

Ottawa Community Collaborative Parenting Support Strategy

Guiding Principles for Next Steps

-based on the Discussions from the May 1st Forum

Content of the Program

Strengths-based: *positive approach building on existing strengths; is participatory, seeks Developmental opportunities and is empowering*

- Families are the experts and a core value to focus on the parents/family's ability, promotion of resilience and solution focused
- **For Review:** Review and develop criteria for strengthens-based to ensure clear understanding. "Positive Youth Development, Centre for Disease Control and Dunst as primary sources for further follow-up...."

Best Practice: *Evidenced-based founded in research and expertise through experience, knowledge and utilization of tools and resources.*

- Includes quality and accountability (a common vision for parent support and direct measures, goals and objectives)
- Commitment to set benchmarks, evaluate and have ongoing monitoring of our system.
- Evidence informed includes practice wisdom in the definition
- **For Review:** Recommendation that criteria be developed and a weighting system created along a continuum for best practice, evidence-informed practice, gray (elements of a program are based in

How the Strategy is Delivered - Program Level

Inclusive (or Equity)

- Includes open and accessible and flexible (services fit families)
- Reflects a strong respect for the diversity of families and families are able to see themselves reflected in the services and have a sense of belonging.
- Services and programs are available and are based on the needs of the client
- Responsive to the community and individual families.

How the Strategy is Administered - Community Level

Coordinated: *Includes a streamlined system where there is a clear path and clarity in the range of roles and services*

- Mechanism for response is in place
- Knowledge of services and opportunities at both service/provider and client perspectives
- Built on existing services and infrastructure to maximize potential

Collaboration: *Understanding that together, we are better*

- Each player understands their role and their contribution towards a common goal
- A cultural shift of one of sharing
- Organizational commitment to share protocols, learnings etc .
- **For Review:** Along the continuum of collaboration, at the bare minimum, the strategy would have common information sharing. Further exploration of options and opportunities for collaboration and integration needs to be explored by the community.

Sustainable: *is not dependent on one person or agency, lasts a long period of time, is adaptable and is inclusive of all programs and agencies.*

- Multiple agencies supporting the strategy over the long term
- Adaptability and responsiveness are overarching pieces that need to be engrained in the strategy approach.