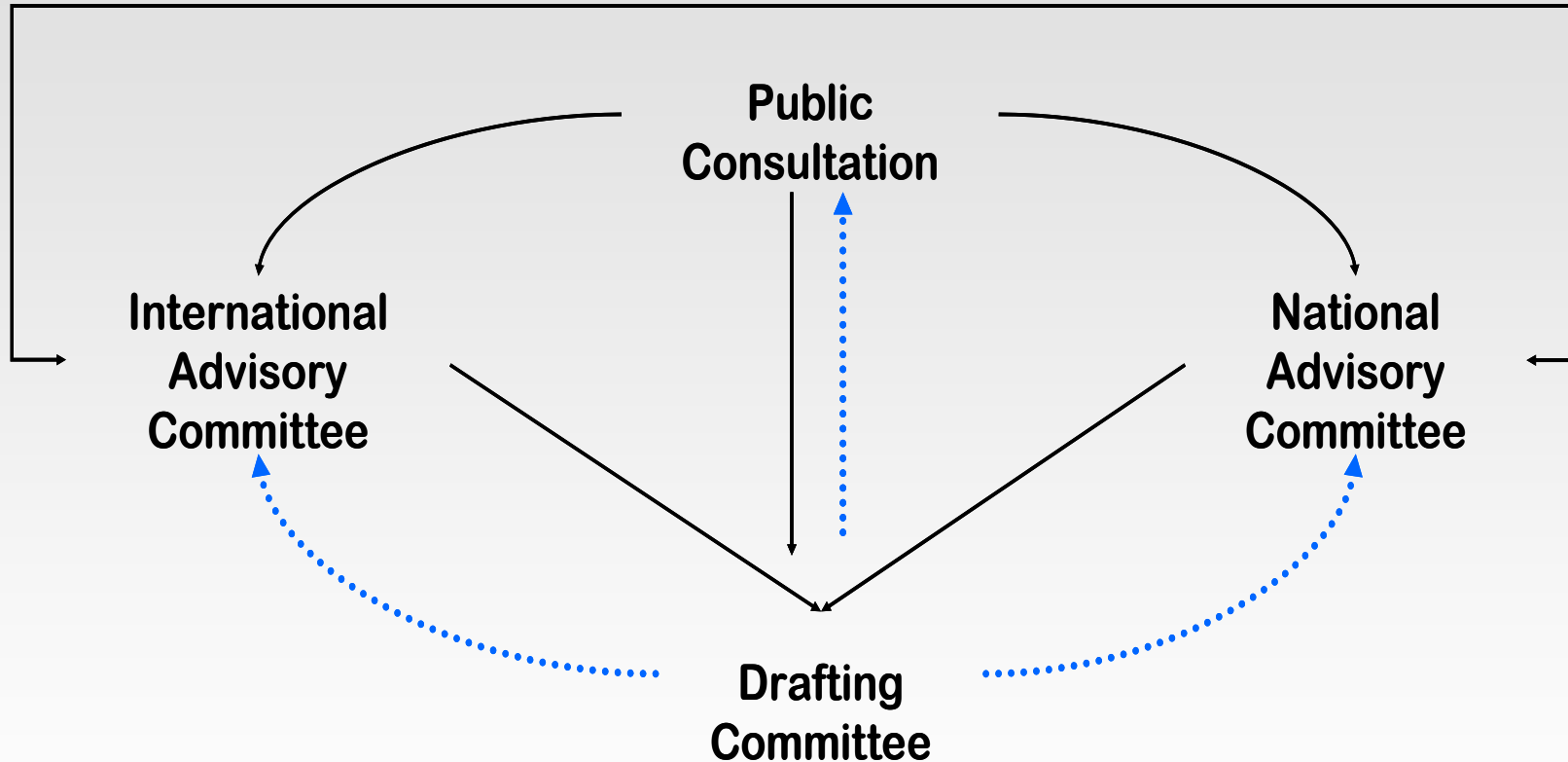


Consultation Process

- Online Collaborative Consultations
 - Committee Consultation using [Socialtext](#)
 - Iterative process: “passing of the baton” in real time
 - Public Consultations using online surveys
 - 1st general public consultation 1000+ participants
 - 1st youth specific consultation 200+ participants
- Analysis, Aggregation and Synthesis
 - Systematic search for seminal literature
 - Creation of online library to inform committees
 - Analysis & synthesis of public input
 - Grounded theory approach to data-analysis



Collaborative Consultation



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Value and Principle 2 ▼ HIDE

Value: Embrace Equity

Associated Principles

- a) Cultural, ethnic and community perspectives are appropriately addressed ~~recognized~~ in systems of care, **mental health promotion**, research and policy development
- b) The perspectives of all, importantly children and other consumers of "care" are fully included in service development and implementation, promotion activities, policy development and research
- b) Differences across ~~The importance of different~~ geographic regions are appropriately considered ~~recognized~~ in systems of care, **mental health promotion**, research and policy development
- c) All people living in Canada, regardless of identity, feel welcomed in the ~~any~~ provision of the full continuum of mental health care
- d) Equity enriches and strengthens Canada through the interaction of different modes of thought, behaviour and culture and a commitment to equity will lead to multiple approaches to mental health promotion, research and policy development


Comments posted by Advisory Committee Members

RE: 2c, I wonder if there might be a bit more clarity around what "special or unique *effects* may need to be made..." means. Does it mean re-shaping entire programs or making special provisions in individual cases? I wonder also if a comment like "by acknowledging that racism and discrimination experienced by diverse groups can have a significant impact on their mental health" might also be useful to include. This would help to show an appreciation that 1) these are very real experiences shared by many members of diverse groups, and that 2) the mental health system is aware of its role in perhaps mediating this.


contributed by  [Purnima Sundar](#) on Jun 10 11:58am

Given the enormous geographic dispersion of Canadian populations, should a principle be identified that programs should make use of or contribute to the development of technology that makes services more accessible to all Canadians regardless of where they live?

contributed by  [Harold Lipton](#) on Jun 15 12:41pm

Agree with P. Sundar's comment, above. Also agree that innovative technology (eg some of the web-based supports piloted in Nova Scotia for pediatric health) be considered as a geographic and access equalizer contributed by  [Jgarland](#) on Jun 16 1:32pm

One consideration would be to include the importance of linguistic competency and providing services that reflect and are responsive to the various languages that are part of differing cultures. Also, there may be some value in expanding the concept of diversity beyond race and ethnicity. For example diversity in sexual orientation, gender expression, religion, socioeconomic

status, immigration status and family composition. contributed by  [Gary Blau](#) on Jun 17 7:37am

I agree with Purnima Sundar's comment about effects of racism on mental health being acknowledged in the principles. If there is reference to diversity in terms of ethnicity & culture in these principles I think aboriginal culture/ethnicity should be "top of the list." As it stands there is ref to aboriginal culture only in the principles/value related to safety - a slightly obscure place. I thought

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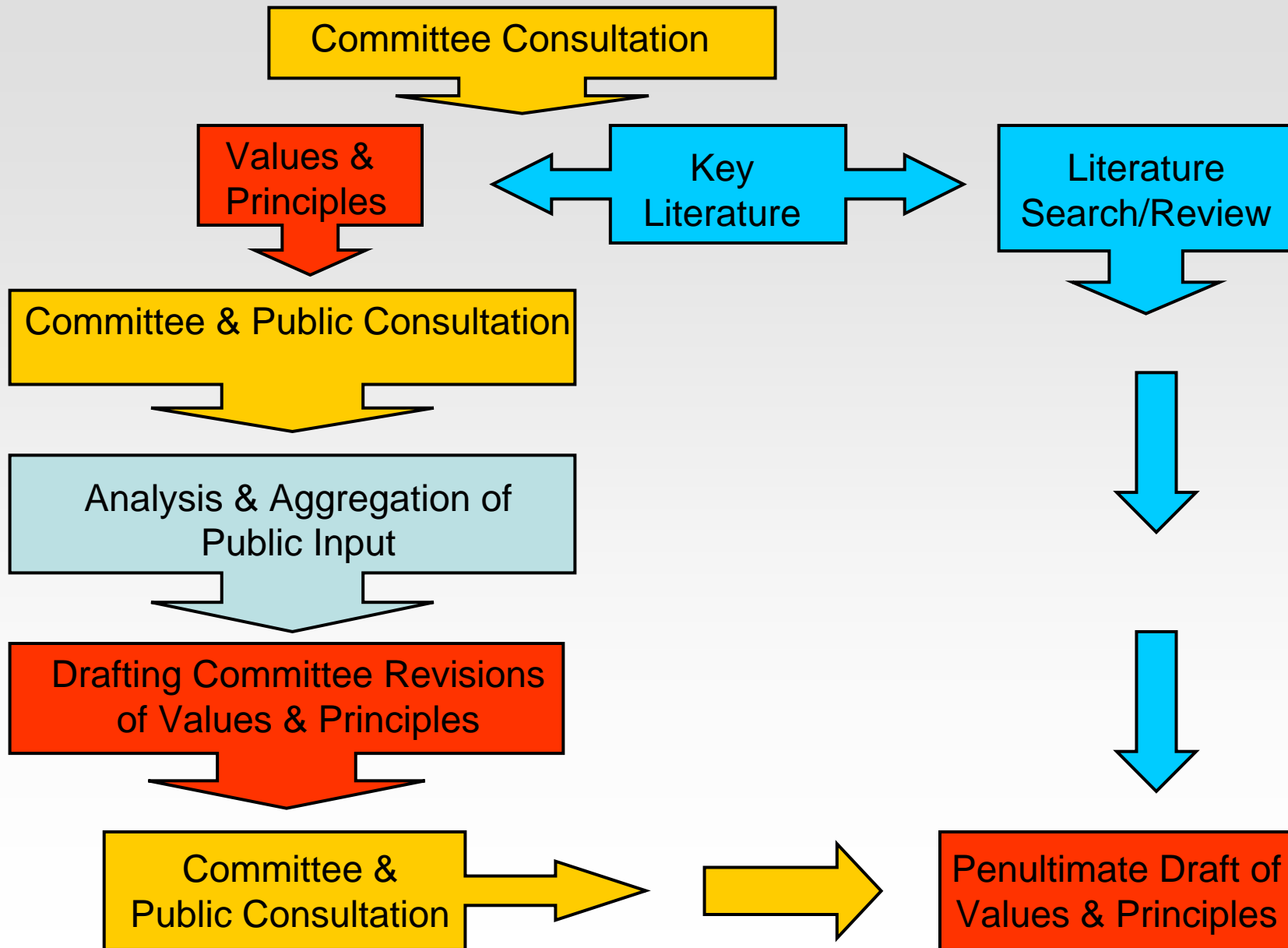
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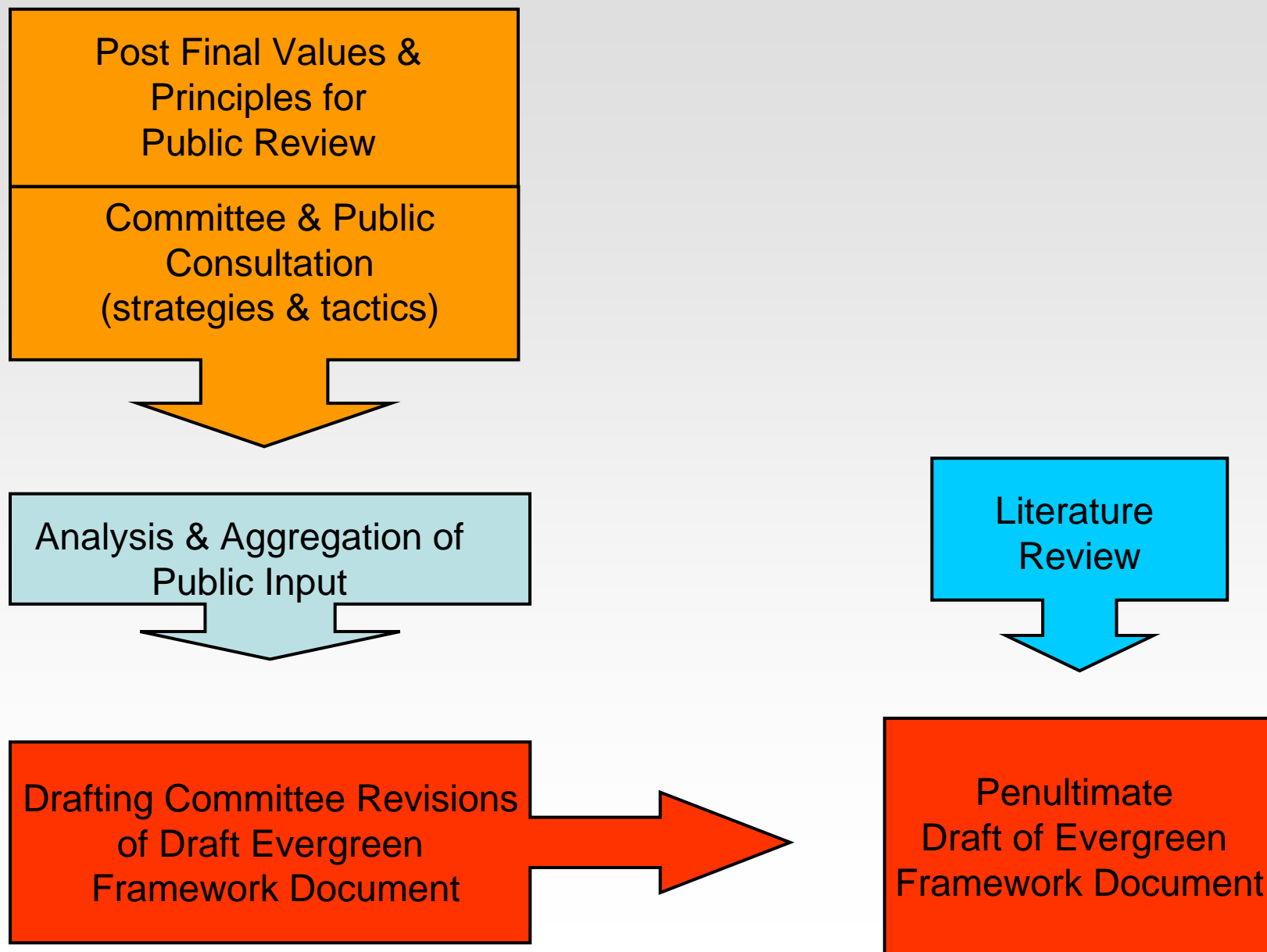
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Phase 2: Evergreen Framework

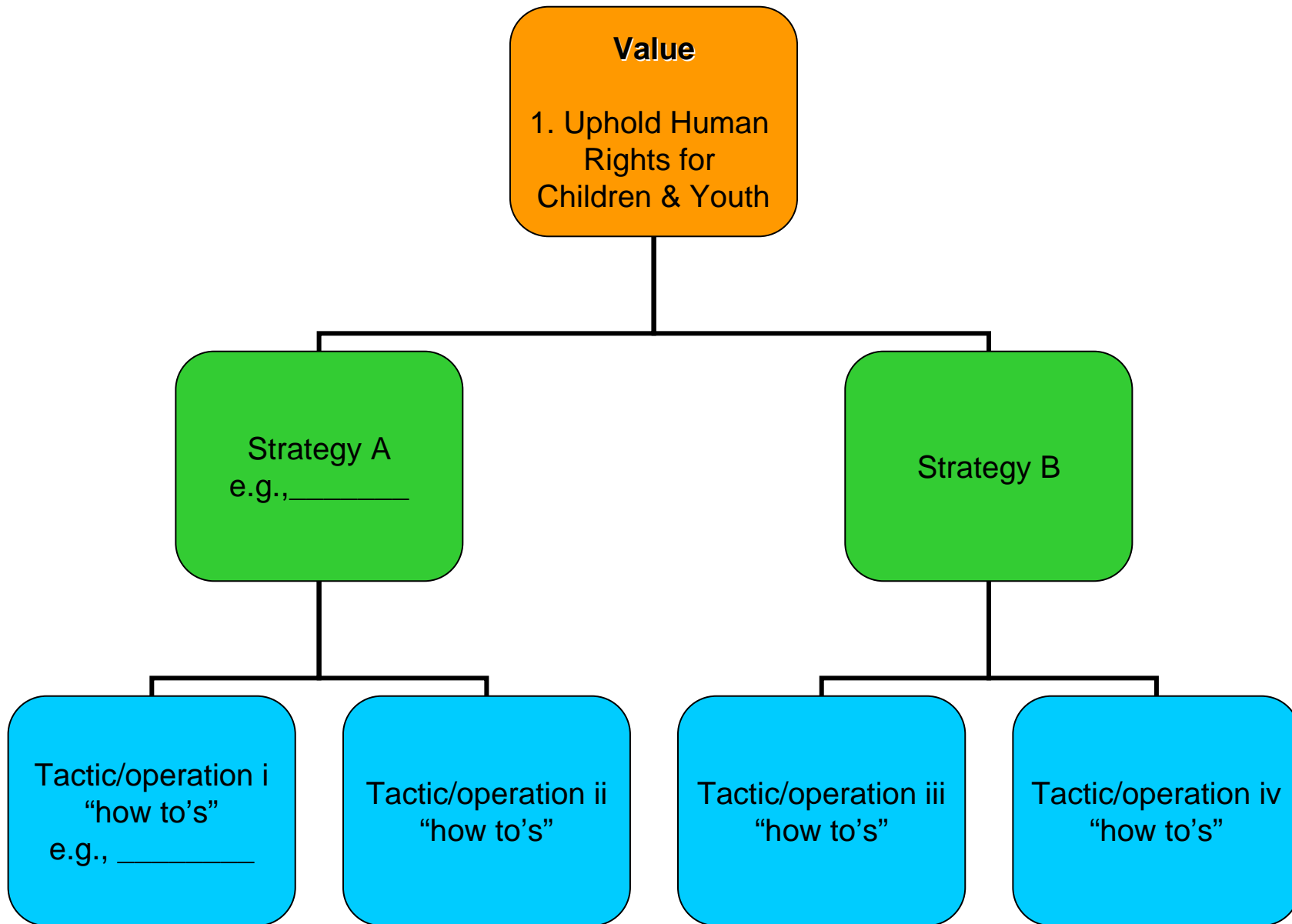


Evergreen's Core Values*



* Please note: At time of printing Evergreen's Values were still in the process of being finalized.

Final Framework Structure



Project Timelines

- November 2008---Project Launched
- July – Sept. 2009--First Online Public Consultation
 - Youth specific online consultation October-November 2009

Future Online Public Consultation

- **December 2009** — Posting of penultimate draft of Values & Principles for final comment
- **January 2010** – Posting of Final Values & Principles for review and seeking input regarding Strategies and tactics to realize values
- **February 2010**– Evergreen Drafting Committee working on draft Evergreen Framework Document, at the centre of which sits the values & principles
- **Spring 2010**– Final Evergreen Document submitted to CYAC of MHCC

