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Bridging the Gap:

Creating Effective partnerships to reduce
sexual victimization

**The 10th Interfaith Symposium
on the Sex Offender in Your Faith Community**

Agenda:

- Overview of day
- Steps to check activity
- Bridging the Gap Presentation
- Bridging the Gap Group Discussion
- Final words



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STEPS TO CHECK GROUP ACTIVITY

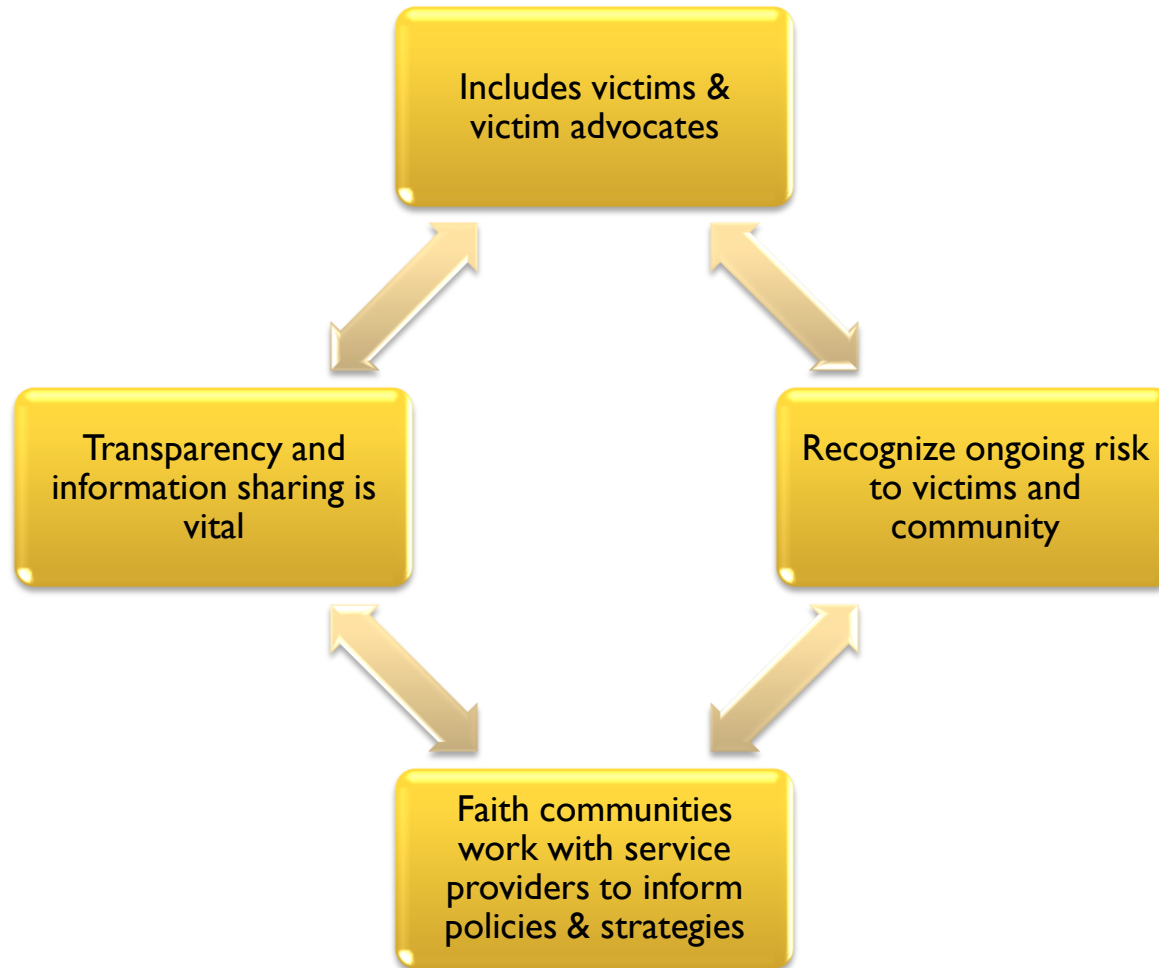


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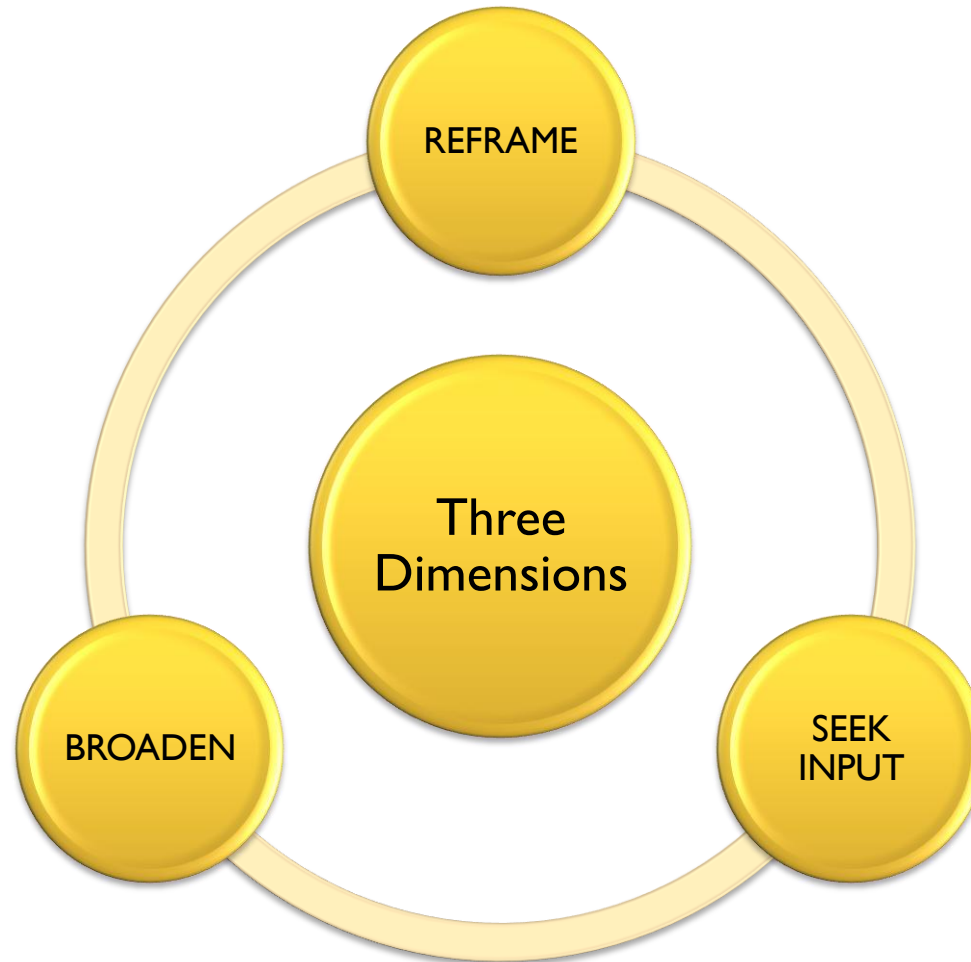
BRIDGING THE GAP: THE PHILOSOPHY AND METHOD FOR CREATING EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS

**“Safety Starts
Here”**

Safety centered: As a Philosophy



Safety– Centered:As a Method



Creating Partnerships to reduce sexual victimization

“ The most comprehensive and responsible approaches to community management of sex offenders are those which place paramount importance on addressing the needs and safety of past and potential victims of sexual assault.”

Center for Sex Offender Management: The Comprehensive Assessment Protocol

- Requires multi-disciplinary collaboration.
- Victim and community safety are paramount and should be placed at the forefront of sex offender management strategies.

“A group of community members from various specialties and backgrounds, working together toward a common goal.”

CSOM identifies nine disciplines:

Law enforcement * community corrections * institutional corrections *
parole * defense * prosecution * courts * sex offender treatment
providers * and victim advocacy

The Interfaith Group in King County identifies eight disciplines:

- *Law enforcement
- *Community corrections
- *Institutional Corrections
- *Prison Ministry
- *Faith Communities
- *Victim Advocacy
- *JRA Probation or Parole and
- *Sex Offender Treatment providers

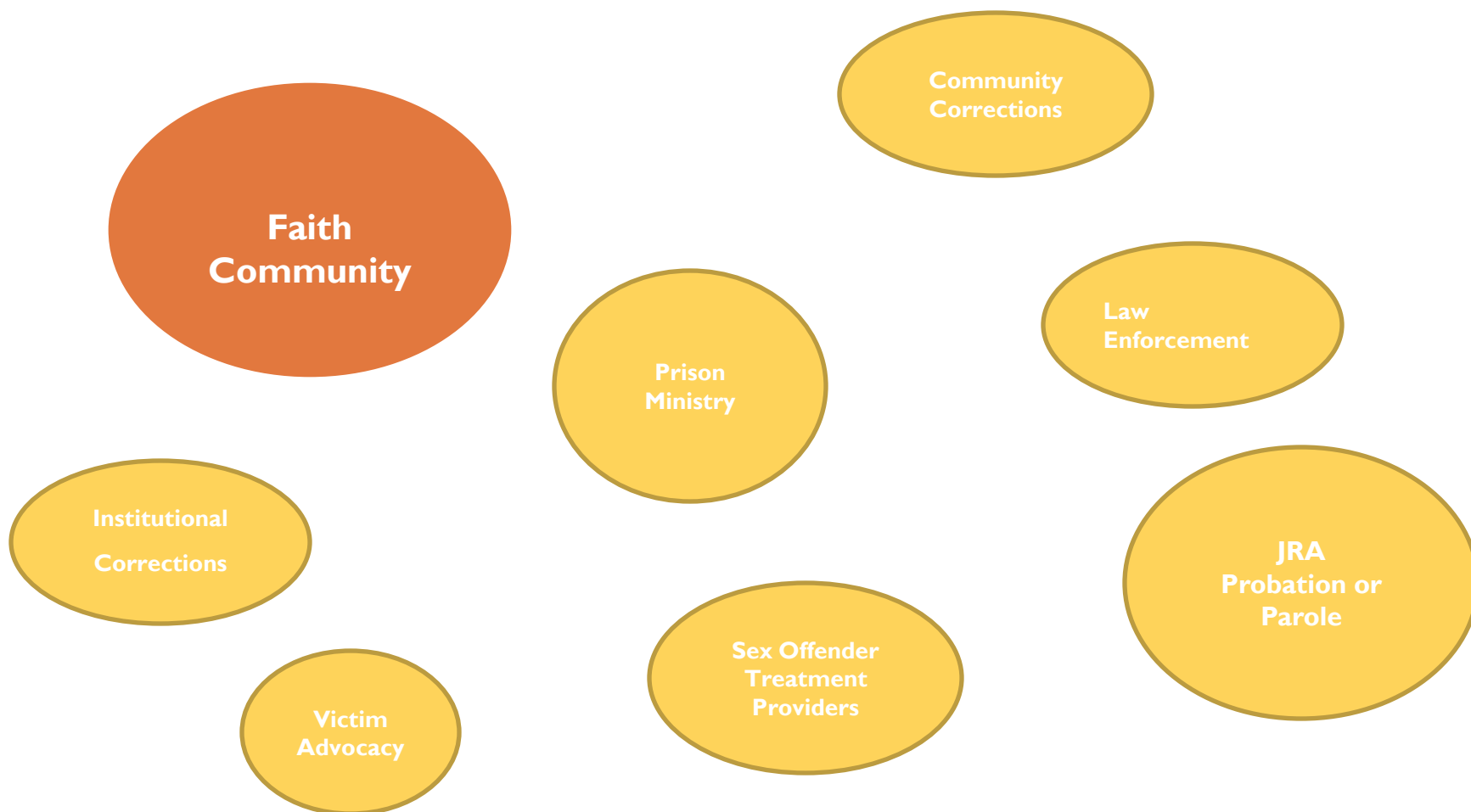
“Collaboration requires agencies and individuals to recognize the importance of diverse perspectives, share resources, and make a commitment to work together to enhance capacity toward attainment of a common goal.”

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You are a key partner in this effort.



Let's look at an example: a typical Faith community



An Effective Partnership or Multidisciplinary Model



Safety – Centered: Summary



A philosophy that places the safety of victim and potential victims at the forefront of how we manage sex offenders.



A method that requires us to incorporate a new openness to a multidisciplinary partnership by examining each policy or case management decision through a lens that asks about potential impact of policies and decisions on victims and/or potential victims.