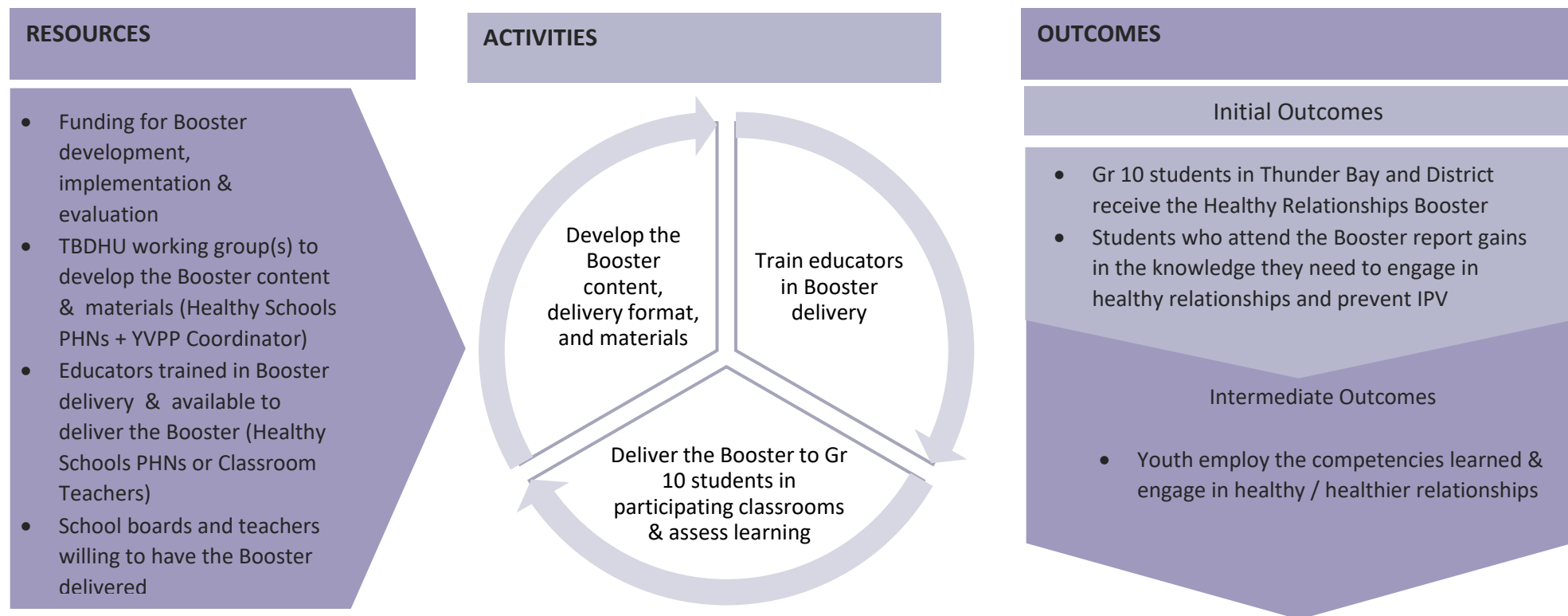


## Rationale:

- Intimate partner violence (IPV) is a serious public health issue that can have lifelong physical, psychological, and social impacts. IPV rates in Thunder Bay are particularly concerning as they are among the highest in Canada.
- A critical time for primary prevention is during adolescence, when dating relationships begin to emerge. Research suggests that school-based prevention programs are effective. And, that longer exposure to these programs produces more positive effects.
- "Booster sessions" are recommended to reinforce and sustain learnings.

**Purpose:** To develop a "Healthy Relationships" Booster intervention for Grade 10 students, to reinforce Healthy Relationships curricula that they should have received in Grade 7, 8 and 9 (either through the Ontario Strand C "Healthy Living" curriculum, or the Fourth R Program which the YVPP was supporting).



**Longer-term Outcomes** > Enhanced youth competencies contribute to a reduction in teen-dating violence, and ultimately, the primary prevention of IPV in Thunder Bay & District