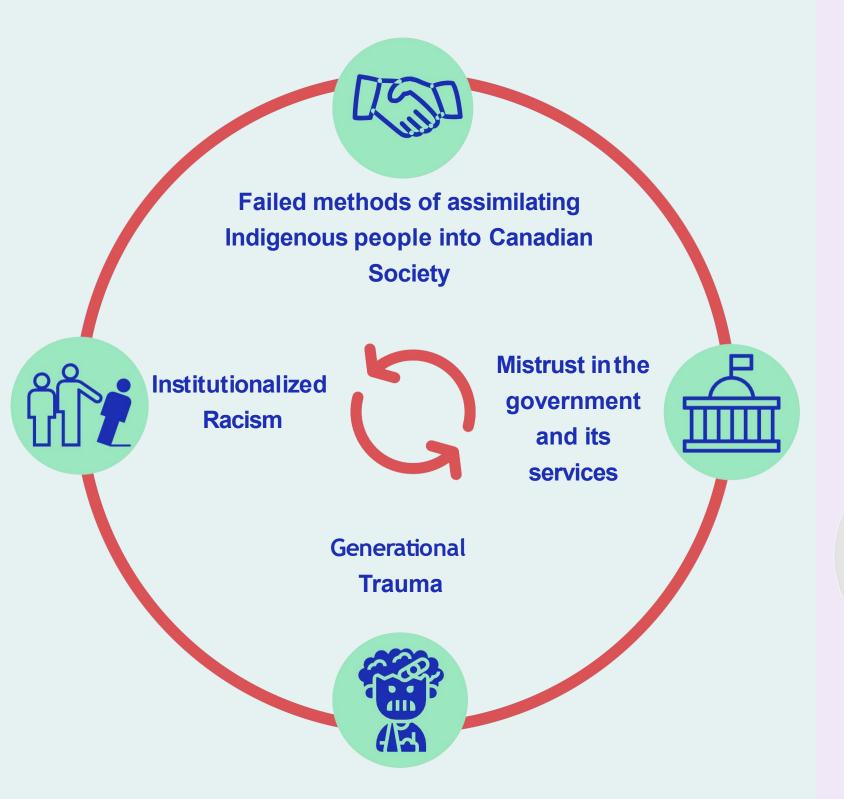
# Barriers Experienced by Indigenous Youth Accessing Mental Healthcare Services



# A combination of both schools of thought is the best approach to improving the mental health of **Indigenous Youth**



### **Traditional Healing Methods**

- Treating the person as a whole
- -Sweat Lodge Ceremonies
- Reclaiming of traditional language and culturethrough storytelling, songs, and drumming
- Herbal Medicince





### **Western Medicine**

- Treating the symptoms of a disease or illness
- Medication or the use of molecular drugs
- Radiation and surgery

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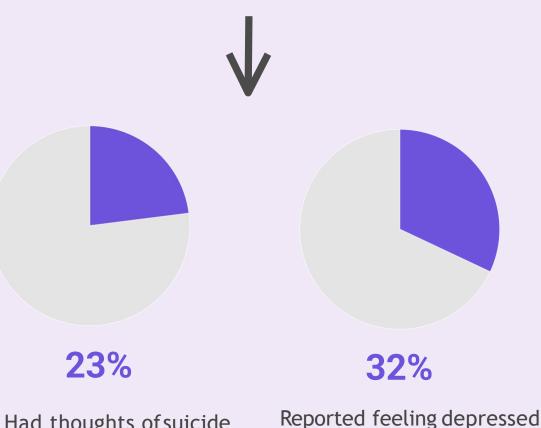
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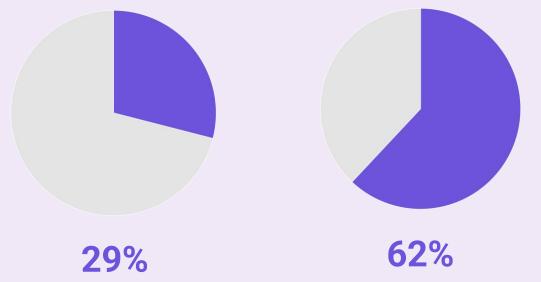
Cultural identity damaged from Colonization

The Indian Act resulted in loss of land and autonomy

Creation of the Reserve System

Historical removal of Indigenous children from family into residentialschools





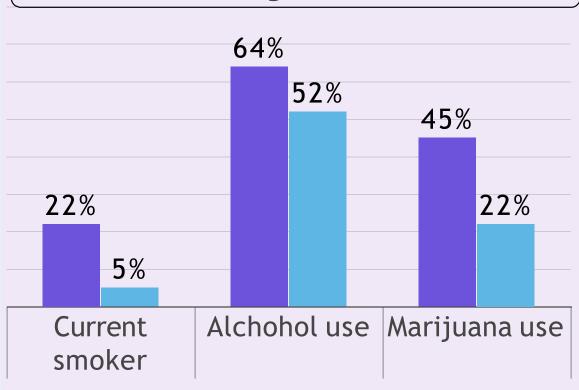
**Experienced discrimination** from healthcare providers

Had thoughts of suicide

Of those admitted to treatment centres come from families where family violence has been present



### **Substance use Among Students in Grades 9-12**



- Indigenous Adolescence
- Non-Indigenous Adolescence