



Children and Youth Planning Table of Waterloo Region

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VISION

Happy, healthy children and youth – today and tomorrow.

MISSION

To collectively mobilize as one system for children and youth in Waterloo Region that relentlessly strives to maximize wellbeing throughout generations.

Using a collective impact approach, we are working to move the needle on the following six goals to improve wellbeing for children in youth in Waterloo Region:

Shared Goals for Child and Youth Wellbeing



Feel valued, heard and included



Are safe and supported by caring adults



Are physically healthy



Are emotionally healthy



Are lifelong learners



Can see a positive future for themselves

SHARED FOUNDATION FOR PRACTICE

This Shared Foundation for Practice helps us engage in open, honest and sometimes difficult conversations that lead us to action. It also helps us work with others in a spirit of respect, openness, cooperation and proper decorum in spite of differences that may arise during discussion.

To read more about the four pillars of the Shared Foundation click [here](#).



GOVERNANCE

The Children and Youth Planning Table (CYPT) is made up of **several components** with a common agenda that provides direction and aspiration. The work is moved forward by:

Members	Groups	Steering Committee	Backbone Staff
<p>CYPT Membership is open to anyone invested in child and youth wellbeing. Some organizations will choose to become Voting Members and their responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking for opportunities to intentionally align the work of their organization with the 6 Shared Goals for Child and Youth Wellbeing. Actively work with/towards the ideals expressed in the Shared Foundation for Practice. Providing official votes/endorsements from the lens of what is in the best interest of advancing the Vision and Mission of the CYPT. 	<p>There are 4 different types of groups involved in/with the CYPT that contribute to collective work on shared goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Teams are groups within the CYPT supporting the advancement of the CYPT Vision, Mission and Shared Goals. Working Groups are time limited groups driven by the CYPT membership and overseen by the Steering Committee. Nested Groups are self-sustained groups in the community that choose to align their efforts with the Vision, Mission and Shared Goals of the CYPT. Affiliated Groups do work in the community directly related to child and/or youth wellbeing that inform and complement the work of the CYPT. 	<p>The Steering Committee provides leadership, vision and strategic direction to the CYPT. Some of their responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guiding the vision and direction of members and seeking input to set direction for the work of the CYPT. Acting as champions for stretching beyond traditional organization practices and looking for meaningful opportunities to work differently together in the broader system of services and supports for children, youth and families. Implementing decisions made by Voting Member Organizations in accordance with CYPT vision, mission, existing priorities and staff time. 	<p>The staff of the CYPT provide ongoing support to all functions of the CYPT. Some of their responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking out and highlighting connection points to the work of the Table. Addressing the logistical needs of the Table helping to mobilize resources, facilitate communication and dialogue, and cultivate relationships throughout the community. Helping to guide the Vision and direction of the members connecting the CYPT throughout the community. Supporting the work of Standing and Working Groups.

Established in 2011, the Children and Youth Planning Table envisions a community where all children and youth are happy and healthy. There are many programs, services, organizations and collaboratives dedicated to the wellbeing of children and youth in Waterloo Region and we have seen the positive impact of these efforts. We know that together, we can address challenges, solve problems and mobilize as a system to maximize the wellbeing of children and youth in Waterloo Region, in ways that go beyond what individual organizations are able to do on their own.

Click bolded text to read more information, or to read the full Charter document, click [here](#)