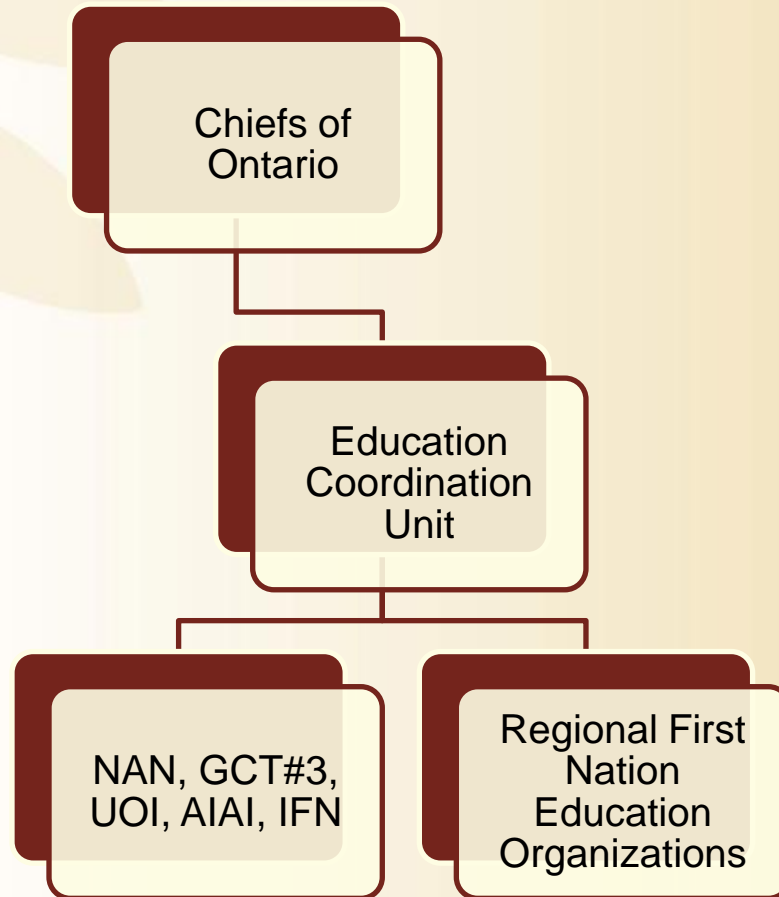




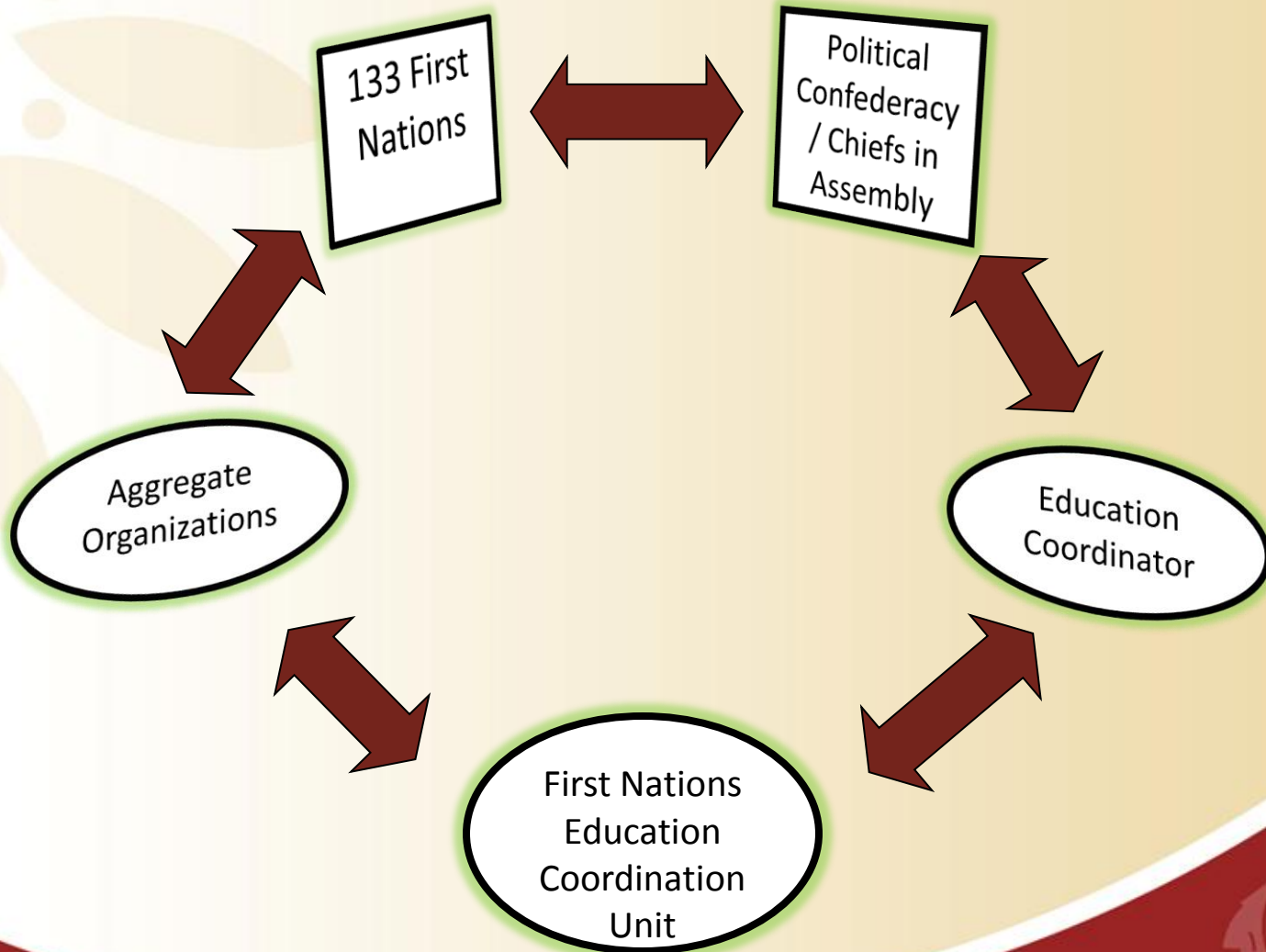
# **Chiefs of Ontario Education Update**

29th Annual ONECA Conference Sault Ste. Marie  
May 27, 2013

# First Nations Education Coordination Unit (ECU)



# Communication/Information Flow



# Communication Improvements

- Listservs
  - Education Directors/Managers
  - Tribal Council Education Directors
  - Post Secondary Education Contacts
- Website improvements
- Open FNECU Meetings
- Quarterly education updates to listservs
- Monday Memo



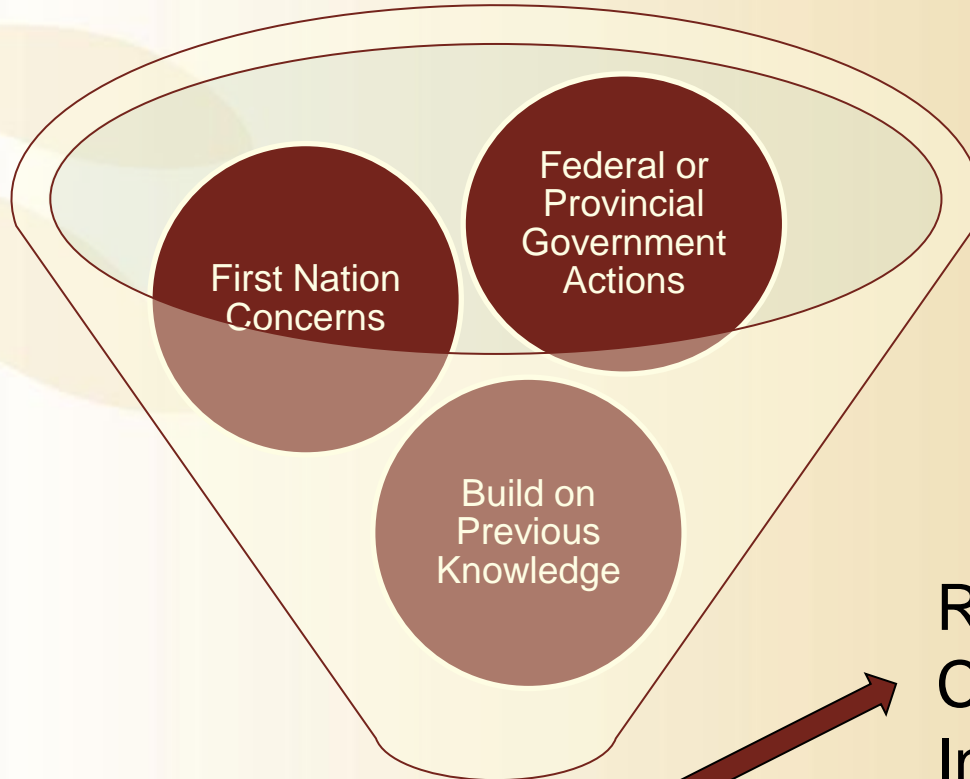


# COO Education Unit Update May 2013

Early Learning	Elementary/Secondary	Postsecondary	Special Education	Charting Our Own Path Forward
<p>This file requires collaborative work between the Health, Education and Social Services Sectors at various levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been a slight setback on this file.</li> <li>• Work will begin in June 2013 to update the Asset Mapping process that took place in 2004.</li> <li>• Details will be forthcoming on a new date for planning and toolkit development meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>Provincial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A FNMI Ministers Advisory Council meeting was held on April 29, 2013. Discussion mainly revolved around the collection of self-identification baseline data for FNMI students.</li> </ul> <p>Federal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INAC continues to forge ahead with First Nations Education Act despite a national and many regional resolutions rejecting this legislation. Next steps for INAC include drafting the education legislation.</li> </ul>	<p>Provincial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions with TCU Student Financial Assistance Branch will be ongoing re 30% tuition rebate. In the short term the TCU SFAB is working to accommodate unique situations of FN students.</li> </ul> <p>Federal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Nations in Ontario have vehemently opposed the unilateral decision of INAC to make decisions related to ISSP funding at the national level. Work is ongoing to ensure FN institutions are not adversely affected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A slight setback in timing indicated in the last update.</li> <li>• The following activities will be undertaken – however no set timeframes as of yet.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A toolkit</li> <li>○ Train the trainer sessions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Spec Ed Working group will be seeking a mandate to continue efforts to maximize the use of Spec Ed funding and advocate for more appropriate levels at the All Ontario Chiefs Conference in June 2013.</li> </ul>	<p>The avenue for planning and implementing 'made-in-Ontario' approaches to First Nations education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Charting Our Own Path Forward Education Symposium held on May 7-8, 2013 in Toronto was a huge success. Information gathered is currently being rolled-up to inform recommendations to the Chiefs in Assembly June 2013</li> <li>• A mandate will be sought to continue this important work.</li> </ul>



# Priorities - Mandates

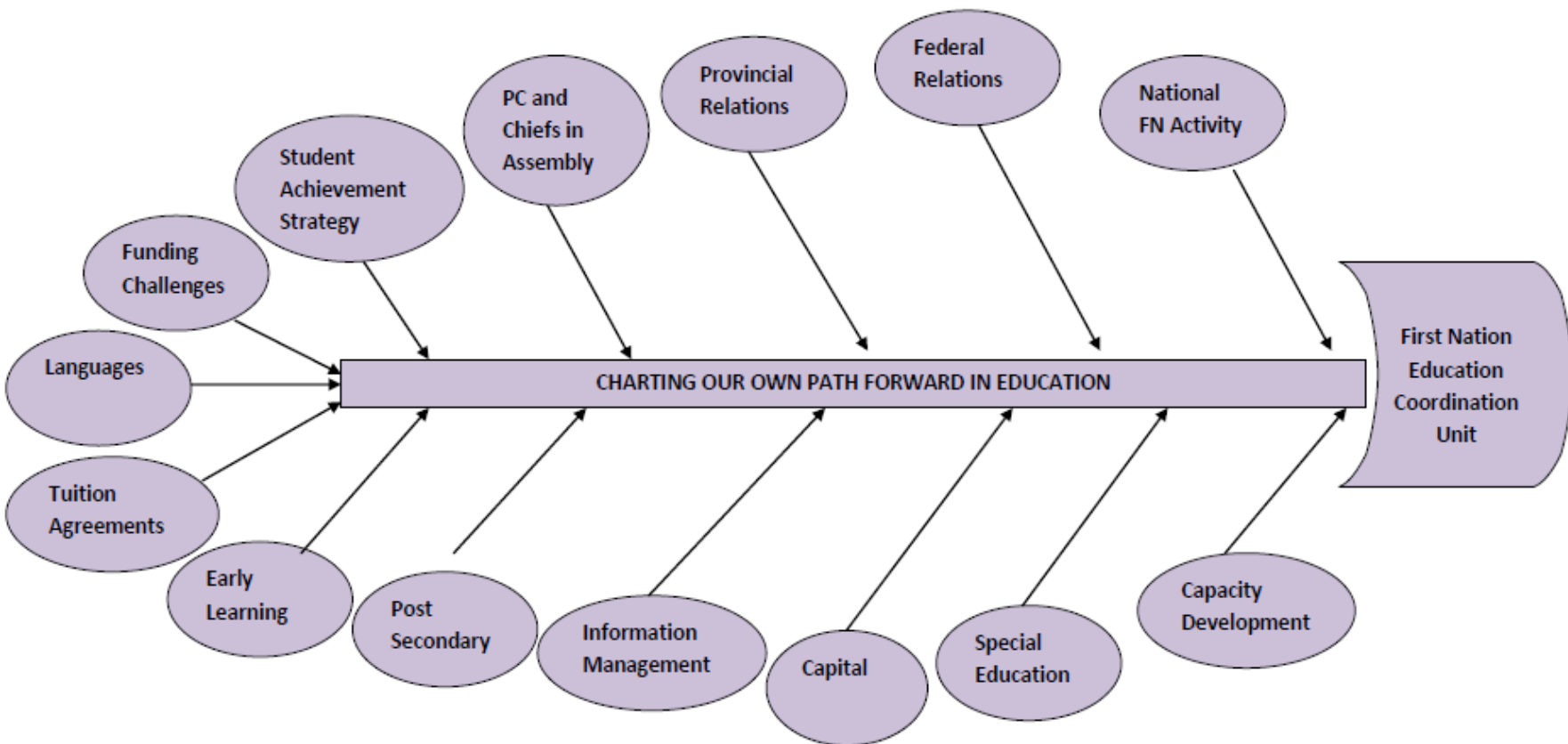


Refer to  
Communication /  
Information  
Flowchart

**PC Motion or  
Resolution**



## Priority Activities for the First Nations Education Coordination Unit – Chiefs of Ontario



# Creating a New Legacy for Success

- Something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past
- We must continue to build on experiences from our past to ensure we transmit a legacy for success





# Charting Our Own Path Forward

- Perfect example of how mandates and priorities result as we continue to build on experiences from our past
- This is the main activity of the FNECU – all other priority areas connect to this initiative
- Asserting our jurisdiction over education – First Nation control of First Nation education



# COOPF Trajectory 2011

2000  
#00/03  
First Nations  
Education  
Coordination  
Unit

2004  
#05/21  
The New Agenda: A  
Manifesto for First  
Nations in Ontario

2008  
#08/85  
Made-in-Ontario  
Approach  
2010  
Strategic Policy  
and Planning  
Forum on  
Education

2011  
#11/19  
2012  
Our Children, Our  
Future, Our  
Vision: First  
Nations  
Jurisdiction over  
First Nations  
Education in  
Ontario



# Our Children, Our Future, Our Vision

## Funding

- Fiduciary obligation of the government of Canada

## Jurisdiction

- First Nation ownership and control of education system

## Cultural Relevance

- Languages
- Traditions
- Land



# Rejection of FNEA

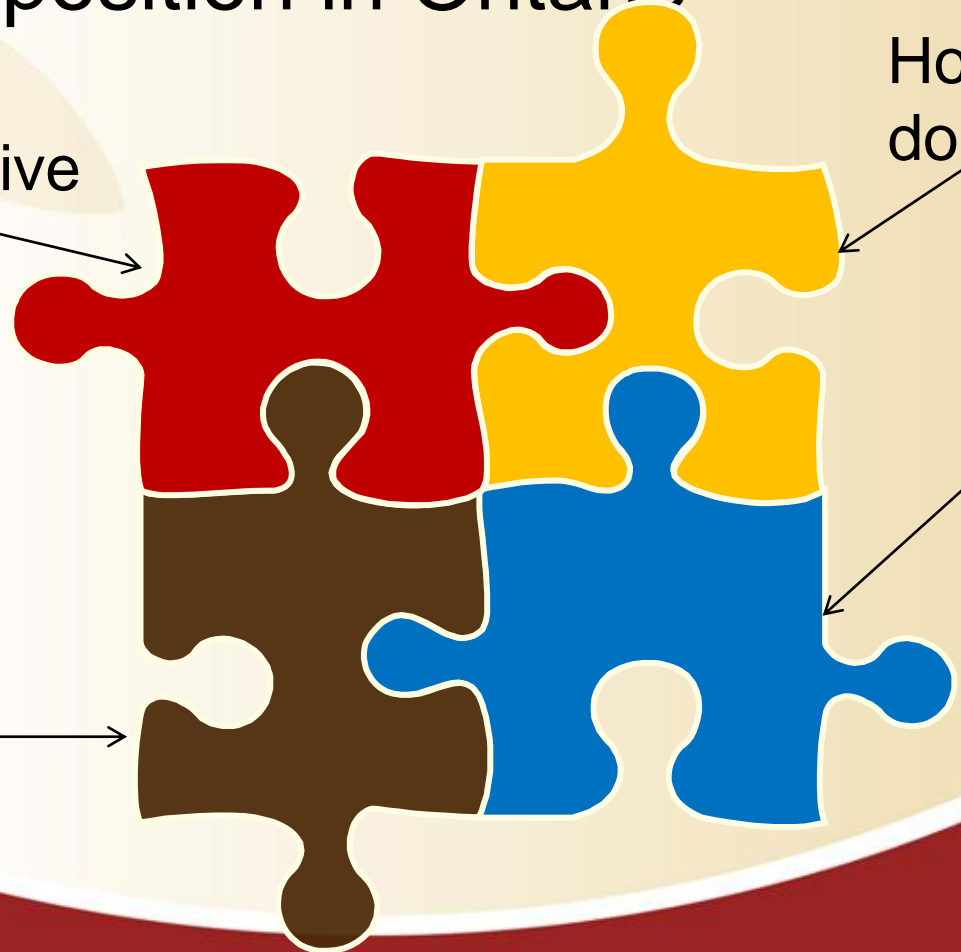
We are missing two key components of our position in Ontario

Reject federal legislative process

How much funding do we need?

What will the funding be used for?

Demand needs-based, sustainable funding



# COOPF Trajectory 2012





Focus  
Group  
Sessions  
and  
Symposium

Federal  
commitment  
to develop  
FNEA

Build on  
OCOFOV  
Report

**Charting Our Own Path  
Forward Initiative**



# COOPF Trajectory 2013?

In broad terms:

- The Chiefs-in-Assembly will assert First Nation jurisdiction over education in **unity** as a Region through the development of our own education **system** and **laws** on our own terms and demand appropriate federal funding based on the needs of our students.

