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Youth Impact Survey launches on April 30th, 2021 for young people in Waterloo Region.

Survey launching that will measure and monitor well-being for children and youth in our community.

Waterloo Region, April, 2021 - The Children and Youth Planning Table (CYPT), the Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW), UNICEF Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation (KWCF) and local youth partnered together to develop the prototype of a new child and youth well-being survey. Aligned with the Canadian Index of Well-being (developed by UNICEF Canada), the "**Youth Impact Survey**" measures and monitors the well-being of children and youth across nine focus areas.

The survey was piloted in July of 2020 and after receiving feedback from young people, aged 9 – 18 in Waterloo Region, phase two of this project launches on April 30th.

Fast facts:

- In 2020, CYPT, along with their partners in Waterloo Region, was the first community in Canada to pilot the survey.
- Phase two now involves 4 communities: Waterloo Region, Ottawa, Halton Region and Tri-Counties in Nova Scotia (Digby, Yarmouth, and Shelburne County).
- The data collected in this survey will help inform the decisions that are made about programs, services, and supports available to young people in our community.
- For this phase of the survey to be successful, we need 1000 youth from diverse backgrounds, aged 9 – 18 to fill it out.
- Waterloo Region will be the only community that will have timely data on how young people are doing during two points in time through the pandemic.
- Data Briefs, (results from the pilot phase) can be reviewed here.
- Young people who fill out the survey will receive volunteer hours and be entered into a draw for gift cards.

If you are interested in covering this story, we would be happy to connect you to a young person who can speak about the project and the impact of participation.

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