

# Hello from InWithForward!

Meet Sarah, Natalie, & Boyd



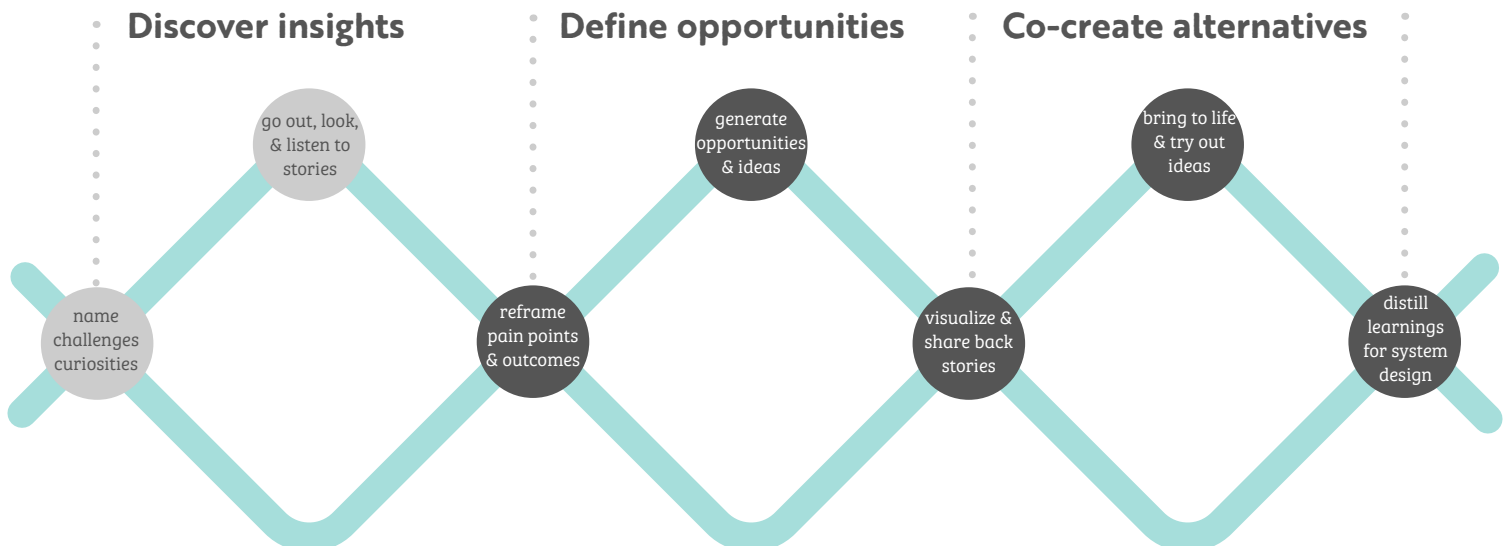
## Who we are

Hi there! We are Sarah, Natalie, and Boyd. We're part of InWithForward: a team of mothers, daughters, sisters, brothers, lifelong learners, designers, artists, storytellers, and community organizers. Our role is to spend time in communities, listening to and learning from people who have been marginalized and excluded. Our goal is to grow people's sense of connection, agency, and purpose by co-creating helpful social supports and policies.

## What we are doing

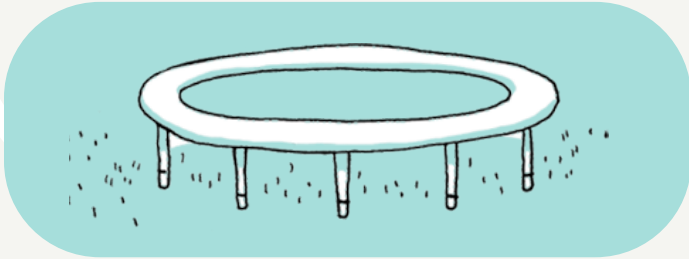
We are partnering with the Koognaasewin Project to listen and learn from families who have experience with the child welfare system. Over August and September, we will collect stories about past and present experiences, alongside future dreams and aspirations. In October, we'll come together to make sense of the stories, and then go wide to generate and visualize ideas.

*Below you can see a diagram of our process. We call this process, Grounded Change.*



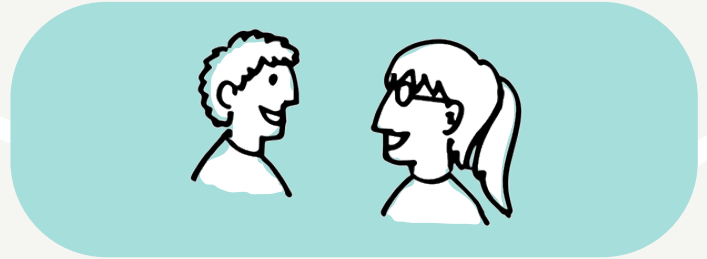
## What we believe

We are committed to creating the conditions for individuals, families, and communities to self-determine their lives and futures.



It's time to shift our social safety nets into trampolines.

For too long, colonial systems have prioritized managing risk over human flourishing. Together, we can enable our systems to function as trampolines by 1) strengthening collective agency & control, 2) removing shame & stigma, 3) activating informal resources and relationships, 4) celebrating learning & growth over risk aversion & stuckness.



Transformation starts by honoring lived experience.

People's experiences inside and outside of dominant systems point us towards deep-seeded change. By centering marginalized perspectives and re-balancing who holds power, we can begin to build systems that enable, versus constrain, good lives in nurturing communities.

## How you can be involved:



### Dream with us

Stop by one of our booths and say hello! We'll be setting up to share snacks and stories and get to know each other better. Recall a story of what wellbeing looks like for you and your family, or dream with us about what moments of wellbeing you'd like to live.



### Share stories

In August/September we will be around meeting with folks and doing some story collection. Our hope is to spend a few days with you, and then co-write a story together that captures a bit of your essence. You'll get to edit the story alongside us and decide how and what is shared.



### Community sensemaking

Gather with us to read some of the stories that have been shared with us and help us make sense of them. What patterns and themes do we begin to see? What kind of futures might we imagine together?