



YOU MADE IT HAPPEN!

Celebrating the 2017/18 CYFS Coalition Accomplishments

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Welcome new Chair Louise Paul and Vice Chair Chief Kimberley Greenwood. Philip Hough is now Past Chair. Welcome to Kathryn Manners, the new Coalition Coordinator, replacing Sandra Cole who has moved on to a new opportunity.

- ✓ The restructuring of the Coalition continued from last year. The Executive Committee (an amalgamation of the Infrastructure and Secretariat Tables) held its first meeting January 19/17. Over the summer, representatives from networks, tables, and working groups that reflect the major initiatives taking place in Simcoe County were invited to join the new Integrated Planning Table , with its first meeting taking place September 12th.
- ✓ A Coalition Members Report was created and distributed, outlining major accomplishments from the past few years. <http://www.simcoecountycoalition.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Members-Report-2017.pdf>
- ✓ Resulting from a call to action by Coalition members and spearheaded by Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions and a team of community partners , a Human Trafficking Education Day took place on June 1, 2017 at Liberty North with 275 participants in attendance.
- ✓ Representing the Coalition, the Coordinator attended a meeting at 211 with Premier Wynne to talk about the Coalition's 40+ member agencies and highlighted some of the partnerships 211 has with other agencies and joint initiatives eg. service maps.
- ✓ Lora D'Ambrosio was presented with the 2017 Coalition Collaboration Champion Award at the November Council meeting in recognition of her strong leadership, engagement efforts and participation on Coalition tables and community initiatives to support the work we all do to improve the lives of children, youth and families in Simcoe County.
- ✓ A working group has been struck and the work of developing the Coalition's 2018-2021 Strategic Plan to be presented to Council in May 2018, has begun.
- ✓ The Memorandum of Understanding was renewed between the Coalition and the YMCA/Lakehead Leadership Program committing funds to provide financial assistance to member organizations who may require subsidy for the program. This year saw the graduation of the first cohort with 20 individuals having completed "Level 3". Over the last two years, 124 individuals have participated in this Leadership Development Program, including 46 employees from 11 different Coalition member organizations.
- ✓ Collaboration continues between Coalition members and New Path Youth and Family Services, lead agency for Moving on Mental Health and with CTN, coordinating agency on the Special Needs Strategy.



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM NETWORKS, TABLES AND WORKING GROUPS:

- ✓ Simcoe County Triple P Implementation Task Group
 - Parents aware of where to go for positive parenting information in Simcoe County – 2017/18 promotional campaign will serve to improve awareness. Distribution of bookmarks www.triplep-parenting.ca ongoing.
 - Number of parents attending seminars./discussion group, level 4 group – data collected indicates annual increases in number of parents attending seminar and single session delivery. In September 2017 13 more practitioners in 0-12 seminar series will be available. CMH agencies delivering Level 4 group 0-12 and teen with renewed plans for regular delivery in 2017/18.
- ✓ Simcoe County Autism Spectrum Disorder Partnership
 - 35 intake workers completed a survey about training needs related to ASD services
 - 49 intake workers attended a training in June 2017
- ✓ Simcoe/Muskoka Transition Aged Youth System of Supports (TAY SoS)
 - TAYSoS was awarded a substantial RBC grant to hire a Project Lead to move TAYSoS forward in planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating systems impacting youth.
 - Maintain committed youth in an advisory capacity who are informing future directions and lend their voices.
 - A youth designed logo for TAY SOS has been adopted
 - A number of micro grants have assisted local initiatives and family and youth summits have been held.
- ✓ FASD Initiative for Simcoe County
 - Continued support of FASD Classroom – First graduating class – June 2017
 - Hosting annual FASD Awareness events in a variety of locations throughout Simcoe County using a variety of English/French/FNMI Resources -- i.e. Ontario Early Years Center – Barrie
 - Partnered with Georgian College – Orillia Campus to provide two Movie events and FASD training to approximately 250 students and their educators within the ECE, DSW, Police Services and Justice Programs
 - Partnership with Anishinabek Nation (formerly Union of Ontario Indians) to provide training regarding FASD and cultural supports to Rama First Nation and Staff at Georgian College – Barrie Campus
 - Continuing to champion the FASD Medic Alert project within the Province of Ontario
 - Attendance at a variety of Provincial and National FASD Conferences
 - Continued proclamations of September 9th as FASD Awareness Day by Several Simcoe County Municipalities and Cities
 - Received and accepted an invitation to sit on a Provincial Advisory regarding Family Support Workers for FASD
 - Participation in Rama Health Fair where we were successfully able to connect with grade 7 & 8 students regarding the use of alcohol and FASD
 - Outcome of 2016 Leads Retreat has been to revitalize the Leads and the Advisory Committees
 - Tri-partner FASD training – Mackenzie Health, Simcoe County District School Board and Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions
 - First FASD Funding Announcement in Ontario – Initiative preparing to actively respond to Calls for Action
- ✓ Moving on Mental Health
 - Two of our service priorities have involved local agencies, families and youth input and involvement.
 - Developing a Single Point of Access for children's mental health services is well underway with a goal by March 31 to have a design developed.
 - Developing an Integrated Crisis System is also well underway thanks to collaborative work with the LHIN, RVH and to a Coalition table, the Crisis Steering Committee.



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✓ Poverty Reduction Task Group

- Launch of Living Wage for Simcoe County on Nov 7th at Barrie Public Library as part of ON Living Wage Week; regional calculation confirmed at \$17.74; final report posted on the County + Coalition websites.
 - http://www.simcoecountycoalition.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/2016-Living-Wage-Calculation-for-Simcoe-County_FINAL.pdf
 - 2 page infographic being developed by County staff.
- 2 submissions to calls for feedback from the Ontario government as a result of community consultation and PRTG collaboration:
 - Basic Income Guarantee; Orillia was recommended for a pilot location but unsuccessful
- Income Security Roadmap

✓ Best Start Network of Simcoe County

The Best Start Network of Simcoe County acts as a common voice for Early Years' Service Providers in Simcoe County to provide children and families equitable access to local services and programs.

In 2017 the Best Start Network strongly contributed to the implementation of EarlyON Child and Family Centres in Simcoe County. The goal of EarlyON Child and Family Centres is to enhance the quality and consistency of child and family programs across Ontario to ensure that:

- All expecting parents, parents, caregivers and home child care providers have access to high quality services that support them in their role;
- All children have access to inclusive, play and inquiry-based learning opportunities to improve their developmental health and well-being;
- All parents, caregivers and home child care providers have a better understanding of early learning and development, find it easy to access support, and are provided with an accessible, non-stigmatized place to seek help; and
- Local services collaborate in an integrated way to meet the needs of children and families and actively engage parents and caregivers to increase participation

✓ Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership

The Local Immigration Partnership Council is comprised of leaders across multiple sectors. Many Coalition members are active member of this Council. The Council reviews and makes recommendations from the Community Settlement Strategy (2012). Some key activities this year included:

- The implementation of #itstarts, a public awareness campaign to reduce racism and discrimination in Simcoe County. An online repository of educational tools supported the educational components of the campaign. All libraries in Simcoe County acted as local community hosts, and the social media campaign had a reach of nearly 1.5M.
- Hosted the fifth annual Newcomer Recognition Awards in October 2017. The awards ceremony recognized 11 recipients.
- Georgian College received funding to facilitate a job finding club for immigrant residents. This is the first funded employment program for immigrant residents in Simcoe County!
- Simcoe County District School Board initiated new ESL programming in Collingwood. ESL is now being taught in Barrie, Bradford, Alliston, and Collingwood.
- The Poverty Reduction project, "Poverty to Employment" continued to roll out, including the delivery of 10 training sessions (7 modules) to Employment Ontario staff in Simcoe County.