



## Coordinator's Report September 8, 2021

1. **Early Years Service Providers –**  
Agencies are asked to confirm representation on this committee.  
Meetings are bi-monthly  
Review of emerging research on links between declining literacy skills and COVID  
Members decided to plan and launch an awareness campaign about the importance of reading aloud to children and other tips for building literacy skills.  
Next Meeting: October 13
2. **Youth**
  - a) **Community Youth Initiative (Chair Don Lewis) –**  
Gananoque Youth – trailer set up in the park over the summer. RNJ, Gananoque Police and YMCA partnered in staffing it  
Margaret, Don, and Sue working on revamping the workplan for input/decision from the group  
**Dates of future meetings TBD**
3. **Community Safety and Wellbeing Planning**  
No final decision/direction from Counties Council yet. We need to have a fulsome conversation on roles/responsibilities
4. **Data Group**  
Expressions of interest from CAS and EEC. Goal is to engage Robert Fulton to prepare a data story. Need to secure a source of funding.  
**Please let me know if you or staff member are interested in participating.**
5. **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion –**  
At our June meeting we agreed to pursue a LLG workgroup to help plan direction/training. Kim Gavan, Debbie Jonkman have volunteered for LG... still looking for interested members. Sharon Halladay and I have set a tentative meeting date of September 16 at 9:30.
6. **Asset Builders Recognition – (Michael Stanley, Jim Mulville, Michelle Neville)**  
Thank you to all who participated and congratulations to award recipients We got a lot of media coverage and positive feedback from recipients.
7. **New Members –**  
Brockville MDS and St. Lawrence College have asked to join EKIOC. We will discuss at Lead Table.
8. **Mapping Exercise –** I would like to map mandates to better understand connections between agencies.... looking for some members to assist

**9. Results of Lead Table Survey (attached)**

We will discuss at Lead Table meeting.

Opportunities for Collaboration – suggestion that a call go out to agencies to bring opportunities for working together to the table.

**10. Meetings (a number yet to be confirmed)**

**September 14 – Special Needs Strategy 9 to 12**

■ **Rural Transportation Webinar (ROI) 1 to 2 p.m.**

**September 15 – Youth Mental Health Awareness Campaign Steering Committee  
2p.m.**

**September 16 – Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Workgroup 9:30 (tentative)**

**September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

**October 6 – Lead Table**

**October 12 – Special Needs Strategy FASD Special Focus Meeting 9 to 12**

**October 14 – Early Years Service Providers 1:30 to 3**