



CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington

Integration is Key



In order to help families reach their highest potential the government should consider:

- Building on successes
- Increasing collaboration between Ministries, policies and initiatives
- Health, social and education outcomes are integrated at the community level and need to be similarly integrated at the policy and funding levels
- Integrate Early Years, Special Needs, Mental Health and Autism Program with on-the-ground services to improve the experience of families accessing services
- Strong communities start with strong networks of care for everyone

Strong Local Networks



Strong Local Networks like CYSPC provide:

- the community voice of service providers
- the data and collective resources to implement government strategies quickly and efficiently
- a local context for provincial priorities and interests
- identification and insight into issues facing children, youth and families and the expertise to resolve them
- a forum for consultation, collaboration and integration
- cooperative planning for optimal use of resources
- leadership and innovation with local agencies and service providers
- a forum for inter-agency collaboration, communication and connection

Return on Investment



- Indicators and evidence shows that people who have positive and healthy lives between the ages of 0 – 21 are more likely to have core life skills, resiliency and economic stability (Centre on the Developing Child, Harvard)
- Simplifying the current complex system of care will help families, children and youth ensure they receive the services they need to thrive - by receiving the services they need, when they need them
- A small investment in supporting community collaboration, ensures that services are seamless, integrated and working for everyone in the community

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Collaboration, Co-ordination, Connectivity
“Because we can do more together”

Key Messages



- KFL&A has higher rates of child poverty, addictions and homelessness than the provincial average
- Small investments in KFL&A can have huge positive impacts for our community
- KFL&A includes Kingston, Frontenac & Lennox and Addington (including Napanee)
- With different funders, integrating health and social services for children and youth is a challenge
- Service coordination is key to ensure families receive the services they need, to eliminate duplication and to fill service gaps.

Other Key Issues



- Early Years – Early ON
- Mental Health & Addictions
- Improving the experience of community and families accessing services
- Special Needs Strategy Implementation and Integrated Rehabilitation
- Poverty, Food Security, Minimum Wage
- Rural Transportation & access to services
- Social Inclusion
- Youth Homelessness
- Positive Development

About the Children & Youth Services Planning Committee



- The CYSPC is a voluntary network of approximately 50 agencies, organizations and municipalities serving children, youth and their families in KFL&A.
- The organization has been in existence for over 20 years.
- The CYSPC enables coordination between agencies, ensures services are integrated so that families experience seamless service transitions and are able to find the services they need, reduces service duplication and identifies and addresses service gaps across the region
- CYSPC provides a coordinated and effective forum for information exchange, coordinated service planning, collective impact, training and knowledge dissemination and exchange.
- The CYSPC supports community-based planning and integration working with all levels of government and others to ensure the most effective use of resources
- KFL&A has been identified as a best practice community for integration and service coordination by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Wellesley institute and Health Nexus

Kingston, Frontenac Lennox & Addington



- Includes the City of Kingston, Wolfe Island, Howe Island, Amherst Island, Amherstview, Napanee, Selby, Tamworth, Enterprise, Sharbot Lake, Colebrook, Kaladar, Cloyne, Flinton, Inverary, Harrowsmith, Verona, Ompah, Plevna, Parham, Rural Kingston, Sydenham, Tichborne, Northbrook, Odessa, Mountain Grove, Arden and all communities in between
- Total Population = 191,561; 0 – 19 Population = 53,655