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Children and Youth Planning Table to release timely child and youth well-being data

Data surrounding mental and emotional health and belonging will be shared.

Waterloo Region, August, 2020 - The Children and Youth Planning Table (CYPT) in partnership with the Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW) at the University of Waterloo, UNICEF Canada, and the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) partnered 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.

In July of 2020, the survey was open and piloted for young people, aged 9-18 in Waterloo Region to respond to questions across 9 focus areas of well-being and provide feedback on the survey tool itself. More than 300 youth in Waterloo Region took the survey and we are pleased to announce that on September 3, 2020, we will begin sharing some of the preliminary data.

The Youth Impact Survey was open for responses during a very unique time. Gathering and analyzing data collected from young people during a global pandemic will be an opportunity to provide important current information to our community partners. The unique data set will provide first-hand information across all of these focus areas on how well the young people in our community are doing.

The local data, which will include two briefs outlining mental and emotional health and belonging will be shared just as UNICEF Canada releases their Report Card #16 which ranks wealthy countries in child and youth well-being. How does Waterloo Region compare to the national picture?

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