

# Research as Reconciliation

## Well Living House

### **ACTION TO DATE: 2012 - 2019**

Milestones & Future Directions

January 2019



# Measures & Milestones



## KNOWLEDGE SHARING & APPLICATION

### Popular Paper

First Peoples, Second Class Treatment discussion paper is most downloaded report released by Wellesley Institute

**200+**

Community partnered research meetings (local, provincial, national, and international)

**100+**

Media citations, including front page of the Toronto Star, CBC's The Current and The National, and Globe and Mail editorial

**50+**

# of SMH staff who completed the Ontario Indigenous cultural safety training program as part of the WLH Reconciling Relationships Project

**>10 times**

Dr. Smylie was called upon as an expert by parliamentary subcommittee and roundtables, federal ministers, legislatively appointed national councils, and national inquiries



## TANGIBLE COMMUNITY BENEFITS

### NEW Toronto Birth Centre

WLH research instrumental in successful application by Seventh Generation Midwives Toronto

### NEW programs for Indigenous children

Our Health Counts study findings in Toronto lead to \$12 million investment

### NEW services & supports for pregnant women

Baby Bundles Demonstration Project includes a service accord and community supports for pregnant Indigenous women

**300% expansion**

Expansion of Dedwadehsnye's Aboriginal Health Access Centre linked to Hamilton Our Health Counts Report

The milestones are organized by the four elements: fire, earth, water, and wind. The medicine wheel is a symbolic teaching tool used in many First Nation and Métis communities.



Medicine wheel teachings draw on the interconnections between the four elements, four seasons, four stages of life, four peoples, and four aspects of human health and well-being among other things.



## RELATIONSHIPS, PARTNERSHIPS, & GOVERNANCE

### Unique MOU

Still the only research co-governance MOU between an Indigenous community counsel and senior leadership of academic teaching hospital.

**>30**

Agreements signed for research, publication, and data sharing between St. Michael's Hospital and Indigenous community partners

**100%**

Indigenous community dataset governed & managed by Indigenous research partners

**100%**

Well Living House research meetings that incorporate Indigenous relationship building practices & protocols



## RESEARCH & TRAINING

**\$13 M**

New Indigenous research funds acquired by WLH Principal Investigators

**\$5 M**

WLH operating funds spent in and supporting Indigenous communities.

**5**

WLH Scientists leading WLH research projects

**10**

Documentary films produced and supported

**2156**

# of academic citations of Dr. Smylie's publications

**>100**

Indigenous research trainees (graduate students, health professionals, and postdoctoral fellows)

**2018**

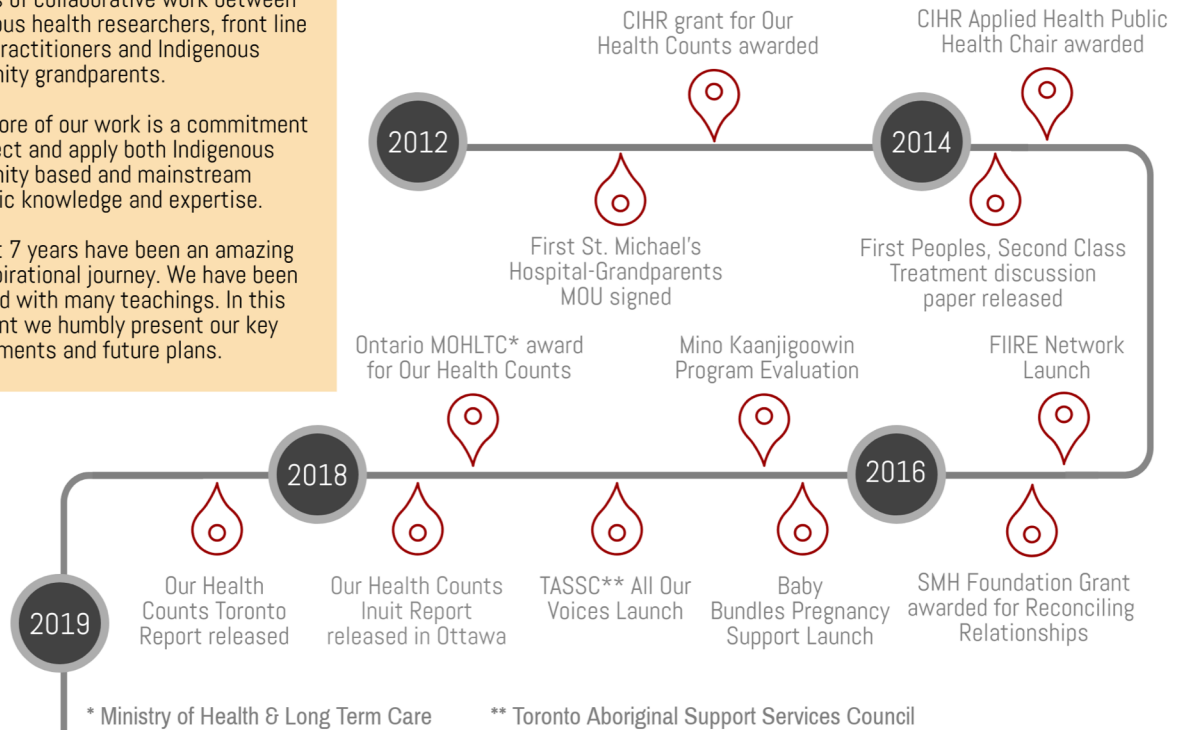
Dr. Smylie recognized by CIHR as Trailblazer in Population and Public Health

# Where we have come from?

WLH was built on a foundation of over 2 decades of collaborative work between Indigenous health researchers, front line health practitioners and Indigenous community grandparents.

At the core of our work is a commitment to respect and apply both Indigenous community based and mainstream academic knowledge and expertise.

Our first 7 years have been an amazing and inspirational journey. We have been honoured with many teachings. In this document we humbly present our key achievements and future plans.



# What's next?

We have substantively demonstrated impacts that are recognized by Indigenous community leaders, academic peers as well as local, regional, national, and global policy makers.

Together, the Grandparents and St. Michael's Hospital are committed to sustaining and expanding our work on the next phase of our journey to achieve justice and equity in health services for Indigenous peoples.



Making research as reconciliation real.

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