



Pandemic Working Group (PWG)

Location: Zoom
Date: Thursday, August 19, 2021
Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Agenda & Notes

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Data Challenges in the System	Future of Cities <ul style="list-style-type: none">Future of Cities at Communitech is interested in consulting with CYPT members from various organizations to discuss data-related challenges and potential opportunities to better serve children and youth. In addition to meeting with members of the Data, Research and Evaluation Team, they are also interested in hearing from folks who are not in roles dedicated to data. They subsequently hope to use the input to synergize efforts across the region's tech ecosystem to address some of our identified challenges. They will join us for the first half of the meeting to gather some input. Before or after the meeting, please see the following survey - https://www.menti.com/2uit8ttyfx
Education	Back to School planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recommendations on mask wearing for students in kindergarten (JK/SK). "Students in kindergarten are encouraged but not required to wear non-medical or cloth masks in indoor spaces, as well as on school vehicles." as per the Ministry's COVID-19: Health, safety and operational guidance for schools (2021-2022)Daily covid screening for school staff and students (especially since those who are 12 and under will not be vaccinated)
Vaccination Roll Out	Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Starting on August 18, 2021, all children turning 12 years old before the end of 2021 will be eligible to receive their first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.
Shared Messaging/ Supporting Families	Belonging Messaging <ul style="list-style-type: none">Immigration Partnership WR is excited to launch the #RacialEquityWR Campaign. #RacialEquityWR is an evolving campaign to end racism and discrimination in Waterloo Region which engages residents, local businesses, and community partners in creating a welcoming and anti-racist community. We invite you to participate to show solidarity, share how you take action against hate, and help spread the



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	<p>message of embracing diversity, belonging, and equity for all. A FREE #RacialEquityWR lawn sign can be picked up at the Kitchener Public Library, Waterloo Public Library, or Idea Exchange Library locations (limited quantities) and further details can be found at www.racialequitywr.ca.</p> <p>Messages from the Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No messages received from the community since the last meeting.
<u>Trauma-Informed Work and Training</u>	<p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reps from PWG and CPLC meet on the 27th to continue working with WRDSB on a system-wide trauma informed resource for those serving children, youth and families.
Child Welfare	
Member Updates/Other	
Next Steps	<p>Next meeting: September 2, 12pm to 1pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Bank of Waterloo Region

Future Agenda Items

- Health and wellness of the workforce
- Supports needed for children/youth/families during pandemic recovery
- FACS trends related to pandemic impacts