

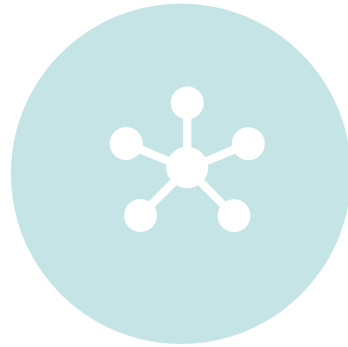


# Children & Youth with Support Needs (CYSN) Services

An overview for communities engaging on CYSN Services



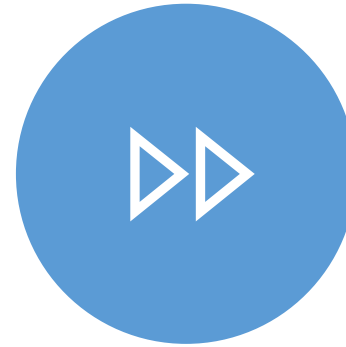
Background &  
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Overview of CYSN  
services & programs



What we've heard



How we're moving  
forward



Partnership &  
co-development

# Presentation Overview

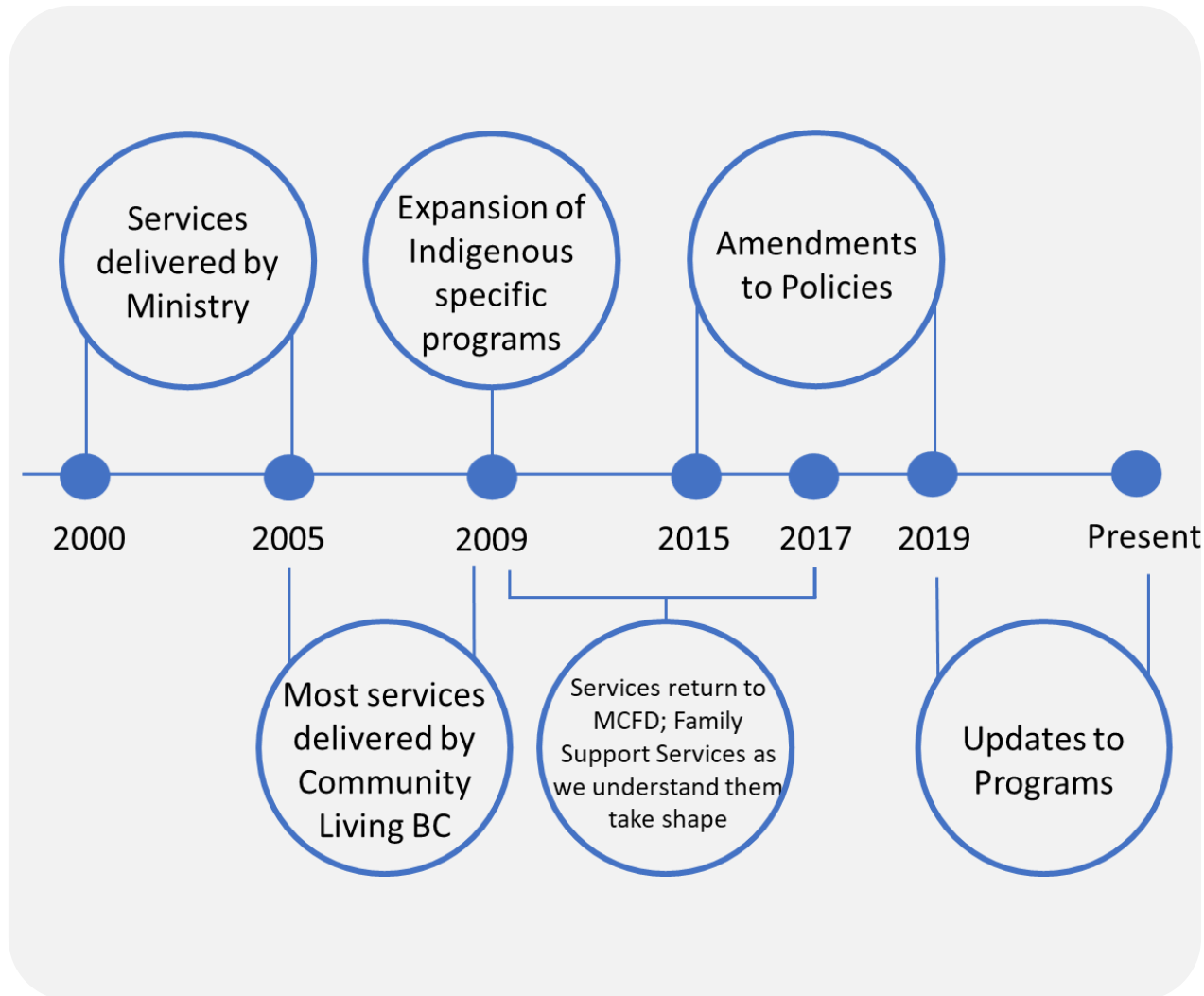


## CYSN Services

- CYSN Services refers to the suite of services and programs available to children and youth with support needs and their families.
- The term “support” refers to the range of ways these services support the development and functional abilities of children and youth, as well as the needs of their families.



# The History of CYSN Services



To date, changes have mainly focused on individual programs or policies rather than looking at the how the CYSN services system as a whole can meet the unique needs of children, youth, families and communities.



# CYSN Services: Ages 0 - 6

## Services available without a diagnosis

- Aboriginal Infant Development or Infant Development
- Aboriginal Supported Child Development and Supported Child Development
- Early Intervention Therapies
- Autism Information Services
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Key Worker Program

## Services requiring a diagnosis:

**DIAGNOSIS:** Global Developmental Delay or intellectual Disability defined in the DSM-V\*

- CYSN Worker Support
- Respite (direct funded and agency coordinated)
- Contracted Supports (includes behaviour supports)
- Some “no-diagnosis required” supports

**DIAGNOSIS:** Autism Spectrum Disorder

- Autism Funding Program
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- At Home Program (equipment and supplies)
- CYSN Worker Support
- Respite (direct funded and agency coordinated)
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\* DSM-V = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th edition

# CYSN Services: Ages 6 - 18



## Services available without a diagnosis

- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Key Worker Program.
- School Aged Therapies

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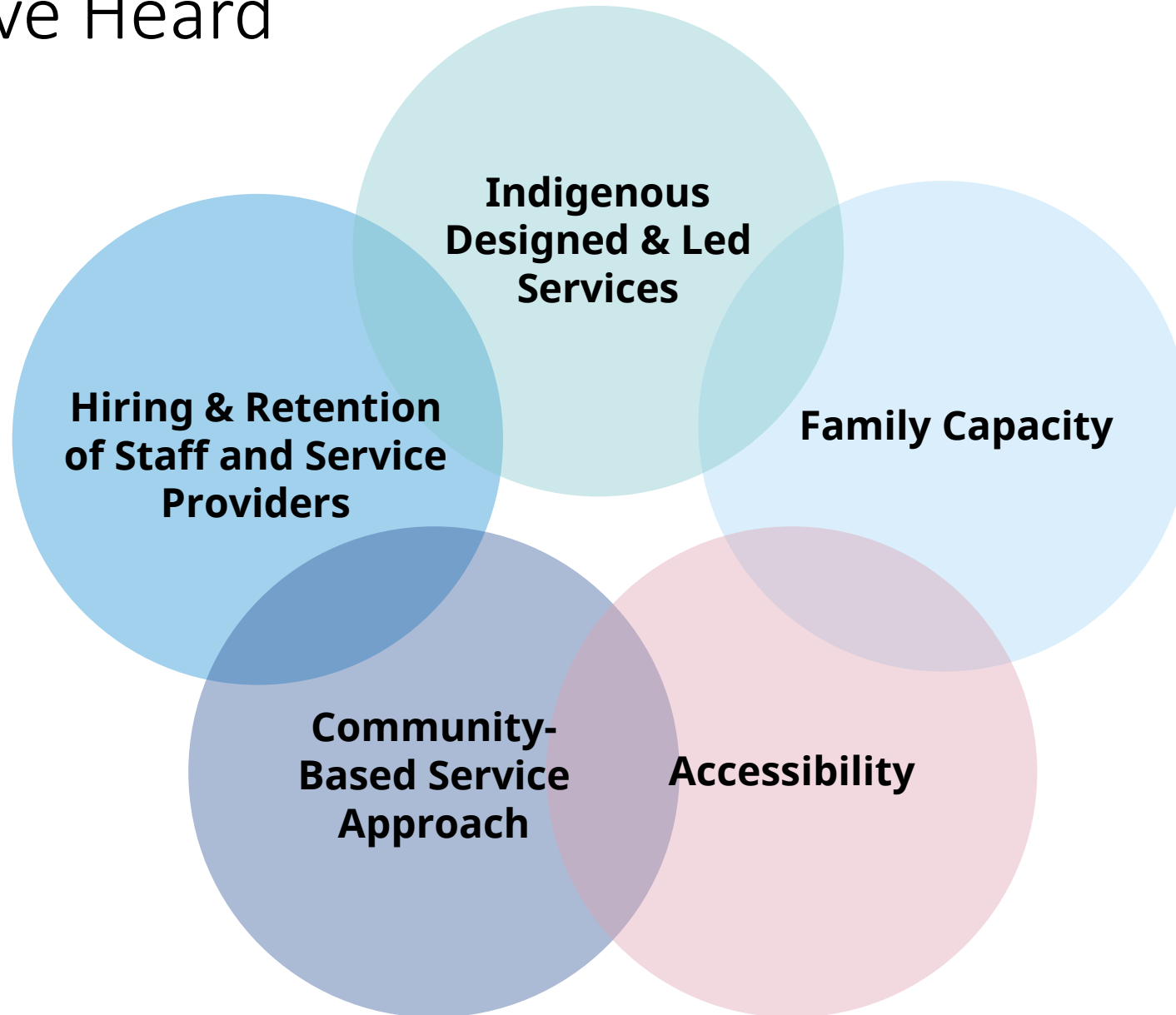
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## Other Circumstances & Services

- Community Brain Injury Program
- Provincial Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program
- Autism Information Services
- Youth Transitioning to Adulthood
- Professional outreach and professional supports

# What We've Heard



**Indigenous  
Designed & Led  
Services**

**Hiring & Retention  
of Staff and Service  
Providers**

**Family Capacity**

**Community-  
Based Service  
Approach**

**Accessibility**



# Our Vision

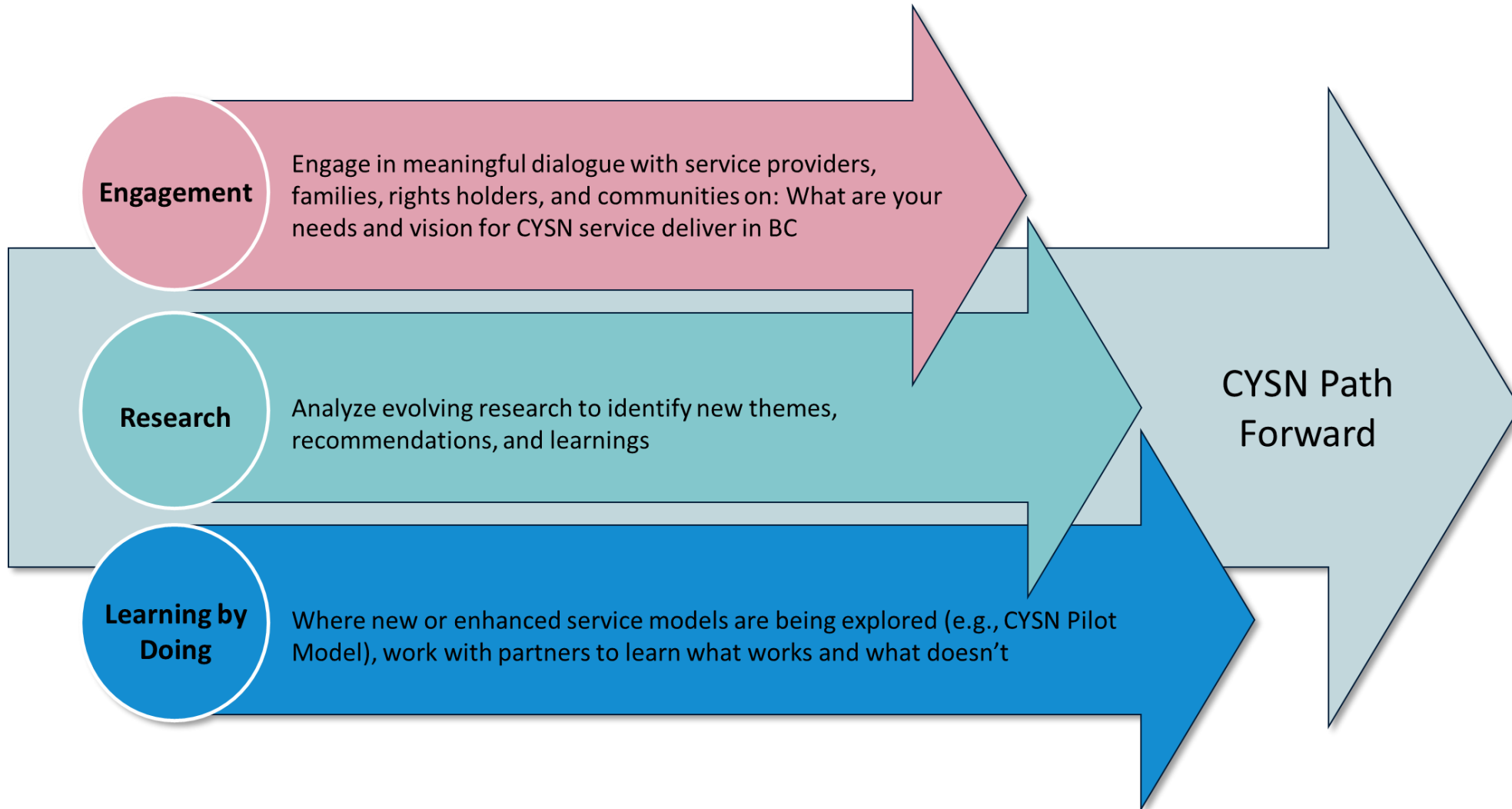


MCFD is leading a systemic shift to help more children and youth with support needs and their families access services they need.



This shift will help break down barriers and provide more opportunities for culturally safe and culturally sensitive services, regardless of where people live.

# Moving forward together





# How are we engaging?

- There are many engagement opportunities for different audiences and partners.
- The feedback received will inform a new system of services for Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN) in BC.

Families and people with lived experience

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Rights & Titleholder Engagement – Grant Funded Community-Led Conversations

Ministry-Led Engagement with Rights & Titleholders

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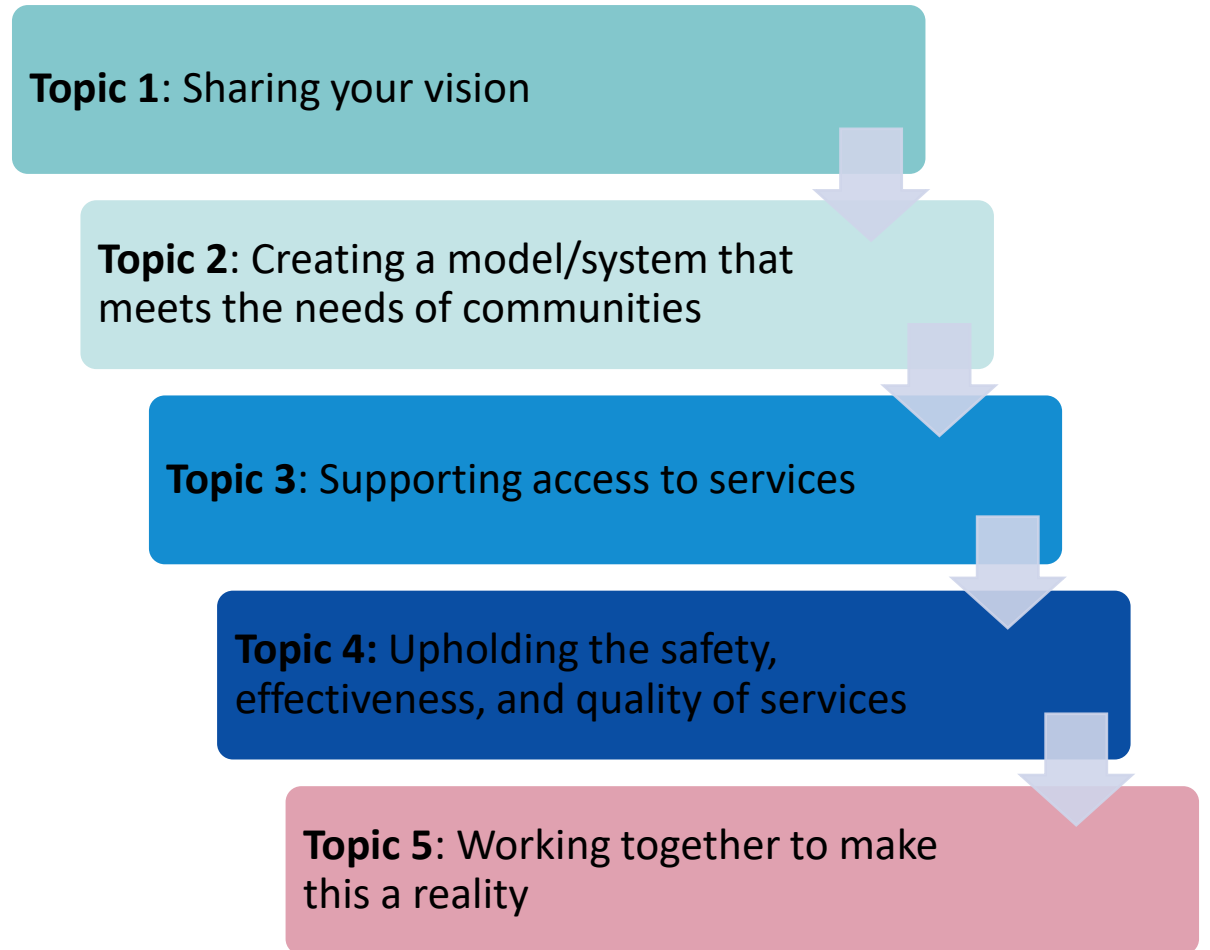
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# Engagement Approach

Engagement will begin with 'Sharing your vision' in October, and then proceed through the remaining topics. The timing and number of sessions per area of focus will vary depending on the needs and interests of participants.

Engagement on these topics will continue through June 2024.



# Questions?

If you have questions about Children and Youth with Support Needs services (CYSN Services), please check out these websites or email [MCF.cysnEngage@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MCF.cysnEngage@gov.bc.ca).

Click this box for the **GovTogetherBC  
CYSN Engagement Website**

Click this box for the **Children and Youth  
with Support Needs Pilot Approach  
Website**

Click this box for the **Support Needs for  
Families Website** that has details on a  
wide range of CYSN Services.

A close-up photograph of water with numerous concentric ripples. The lighting is warm, suggesting a sunset or sunrise, with golden and orange tones reflecting on the water's surface. The ripples are more pronounced in the center and fade towards the edges.

Thank you