Better Together: Collaborating Across Justice and Mental Health Sectors

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OBJECTIVES

- Overview of the PSSP SISC program.
- Introduction to Justice Service Collaboratives.
- Sharing of four diverse, innovative collaborative models that demonstrate how stakeholders came together to implement meaningful system change.
- Key lessons learned in crosssector system improvement projects across Ontario.



PSSP's provincial office is in Toronto with nine regional offices located throughout Ontario.

CAPACITY AND EXPERTISE **OUR TEAMS**

We use a variety of skills and approaches to achieve our mandate.



Health equity and engagement



Knowledge exchange



Performance measurement and evaluation research



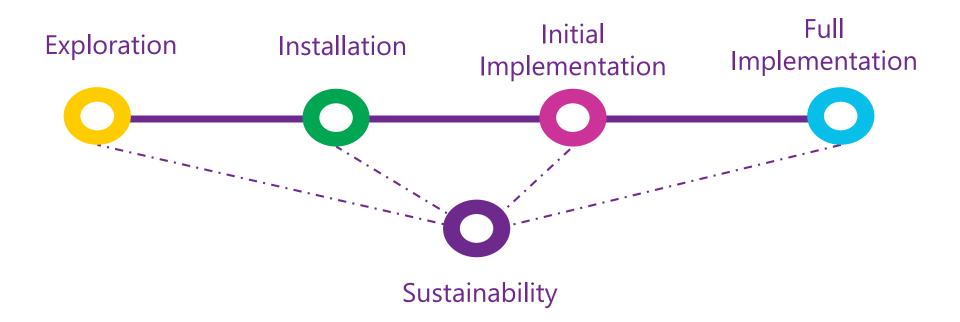
Implementation science



Information management

IMPLEMENTATION

Working with multiple cross-sector partners, we help communities use evidence and adapt it to improve the system of care for people with mental health and addictions needs.



LAUNCH OF JUSTICE SERVICE COLLABORATIVES

Open Minds, Healthy Minds 10 year strategy

 3-year focus on children and youth mental health

3 themes:

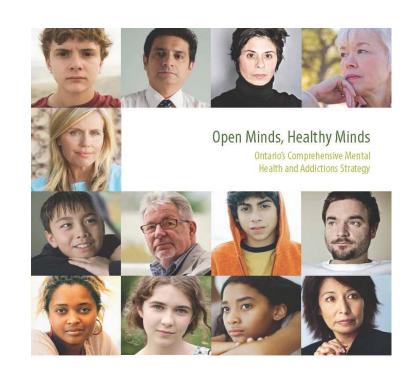
- Service access
- Early identification
 & intervention
- Close critical service gaps

Systems Improvement through Service Collaboratives (SISC) initiative

- Multi-sector
- System focus
- Key transitions

Project sponsor: CAMH's PSSP

Regional Implementation Teams





JUSTICE SERVICE COLLABORTIVES

Examining the intersection between justice and mental health

Justice Workers

Child Welfare

Education

Addiction Workers



Mental Health Workers

Police

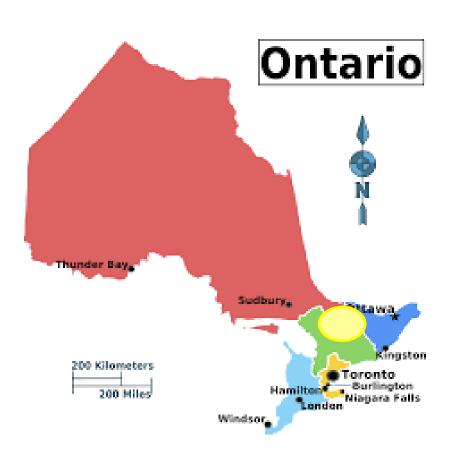
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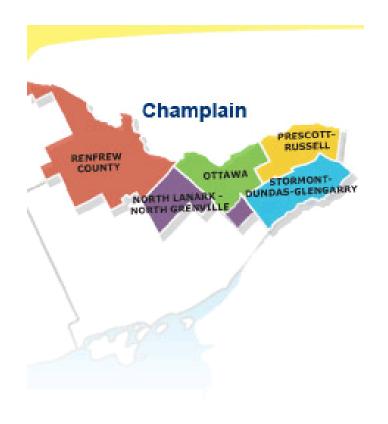
Court Professionals

Collaboration across sectors to provide improved quality of care for those justice-involved and their families.



CHAMPLAIN YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE COLLABORATIVE





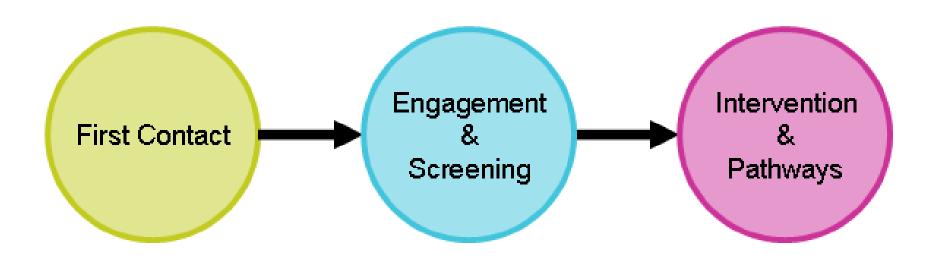
THE INTERVENTION:



INTERSECTIONS

Champlain Youth Justice Service Collaborative

http://youtu.be/hoShouml



POLICE ENGAGED IN EACH REGION

Renfrew

Host: Phoenix Center for Children and Families **Launch date:** June 2015

5 Police Services:

- Upper Ottawa Valley OPP
- Renfrew OPP
- Killaloe OPP
- Deep River Police Services
- Petawawa Military Police

Ottawa

Host: Crossroads Children's

Centre

Launch date: October 2016

1 Police Service:

Ottawa Police Services

Prescott-Russell

Host: Laurencrest Youth

Services

Launch date: January 2017

2 Police Services:

- Russell OPP
- Hawkesbury OPP

Lanark, Leeds and Grenville

Host: RNJ Youth Services **Launch date:** January 2015

6 Police Services:

- Brockville Police Services
- Gananoque Police Services
- Grenville OPP
- Leeds OPP
- Smith Falls Police Services
- Lanark County OPP

Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry

Host: Laurencrest Youth Services **Launch date:** January 2015

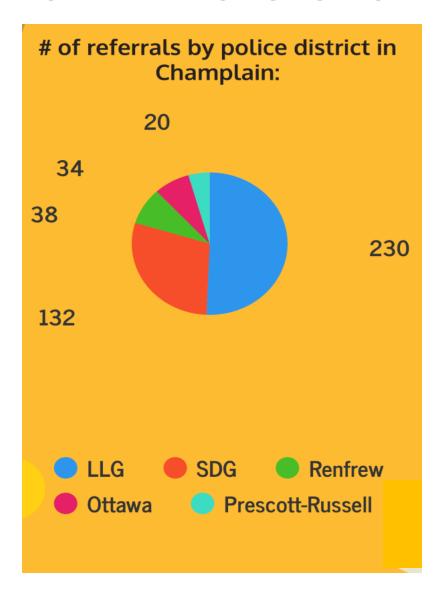
2 Police Services:

- Cornwall Police Services
- SDG OPP

IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERSECTONS

As of September 2017,

Intersections has provided support to 454 children, youth and families in Champlain.



INTERSECTIONS ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES



Fewer children and youth becoming justice involved



Enhanced MH&A treatment outcomes for children and youth in Champlain



Increased understanding of service use trends



Improved coordination of services

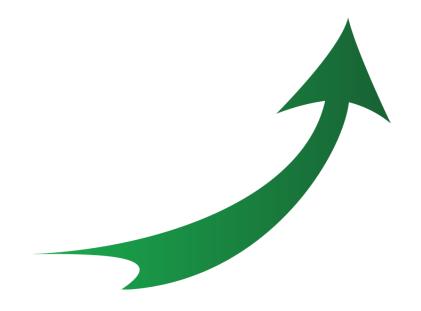


KEY SUCCESS FACTORS



- Engaging local leadership at the beginning of the process, across all sectors.
- Adhering to the core components of the intervention in all decisions kept the intervention evidence based.
- Being flexible to allow for the differences between regions.
- Aligning the Intersections Program to already existing community structures.
- Developing and nurturing the relationship between the Intersections Worker and the Police.
- Maintaining open communication between Intersections Workers, hosts, Police, planning partners, funding partners.

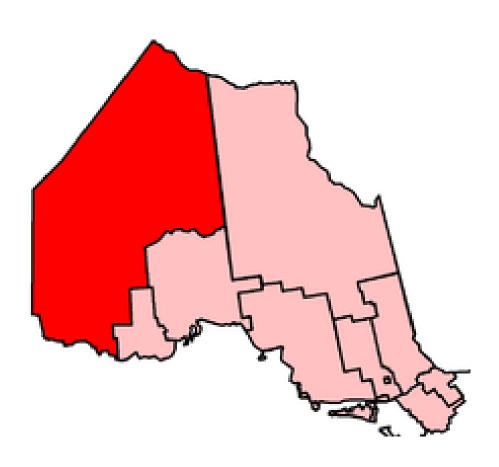
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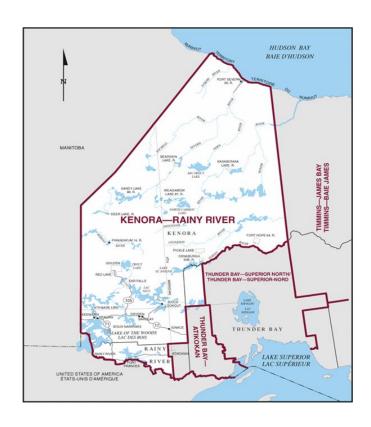




- Scale up project happening in Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington (KFLA).
- Exploring possibilities in other communities.

KENORA RAINY RIVER YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE COLLABORATIVE





THE INTERVENTION: TRAUMA-INFORMED YOUTH JUSTICE

The Service Collaborative has designed an intervention to meet the circumstances of youth in the district using multiple components of evidence-based practices including:

TRAUMA-INFORMED
TRAINING
AND
EDUCATION

GAINS-SS TRAINING JUSTICE SYSTEM NAVIGATION MAPPING



TRAUMA-INFORMED PROTOCOL

Influence Policy and Practice at an agency, justice system and Provincial level

Effectively Interacting with youth

Standardized Screening tool Coordinated use of existing services

IMPLEMENTATION TO-DATE OF TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES

- Over 170 community service providers trained by the *Manitoba Trauma Information and Education Centre* in the Kenora Rainy River
- Almost 130 participants from 23 communities, including 9 remote First Nations travelled to Kenora for Unmasking Trauma with Dr. K.V. Hardy workshop
- 3. Almost 180 participants from the Kenora Rainy River districts participated in the *Healing Trauma through a First Nation Lens* with Dr. Ed Connors, Dr. Renee Linklater, and Rupert Ross training
- 4. GAIN-SS training was provided to almost 100 cross-sectoral participants from agencies across the Kenora Rainy River districts, with 17 cross-sectoral agencies signed on to the GAIN-SS user license.



IMPACT ON THE SYSTEM

Strategic Goal

Building a stronger foundation to further develop a trauma-informed youth justice system in Kenora Rainy River over the next 3-5 years

PRESENT STATE

Trauma is common but impacts are still not clearly understood

Aboriginal trauma must be acknowledged in a traumainformed justice system

Justice partners need to be betterinformed about trauma and its impacts

Practice-policy feedback is needed to secure funding and change the system

STATE

Trauma Education

- + GAIN-SS
- + Navigation Map
- + Protocol =

Catalyst for traumainformed policy change at the: Agency Level System Level Provincial Level

FUTURE

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH



Improved system navigation

Common screening tool and appropriate referrals



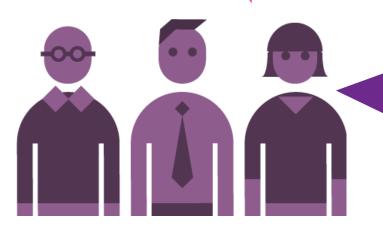


KEY SUCCESS FACTORS

Improved cultural awareness is becoming trauma informed

Ask "what has happened to you" not "what is wrong with you"

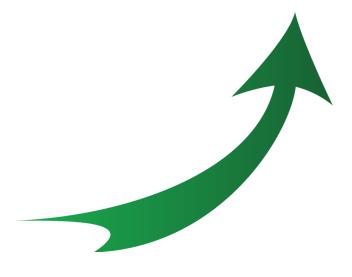
Be inclusive in defining a service system



Training together is a path to working together

Sharing resources, successes, and challenges will help move us forward

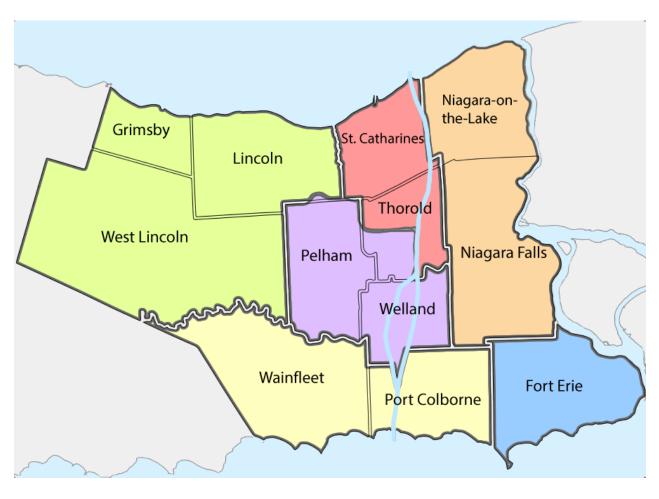
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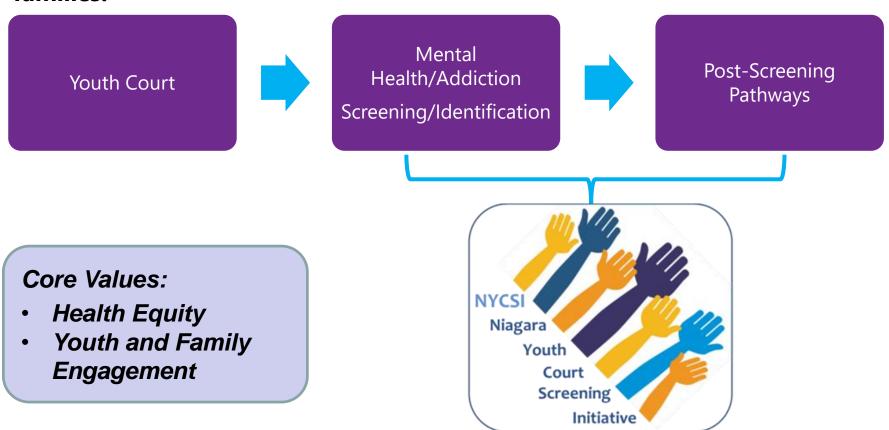
- Building on trauma-informed work in Kenora Rainy River.
- Scaling to potential new communities, starting with a Knowledge Exchange event.

NIAGARA YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE COLLABORATIVE



THE INTERVENTION

A coordinated community response for youth with mh/a issues in the court system that meaningfully engages and collaborates with youth and their families.



LAUNCH OF YOUTH COURT



Youth Court officially commenced on Feb 2, 2015.

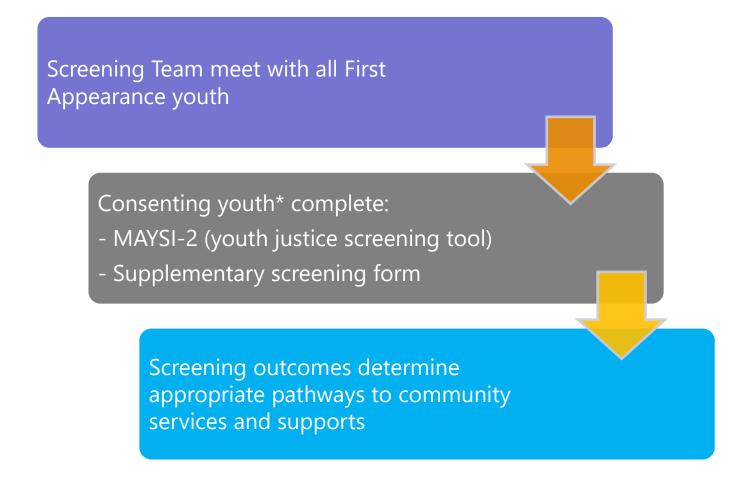
LAUNCH OF NYCSI



NYCSI launched May 19, 2015.



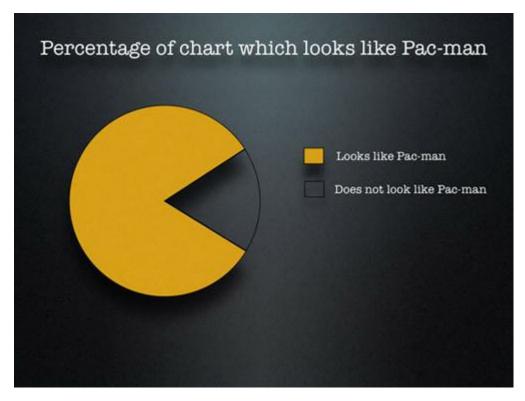
NIAGARA YOUTH COURT SCREENING INITIATIVE



*Youth who self-identify as having First Nation/Inuit or Métis heritage are offered specialized screening services, as are youth who prefer screening in French.

IS IT WORKING? STATS AND OUTCOMES FROM NYCSI





IMPACTS AND OUTCOMES

- ✓ Niagara court system now aligned with ✓ Streamlining court processes the YCJA

- ✓ Earlier identification of mh/a concerns in justice-involved youth
- ✓ Youth receive service immediately at court

✓ Enhanced access to appropriate services

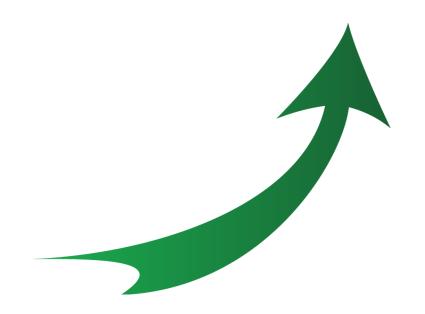
✓ Enhanced system navigation

- ✓ Improved transitions between sectors
- ✓ Improved collaboration across agencies

✓ Better use of resources

✓ Evidence to support quality improvement, planning, decisionmaking

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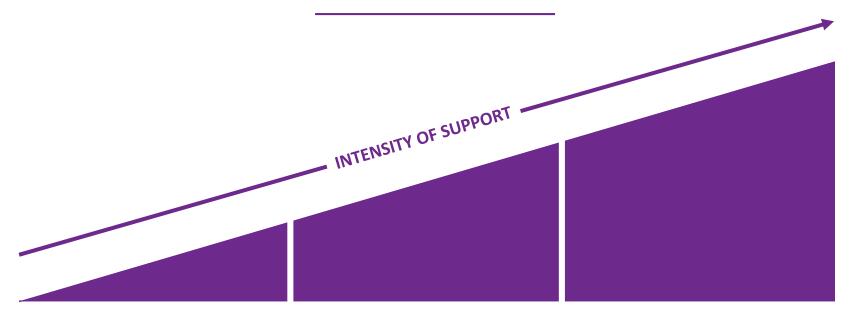
- Scale up work happening in Windsor, Peterborough and Lindsay
- PSPP hosted a Knowledge Exchange event on November 16th, with 15 new communities attending to learn about implementing a Youth Court Screening model.

The Women's Justice Access Project responds to the justice and legal needs of socially isolated women in a safe and familiar environment.

FRED VICTOR 24-HOUR DROP-IN CENTRE AT THE ADELAIDE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE



WOMEN'S JUSTICE ACCESS PROJECT PROGRAM MODEL



GROUP EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Workshops and group information sessions provided by partner organizations with relevant legal and justice expertise.

1-ON-1 LEGAL INFORMATION

Casual and informal *legal information* is provided to clients by trained providers (i.e. legal students, peers). Does not include specific legal advice.

1-ON-1 LEGAL ADVICE (FORMAL AND SCHEDULED)

Formal *legal advice* is provided by an accredited lawyer.

WOMEN'S JUSTICE ACCESS PROJECT PARTNERS











ADVISORY COMMITTEE PARTNERS



Toronto Bail Program

FINDINGS FROM THE TRACKING SHEET

15 92 **CMs SUPPORTED LEGAL AREAS THROUGH 1:1** PRESENTED BY **LEGAL SERVICES CMs 12** 10 min **AVERAGE TIME CMs RECEIVING FOR SESSION** LEGAL **WITH A CM** REPRESENTATION

As of September 30, 2017



"I couldn't believe what changed in just a few hours and now I can go home and see my family thanks to you and Downtown Legal Services! I know it is hard to get this result. You really did the best job for me. I can't tell you how much I appreciate it!"

- Fred Victor 24/7 Drop-in Community Member

Niagara Youth Court Screening Initiative



LEARNINGS FROM THE JUSTICE COLLABORATIVES ON CREATING MEANINGFUL SYSTEM CHANGE



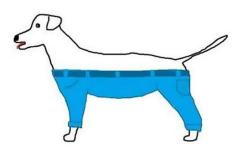


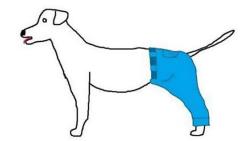
If a dog wore pants would he wear them

like this

or

like this?





LEARNINGS FROM THE JUSTICE COLLABORATIVES ON CREATING MEANINGFUL SYSTEM CHANGE





QUESTIONS?



IMPORTANT LINKS

Intersections video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGL-oShouml

For further information on Intersections:

http://improvingsystems.ca/projects/intersections_ottawa

NYCSI Video Link - http://sho.co/19CZK

For further information on NYCSI:

http://improvingsystems.ca/projects/niagarayouth-court-screening-initiative-1

IMPORTANT LINKS

GAIN – Global Appraisal of Individual Needs Coordinating Centre page http://gaincc.org/instruments/

Navigation Maps at CMHA Kenora Branch page http://www.cmhak.on.ca/

Manitoba Trauma Information and Education Centre page http://trauma-informed.ca/

SISC – Kenora Rainy River Youth Justice Service Collaborative page http://improvingsystems.ca/projects/trauma-informed-practice

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