



Every Kid
in our **Communities**
OF LEEDS & GRENVILLE

Data Work Group Terms of Reference

Introduction

EKIOC adopts the Developmental Assets[®] Framework identified by the Search Institute.

Developmental Assets[®] provide the key foundation for the healthy development of our children and families. Developmental Assets identify a set of skills, experiences, relationships, and behaviors that enable young people to develop into successful and contributing adults. Studies consistently show that the more Developmental Assets young people have, the less likely they are to engage in a wide range of high-risk behaviors, and the more likely they are to thrive.

We believe that everyone can build assets; all young people need assets; relationships are key; asset building is an ongoing process; consistent messages are important; and intentional repetition is important.

Common Agenda

To build a community in which every child and youth is safe, healthy, valued and lives in a family and neighborhood where: all babies have the best start possible; all children and youth are cared for and safe; all children are ready for school; all children and youth are successful at school; all children and youth are practicing safe and healthy behaviors; and all youth are making successful transitions to adulthood.

Accountability

The Developmental Assets Work Group reports to the Lead Table of EKIOC. The Developmental Asset Work Group will ensure preparation of an annual work plan and will provide periodic (at least annual) reports on its activities to the EKIOC Lead Table. It may also bring specific issues to the Lead Table.

Mandate

- To facilitate cooperative planning with respect to existing and future Developmental Assets work

- To promote Developmental Assets as a way of working for partner agencies and communities
- To support the conscious, deliberate, and intentional use of Developmental Assets.
- To facilitate a share perspective and promote a common language.
- To facilitate the sharing of information and experiences, to learn from each other and to build on each other's strengths.
- To celebrate Asset Builders in Leeds & Grenville.

Membership

- The membership consists of, but is not limited to, partner agency staff members, community stakeholders, and leaders.
- Participation is encouraged from individuals having expertise in Developmental Assets.
- EKIOC seeks representation from a diversity of peoples and perspectives and from those with lived experience from across our partner organizations, particularly representatives from equity seeking communities, including:
 - Members from Indigenous communities
 - Members from the Black community and people of colour
 - Individuals who identify as 2SLGBTQ+
 - Individuals with visible and invisible disabilities
 - Other members of equity seeking or marginalized communities

Working Arrangements

- There will be two co-chairs of the Work Group, which will rotate through the members of the Work Group. The chairs will serve a term of 2 years (staggered) commencing in September of each year.
- The work group will meet at such times and places as determined by its members and will work mainly through video conferences and e-mail. Meetings will generally be held once per month for one hour.
- A consensus building approach will be used whenever possible. In the rare case when a vote is required, all members present are voting members.
- Administrative support to the Work Group will be provided by the EKIOC Coordinator.

Review of Terms of Reference

These terms of reference will be reviewed annually in September.

Date of Approval & Review