



YOU MADE IT HAPPEN!

Celebrating the 2015/16 CYFS Coalition Accomplishments

Thanks to all our members for their hard work, collaboration and dedication to these initiatives over the past year:

- ✓ **Welcome new members, Orillia Public Library, and Child Advocacy Centre Simcoe Muskoka.**
- ✓ Working groups and Networks continue to use Results Based Accountability to identify service and systemic changes that will positively influence resilience for children youth and families. Planning Table is collating those results to highlight systemic gaps, overlaps and opportunities for collaboration which will result in service and system improvement.
- ✓ Infrastructure Table created dashboard reports to illustrate the work completed to date and is collaborating with the Youth Collective Impact Working Group (made up of Coalition members) on the use of Developmental Assets to measure our progress.
- ✓ Secretariat Table has started the process of reviewing Coalition structures to ensure we continue to meet the changing environment of new local and provincial initiatives.
- ✓ Collaboration is underway between Coalition members and New Path Youth and Family Services, lead agency for Moving on Mental Health and with CTN, lead agency on the Special Needs Strategy.
- ✓ A new MOU was signed between the Coalition and the YMCA/Lakehead Leadership program committing funds to provide financial assistance to member organizations who may require subsidy for the program.
- ✓ The Coalition started a new Professional Development Fund thanks to two independent sponsors.
- ✓ Coalition supported New Path in hosting a Board to Board Forum on "French Language from a Governance perspective".
- ✓ Best Start Network, in collaboration with the Hospital for Sick Children, offered training to 400 early years staff in Simcoe County on Infant Mental Health and was selected as a lead community for the IMHP Initiative.
- ✓ Transition Age Youth network embedding Transition to Independence Process (TIP) training in Simcoe/Muskoka, including significant youth and family engagement
- ✓ Collaborate Barrie received the first annual Coalition Award of Recognition. Sandy Thurston, CTN, received the first annual Collaborative Champion Award.
- ✓ Community Engagement Day on Poverty Reduction – *Making Choices Together* occurred on October 1st 2015.
- ✓ Basic Needs Task Group facilitated events for Canada Learning Bond registration and developed a local definition of poverty.
- ✓ Coalition members attended 2015 local Federal election candidate debates and asked questions related to how political parties would be supporting children, youth and families in Simcoe County.