



2023 - 2025 PRIORITIES

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.

To move closer to realizing these goals the collaborative identified that the years of the pandemic have negatively impacted children, youth, families, and human services agencies. The issues facing children, youth and families have become more complex, while service providers are fatigued and experiencing high rates of staff turnover and vacancies. It is within this context that the priorities of data (understanding our community today) and organizational resilience were prioritized. EKIOC provides a continuous communication loop between partners. These collective work priorities must have equity at their center.

Shared Measurement	Connected & coordinated	Continuous Communication	Equity Centered
Define shared goals to measure child and youth well-being in Leeds & Grenville	Support a strong knowledge of partner agencies Build a culture that fosters relationships,	Share announcements & updates within the EKIOC partnership Share information and resources with each other and with the children,	Strengthen partners' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) knowledge and approaches Develop tools and provide education & resources for

<p>Increase EKIOC’s capacity to be data-informed and data-driven</p>	<p>trust, and respect across partner organizations</p> <p>Cultivate healthy & resilient organizations</p>	<p>youth, and families of our communities</p> <p>Facilitate community education campaigns on key developmental assets.</p>	<p>partners to bring back to their own organizations</p> <p>Recognize the critical importance of Truth and Reconciliation for Leeds & Grenville organizations serving children, youth, and families.</p>
<p>Key Initiatives</p> <p>Re-establish a Measurement, Research & Data Work Group – Completed January 2023 but short on members & need a co-chair</p> <p>Develop a strategy for cross-organizational data sharing – Not started</p> <p>Implement a framework for monitoring/evaluating EKIOC’s impacts – Not started</p>	<p>Key Initiatives</p> <p>Establish Health & Wellness work group. – Completed January 2023 Disbanded 2024</p> <p>Facilitate a partner agency forum for frontline staff</p> <p>Include a speaker to address service provider wellness</p> <p>We did not get grant funding for this initiative. A survey to Lead Table in the summer of 2023</p>	<p>Key Initiatives</p> <p>Re-establish the Developmental Assets Work Group. Completed September 2023</p> <p>Reinstate Developmental Asset Recognition Awards. Completed June 2023</p> <p>Improve the usability of the EKIOC website (year 1 for EKIOC partners; year 2 for children, youth & families) – Coordinator and Planning & Coordination Committee</p>	<p>Key Initiatives</p> <p>Establish a sub-group of the DEI work group focused on the Calls to Action to develop a plan that will reflect and honour the recommendations of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission Report at the local level and will introduce and embed Indigenous world views, values and knowledge within Leeds and Grenville agencies and organizations. – Not</p>

<p>Consider the Canadian Index of Child and Youth Well-being developed by UNICEF Canada – not started</p> <p>Consider whether to pursue an independent demographic report – Fulton report completed June & presented June 2023; summary slide show to be prepared for presentation to municipalities & stake holders</p>	<p>identified lunch and learns as an alternative. To begin April 2024. Lunch and Learns not started as this was a need identified during and immediately after covid and identified as not needed in 2025</p>	<p>Completed January 2024 – further work may be done after formation of Communications Work Group</p> <p>Communications Work Group became a task force starting November-4-24 with Final Report May-7-25 resulting in a 2025 Communications Strategy and Procedures and a Work Instruction</p>	<p>started – plans to collaborate with Brockville Public Library Indigenous support position funding discontinued at BPL end of 2024 so did not occur</p> <p>Deliver meaningful Land Acknowledgements paired with a Call to Action Completed March 2023</p> <p>15-minute education sessions provided to Lead Table monthly by the DEI work group Complete & ongoing</p> <p>Bi-monthly lunch & learns facilitated by the DEI work group Complete & ongoing</p>
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