

## Promoting the connection between health & learning

COMPASS provides an opportunity for schools and community partners to draw on the expertise and resources that exist in local communities and to collaboratively identify and address issues affecting children, youth, families, schools and communities.



There are COMPASS Community School Teams in:

Angus

Barrie

Bradford

Georgian West

North Simcoe

Orillia

Southwest Simcoe

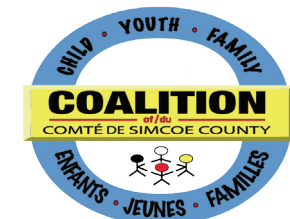
There is also a Francophone COMPASS serving Simcoe County's francophone community.

For contact information and a list of the current COMPASS Community School Team Co-Chairs please visit

[www.simcoecountycoalition.ca](http://www.simcoecountycoalition.ca)



*COMPASS partnerships among education, health, social service and other community sectors help everyone work together on a neighbourhood level to best serve children, youth and families.*



## What is COMPASS?

COMPASS is a network of Community School Teams across Simcoe County.

COMPASS Community School Teams link schools (elementary and secondary) with local providers of community supports and services including: child and youth mental health, parenting supports, child protection, health, youth justice, community recreation and more.

## Who is COMPASS for?

Elementary and secondary schools looking for community supports to enhance student learning, support healthy child/youth development and reduce social, emotional or behavioural challenges within the school.



## How does COMPASS work?

Elementary and secondary school principals, school staff and/or board personnel share issues of concern and best practices in their school communities at COMPASS meetings. Similarly, community partners seek and share best practice information/resources and concerns related to the children, youth and families they service and seek support to address.

**All partners then work together to look at collaboratively responding to identified issues.**

Such issues can include:

- A broad school community need (i.e. bullying, substance abuse, parenting supports, school transitioning).
- Support or resources needed for an individual student or classroom.

## Who is involved?

COMPASS Community School Teams may include:

- School Personnel- Principal, Vice Principal, Special Education Staff, Student Success, School Counsellor and others.
- Service Providers- Public Health, Children's Mental Health, Children's Aid Society, Early Years Centres and more.
- Community Organizations- YMCA, Housing, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Youth Centres and others.
- Communities of Interest- Francophone, First Nations, Faith communities and more.



*"COMPASS has been the single greatest learning opportunity for me as a school administrator. The COMPASS model provides an opportunity for school and community services to effectively support students and families through collaboration and sharing."*

- Ifan Toor, Principal - SCDSB