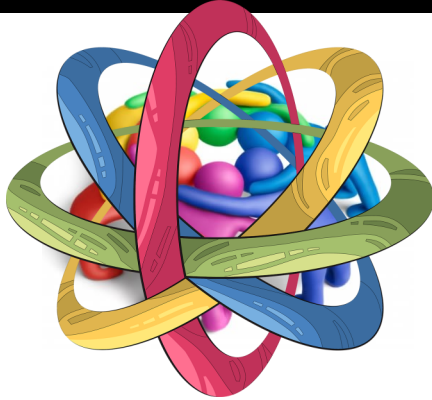


COLLECTIVE IMPACT

Youth Leaving Care—Vancouver

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We did it! At our November 26 community gathering we agreed on a **COMMON AGENDA** and **COLLECTIVE PRINCIPLES** to guide our work moving forward.

Our common agenda / shared vision for the CI for Youth Aging out of Care is:

ELIMINATE THE ODDS! Invest in youth by creating equity of access to meaningful experiences, caring connections, and opportunities for growth based on individual needs, wants and readiness.

The common agenda and collective principles are now on our web page along with the full reports & evaluations of both community gatherings and resources—<http://www.fsgv.ca/be-inspired/collective-impact-2015/youth-aging-out-of-care/>

ACTION REQUIRED

COMMUNITY GATHERING
Friday February 26, 2016
Creekside Community Centre
9am to 3pm + Lunch
PLEASE RSVP and advise us of food allergies or concerns.

SAVE the DATE

Our final community gathering will be on Friday May 13

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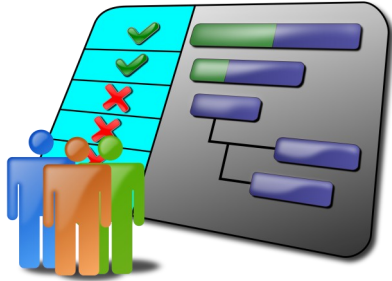
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IT'S DECISION TIME

This initiative's main goal over a year, from June 2015 to May 2016, is to establish the community's readiness and willingness to move forward with a collective impact approach to enhance results for youth aging out of care in Vancouver. With 5 months left, we are nearing decision time.

On February 26th our agenda will consist of a potential strategy for action as well as the beginnings of a conversation about a backbone organization moving forward. Your feedback at both the community gatherings indicates a willingness to move forward with a CI model. Its time to change the way we think and act in order to have an impact on the outcomes for youth aging out of care.



On March 8th, agency and sector leaders will be invited to make a commitment to the CI initiative and further discuss the capacities required by the backbone organization. Once a backbone is in place, proposals will be written to obtain funding for the continuation of this project. Learning from other CI initiatives, we know it takes 3 to 5 years to see changes in outcomes!

November 26 Feedback

We appreciate your feedback on November 26 at our last community gathering. More than three quarters of you participated in the feedback survey provided by McCreary Society. There continues to be overall agreement and excitement to move forward with the CI initiative. Close to 25% of participants were youth which represents a substantial increase from the last meeting.

"The most common suggestion was for the initiative to make concrete plans and attainable goals and to then swiftly take action." This is definitely representative of the biggest tension in a CI—the delicate dance between action and process.

There was also concern expressed about the changing faces attending meetings—some responders were concerned that we were losing decision makers. Others explained new participants seemed unclear about the CI framework.

The full report is available on our web page!



Project Update

- November 26 community gathering
- Reports and evaluations
- Client Journey Map process
- Website updates
- Meaningful youth engagement
- Prepare for February 26 gathering



WE NEED YOUR HELP:

Our evaluation includes components of focus groups and participating agency interviews. McCreary is looking for anyone interested in taking part of a focus group or completing an interview. Please contact Maya at:

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