



Simcoe County Child Youth and Family Services Coalition

Our Mission

To maximize the capacity, effectiveness and cultural uniqueness of the child, youth and family services system through collective efforts.

Overview and Membership Benefits: The Simcoe County Child Youth and Family Services Coalition (CYFS) is a collaborative entity designed to increase the effectiveness of the service delivery system in Simcoe County for children, youth and their families. The Coalition Council works through consensus. It is essential that members invest in the mission of the Coalition to ensure that the interests of their organization and clients are well served by Coalition initiatives. The Child and Youth Charter created to help raise awareness of the needs of children and young people in our community is one example of effective Coalition action.

CYFS Coalition of Simcoe County was formally launched in 2002 and invited the community to collaborate in developing strategies for its identified priority areas. Over the years, the Coalition has grown in its strategic planning and accomplishments. Some of the initiatives associated with or originated by the Coalition include:

- ✓ Dual Diagnosis
- ✓ Infant Mental Health
- ✓ LEAP (Young Parent Programs)
- ✓ Linking Child Welfare
- ✓ Post Partum Depression
- ✓ Active Living Strategies
- ✓ Transitional Aged Youth
- ✓ Youth Forums
- ✓ Centralized Access
- ✓ Service Coordination
- ✓ LEAD (Leadership Effectiveness & Development)
- ✓ Basic Needs
- ✓ 211
- ✓ Assessment/Case Coordination
- ✓ Attendance Centre
- ✓ Best Start
- ✓ Children's Treatment Network
- ✓ Single Plan of Care
- ✓ COMPASS (Community Partners with Schools)
- ✓ Family Abuse Prevention/Think Twice Campaign
- ✓ Nutrition Task Group
- ✓ Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)
- ✓ Wraparound
- ✓ Francophone and Aboriginal initiatives
- ✓ Basic Needs
- ✓ Youth Justice

As we move through our strategic plan we continue to monitor the above initiatives while working on our top three priority goals: Services Coordination; Basic Needs; and Inclusiveness of Aboriginal and Francophone Populations.

Membership benefits include the opportunity to:

- participate in collective assessment of community need in relation to programs and services while building relationships with other member agencies
- garner community support for activities or initiatives and work together to advocate for services
- create synergy of actions and continuity of service where mandates relate or overlap
- fulfill mandate and influence programming across the region.

We look forward to the day when every community organization dealing with children, youth and families in Simcoe County joins in the collaborative efforts of the Coalition. In this way we can all benefit and learn from one another to better serve our area.

For more information please contact: Deborah Woods, CYFS Coalition Coordinator, Deborahwoods@rogers.com or visit our website at www.simcoecountycoalition.ca



Simcoe County Child Youth and Family Services Coalition Membership Application

I have read the CYFS Memorandum of Association and support the Coalition's Mission.

Please describe how your organization's mission and vision fits with the CYFS Coalition?

Please consider this application for membership in the CYFS Coalition. You can complete the required information below either on-line or by printing off this application form and mailing in to the address below.

AGENCY INFORMATION

AGENCY NAME	
Mailing Address	
City/Postal Code	
Area Code/Phone Number	

MEMBER INFORMATION

NAME	
Position	
E-Mail Address	

Return application form to the attention of **Kristina Veenstra:**

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