

# HAMILTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

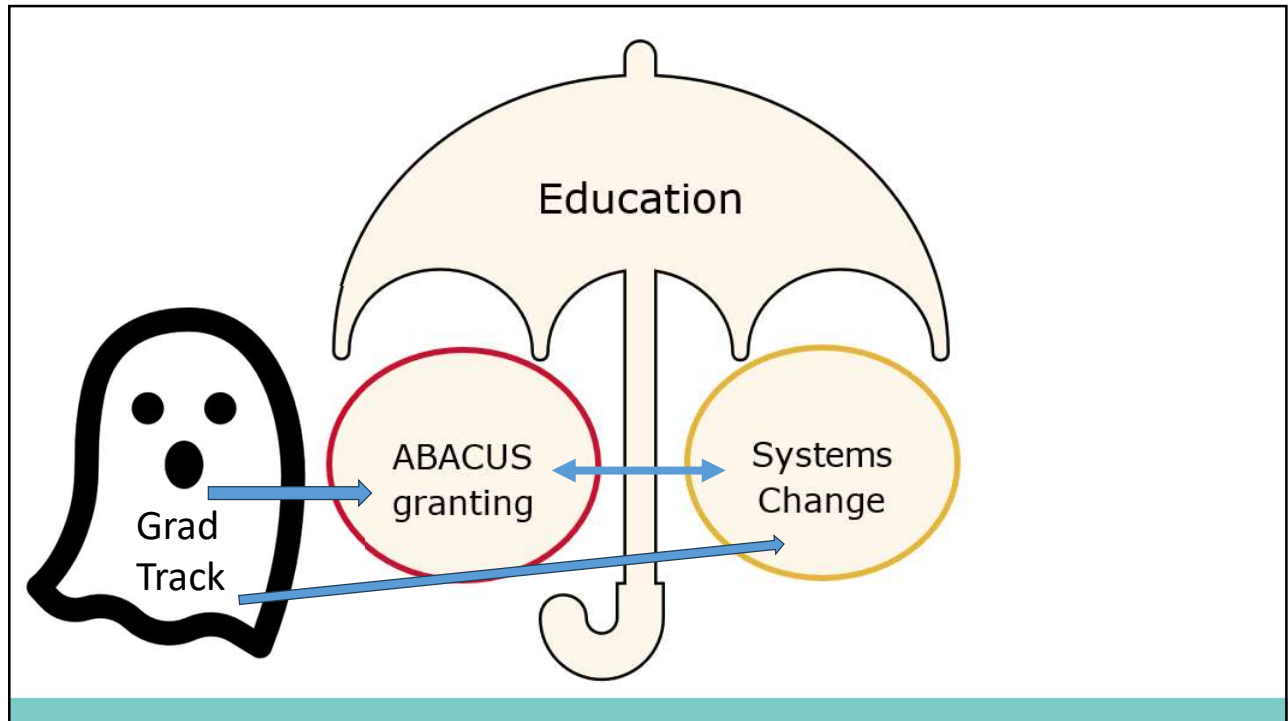
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## What is ABACUS?

- an educational intervention supporting young people in Hamilton in the middle school years to increase the likelihood of completing high school and going on to post-secondary education or trades and apprenticeships.

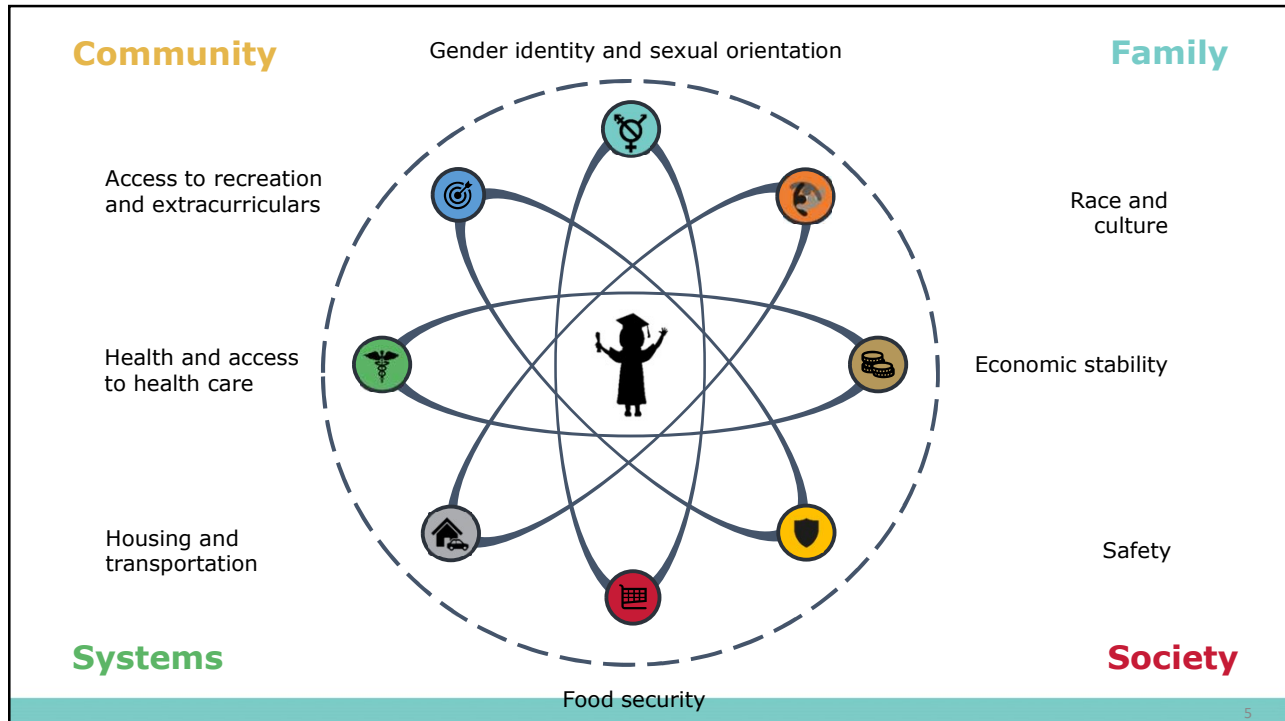
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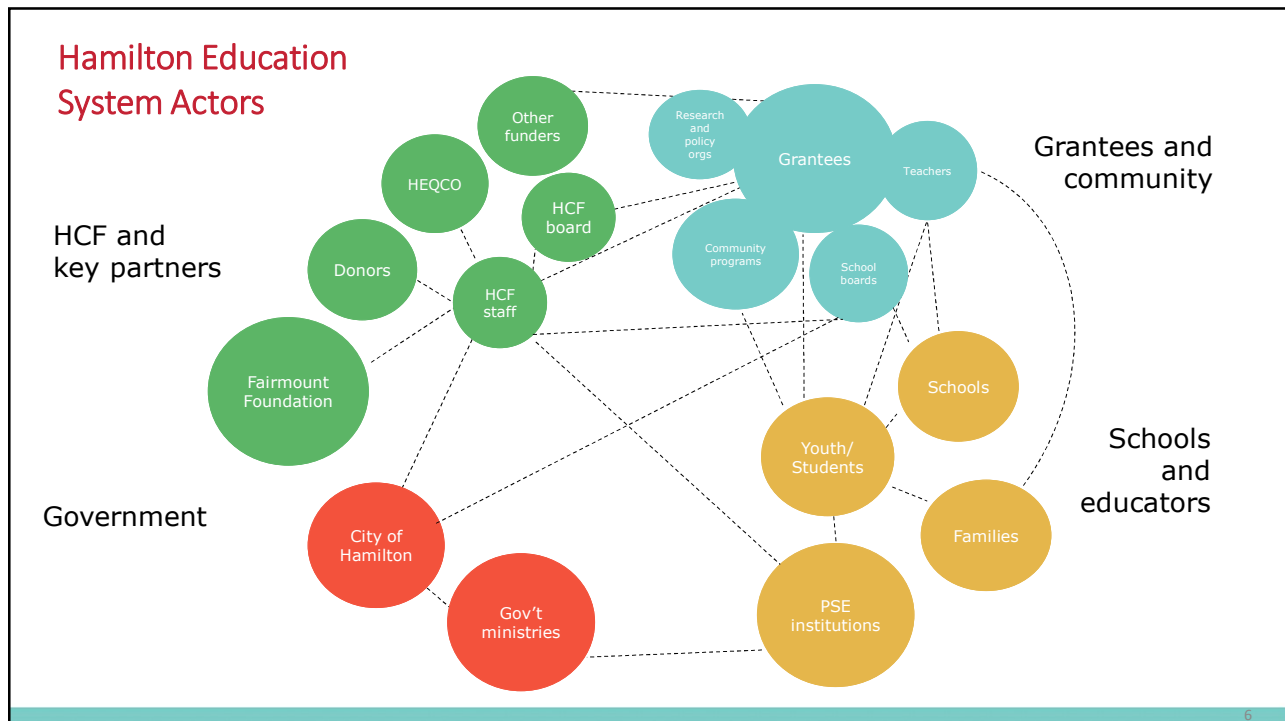
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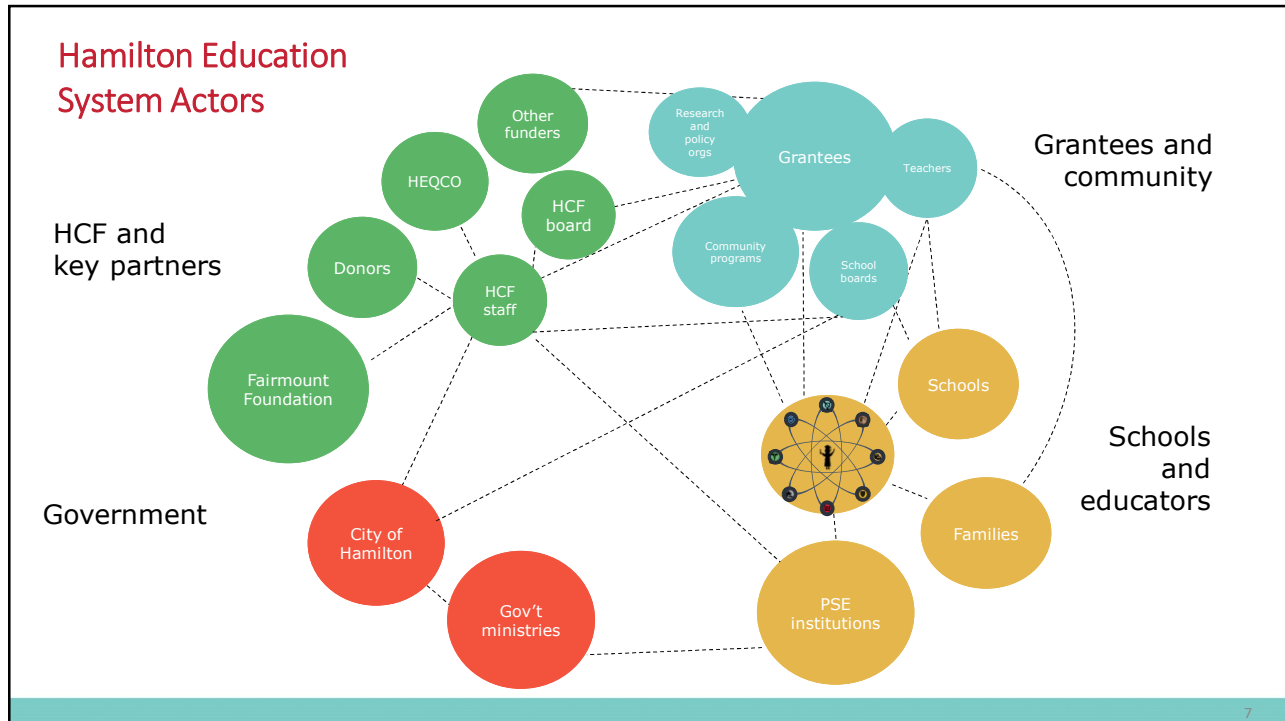
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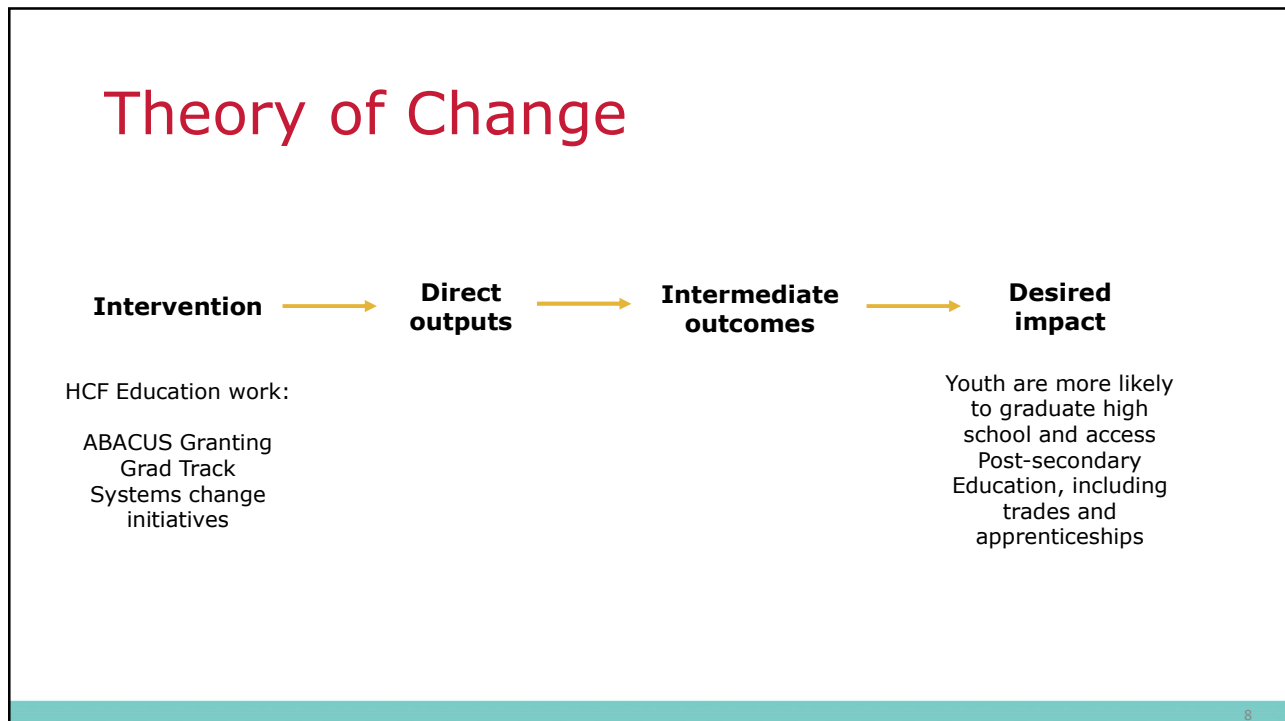
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## Evaluation is hard

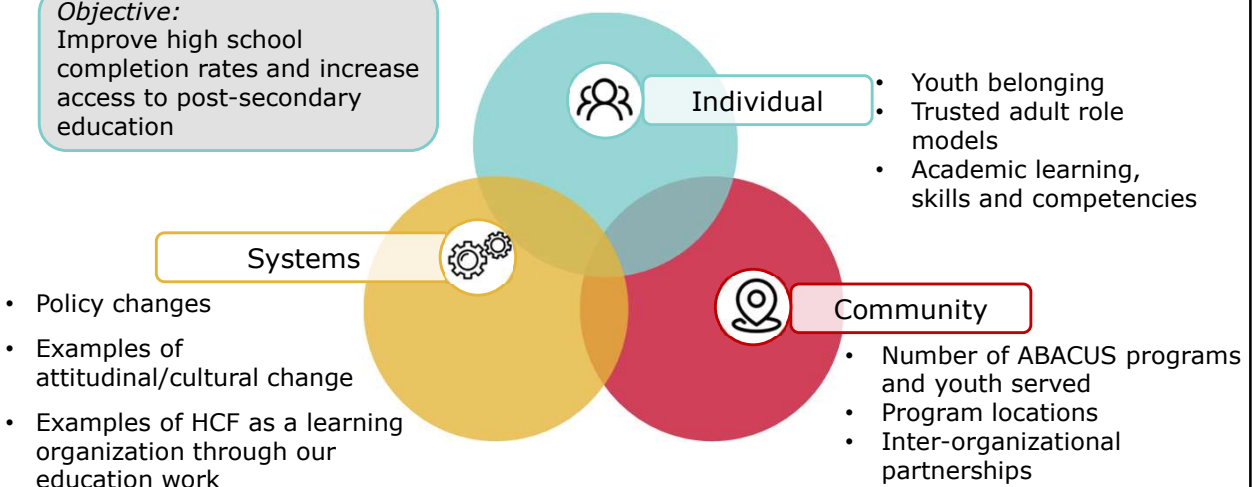
- Parallel Indigenous-led evaluation for Indigenous program
- Variation in programs – settings, ‘dose,’ evaluation capacity
- Incorporating community knowledge
- Launching youth-engaged, participatory evaluation component
- School board role

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## Strategic Plan Indicators

### Objective:

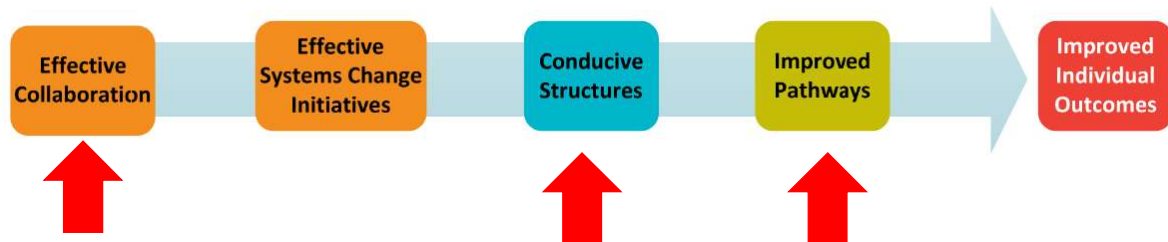
Improve high school completion rates and increase access to post-secondary education



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## Systems change evaluation



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## How will we know?

- Use Latham's framework to focus evaluation of each initiative (collaboration, structures, pathways)
- Use Developmental evaluation to describe how the initiatives are unfolding, incorporating strategic plan indicators
  - # and type of policy changes
  - Examples of attitudinal and cultural changes
  - Examples of HCF as a learning organization
- Use Assessment Tool when considering new initiatives

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