

North for Youth: A Summary

Recapping the work done to date
and discussing next steps

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Our Story

- ▶ Throughout 2013, NWCYR conducted numerous consultations with local service providers and community members to better understand the needs of local youth
- ▶ There was a need for youth engagement efforts to improve youth well-being and reduce substance misuse in Northern Wellington
- ▶ In February, 2015, a Community Forum was held to identify priorities:
 - ▶ Increase awareness of opportunities/programs/services
 - ▶ Increase collaboration and youth engagement by establishing a Youth Action Council
 - ▶ Increase accessibility of programs
 - ▶ Increase opportunities for community interaction
 - ▶ Ensure momentum continues by forming a “Glue Group”

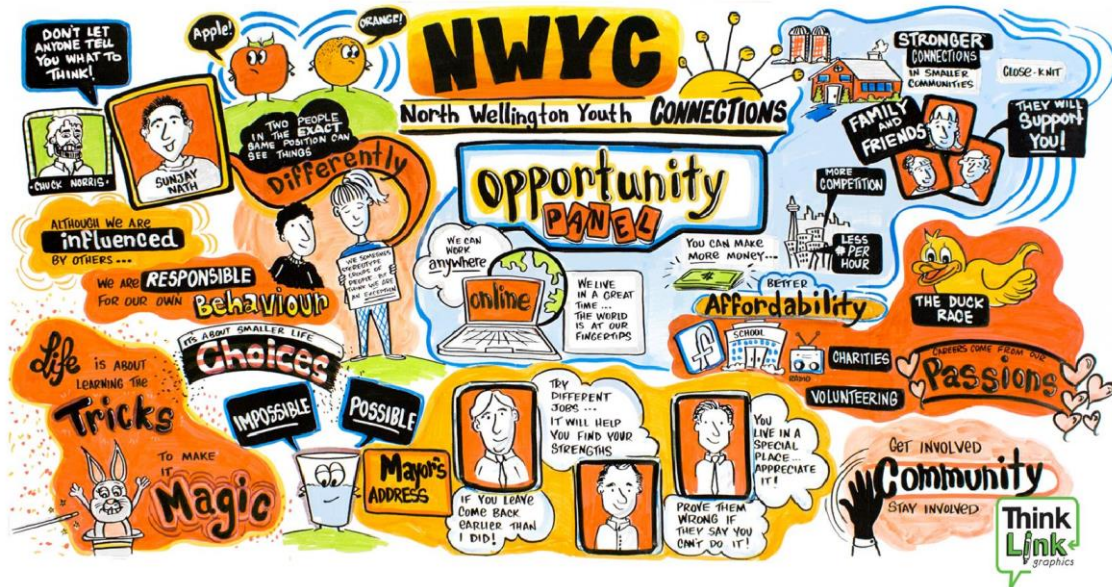


OTF Requirements

Impact Indicator Type	Impact Indicator(s)	Indicator Target(s)	Targets Met and Surpassed
Result Indicator	# of unified, shared or integrated systems to better serve communities	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mapleton YAC- WN YAC-Minto YAC-YAC Adult Allies-YECOP-Rural Youth Homelessness-Intentional Self-Harm PAG-Happy Healthy Families-Towards Common Ground-Youth/Employer Engagement-Rural Engaged
Outcome Indicator	#of new organizational, program or membership models that respond to community issues	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-North for Youth-Truth About Youth

Annual Initiatives

- ▶ Leaf Clean Up
- ▶ Northern Wellington Youth Connections Day



► Recruitment Fair

► Grad Attire Swap

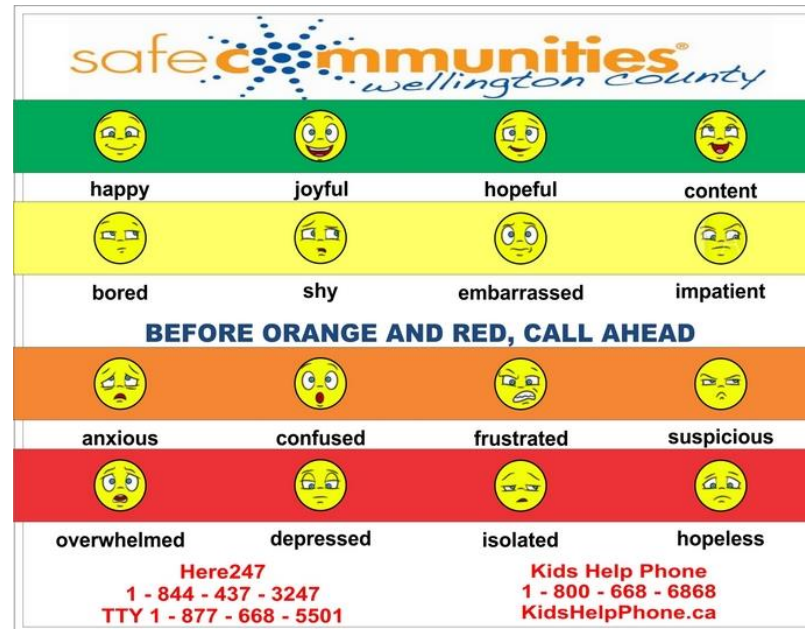
► Youth Week



► Food Skills Workshops

► Safe TALK Workshop

► Teen Video Contest on Distracted Driving



Ongoing Initiatives

- ▶ Truth About Youth Program
- ▶ Youth Engagement Community of Practice



Youth Action Councils



Community Outreach Efforts

- ▶ Youth Job Connection Program- Agilec
- ▶ Young & Parenting Program- CRC
- ▶ Social Equity, Civics, Raising Healthy Kids, Alt Ed Classes-WHSS
- ▶ Student Council, Interact Club, Horticulture, Centre Peel- Norwell
- ▶ Youth Options
- ▶ Palmerston Public with Mayor Bridge
- ▶ Victoria Cross with Mayor Lennox
- ▶ Wellington North & Minto Safe Communities
- ▶ Drayton Youth Centre
- ▶ Upper Deck
- ▶ Interviews with 88.7, Mount Forest Mirror, Wellington Advertiser, Community News, Confederate



Research Projects

- ▶ Rural Transportation Options
- ▶ Program Sustainability Practices
- ▶ Youth Harm Reduction- Northern Wellington Focus
- ▶ Rural Youth Homelessness- Wellington County Focus

New Youth Recognition Efforts

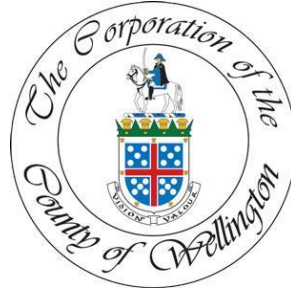
- ▶ YAC: Young Citizen of the Year Award
- ▶ Mapleton YAC: Youth of the Year Awards
- ▶ Minto YAC: MYAC Bursary
- ▶ North for Youth: Youth Week Acknowledgements



How a CYRW supports communities

- ▶ Develops connections between schools, municipalities, businesses and social services
- ▶ Facilitates intergenerational opportunities
- ▶ Supports youth in finding their place in the community, develop a sense of belonging
- ▶ Increasing the number of professional development and networking opportunities offered locally to youth service providers (instead of having to go to the city)
- ▶ Working collaboratively in community: bringing community members and service providers together to work side-by-side
- ▶ Creates a positive and inclusive environment for youth
- ▶ Offers outlets for youth that promote a sense of unity, belonging, support and connection
- ▶ Bridges the gap between youth and the community
- ▶ CONNECTIONS, CONNECTIONS, CONNECTIONS

It Takes a Village



Mount Forest
Family Health Team



Upper Grand
Family Health Team



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Looking ahead...

- ▶ Youth Unemployment & Entrepreneurship
 - ▶ Skill development training and workshops
- ▶ Experiential Volunteering
- ▶ Mental Health & Wellness- Outlets
- ▶ Young Caregivers
- ▶ Developing New Inclusive & Accessible Youth Programs
- ▶ Youth Spaces
- ▶ Online youth hub/website



Recommendations

- ▶ Continue to support your local Youth Action Council
 - ▶ Consult with them on municipal projects, get their feedback, and implement it
- ▶ Continue to designate at least one staff member to act as a liaison for youth initiatives
- ▶ Invite Community Youth Resiliency Worker to provide recommendations for strategic goals and plans for youth services and/or identify gaps/barriers to service and ways to address these
- ▶ Provide financial and in-kind support to continue the Community Youth Resiliency Worker position
 - ▶ \$5,000.00
 - ▶ Office space as needed; in order to better serve youth in all 3 municipalities

Questions

Comments

Suggestions

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