



2015 Community Investment Strategy Funded Projects





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Community Based Services

Community Health

Alzheimer Society of York Region

A Brand New D.A.Y (Daycare Alzheimer York):
A comprehensive day program providing structured and individualized mental health supports, respite, and a recreational and social day care program for people living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

alzheimer.ca/en/york
905-726-3477

LifeCorps International

LifeCorps Food Share: The agency collects and delivers food provided by or through the Ontario Association of Food Banks, the National Food Sharing System (operated by Food Banks Canada) and other corporate community partners to many agencies serving low and moderate income individuals across York Region.

lifecorps.org
905-770-5433

York Region Food for Learning

Food for Learning: Using a network of trained community volunteers, inclusive access to nutritionally balanced breakfast and snack programs are provided to York Region students through schools that have been identified as having a high population of low and moderate income families.

foodforlearning.com
905-895-4512 ext. 74335

York Region Food Network

Community Food Hub: The project offers a weekly breakfast drop-in program, a community kitchen, Good Food boxes, reclaimed food donations, workshops, and volunteer opportunities that develop food skills and increase community engagement.

yrfn.ca
905-841-3101



Community and Health Services
Strategies and Partnerships

www.york.ca

Economic Independence

COSTI Immigrant Services

Life Success Strategies: The project provides life management skills enabling low to moderate income residents, including Ontario Works recipients, to obtain and maintain jobs that match their skills. The program includes workshops, assessments, group engagement activities, one-to-one appointments, guest speakers, practical exercises, and the preparation of a return to work action plan.

costi.org
416-658-1600

Georgina Trades Training Inc.

S.E.T. for Employment: The project prepares participants for employment through the preparation of individualized employment plans, hands-on skills development, and links to appropriate training programs to further their skills for employment.

gtti.ca
905-722-6300

Inn From The Cold Inc.

Comprehensive Employment Program: The project provides employment supports to low income residents facing multiple barriers through a series of three 12-week programs that match the skill level of each participant to potential employment opportunities. Life skills, computer literacy, financial management and training in hands-on skills are also offered.

innfromthecold.ca
905-895-8889

Job Skills- Employment & Business Programs & Supports

Smart Start Program: The project assists low and moderate income residents to obtain and retain employment in the food and beverage sector. The program includes industry-specific skills training and financial literacy training in its life management skills component.

jobskills.org
905-898-5138

Job Skills- Employment & Business Programs & Supports

Job Find Club for Internationally Trained Individuals: The project offers training on a rotational basis at the five York Region Welcome Centres to assist unemployed or underemployed internationally trained individuals attain financial and economic stability. Topics covered include Canadian workplace culture, business practices and employability skills.

jobskills.org
905-898-5138

JVS Toronto

YouthReach II: The project, delivered at various locations, provides one-on-one employment counselling and job development services to youth with a history of conflict with the law in order to support their search for employment.

jvstoronto.org
416-787-1151



Learning Disabilities Association of York Region

SOAR Mindful Transitions Project: Through workshops and one to one supports the agency provides participants who have learning disabilities and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder with academic and vocational support to identify career areas of interest that are suited to their individual needs.

ldayr.org

905-884-7933

Literacy Council York-Simcoe

Essential Life Skills Development Program: The agency provides facilitated self-paced training and workshops in basic and intermediate computer skills, including experience with computer-based applications, to increase labour market opportunities for clients.

lcys.ca

905-883-6279

March of Dimes Canada

Customer Service and Retail Training Program: The project provides training in customer service, financial literacy, résumé writing, job search and interview techniques to prepare low income and Ontario Works participants for employment. Once successfully employed, job retention support is provided.

marchofdimes.ca

1-800-263-3463 ext. 7722

Steps to Recovery

S.T.E.P.S. Training, Employment & Preparation Services: The project supports residents who are recovering addicts and alcoholics through a pre-employment program that incorporates pertinent life strategies, self and vocational assessments, and job development skills.

stepsrecovery.com

905-762-1551

The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada-Sutton Youth Shelter

Employment, Education and Specialized Supports: The project provides life skills, pre-employment supports, employment skills and employment retention services for homeless and at-risk youth. Youth also benefit from educational tutoring and school advocacy, GED study support and in-house educational programming.

suttonyouthshelter.ca

905-722-9076

Vaughan Community Health Centre

Youth Life Skills Training Program: The project provides life and employment skills training to low and moderate income youth to enhance skills in communication, conflict resolution, teamwork and financial literacy.

vaughanhealthcarehc.com

905-303-8490



Women's Centre of York Region

Enterprising Careers: The project provides low and moderate income women with supports to explore career and training options in order to increase financial independence. The project connects women and helps build networks, to reduce social isolation.

wcyr.ca

905-853-9270

Women's Centre of York Region

Stepping Stone: The project offers workshops in life skills and financial literacy, and provides basic needs supports. Through networking, low to moderate income women build self-esteem, personal and social community connections, and financial empowerment.

wcyr.ca

905-853-9270

Youth Unlimited

The Shop Employment Initiative: The project provides unskilled youth and young adults with mentorship, life skills, and job training for employment in auto mechanics, small engines and carpentry, and the opportunity for a paid job experience. The Shop, through vehicle donation, provides training to youth on vehicle repair and service.

youthunlimitedgta.ca

905-836-1433



Housing Stability

360°kids Support Services

Housing Support Worker: Housing support services to youth who are identified as homeless or are at risk of homelessness across York Region. Youth are assisted in the search for safe, affordable accommodation and are linked to additional supports in the community to enhance their chances of maintaining housing in the long term.

360kids.ca
905-471-1620

Blue Door Shelters

Community Housing Support Program: The project helps residents of the emergency shelter find appropriate and affordable housing by providing a range of housing supports, which include life skills development and coaching, providing information and referrals as needed, liaising with landlords, creating and maintaining housing availability lists, and advocating on behalf of clients.

bluedoorshelters.ca
905-898-1015

Blue Door Shelters

Intensive Case Management: Assisting People with Complex Needs: Intensive case management is provided to low income shelter clients who have complex needs. Supports include help to navigate the rental housing system, developing individualized support plans aimed at stabilizing clients.

bluedoorshelters.ca
905-898-1015

Citizens for Affordable Housing, York Region

Housing Help Centre: The project maintains a York Region Housing Registry as a key tool for helping low and moderate income homeless residents and those at risk of homelessness find and maintain affordable and appropriate housing. Clients also receive individual supports and referrals to prospective landlords in their housing search.

housinghelpcentre.org
905-508-1877

Citizens for Affordable Housing, York Region

Identification Clinic (ID Clinic): The ID Clinic operates community and mobile clinics across York Region to enable low and moderate income residents to obtain identification, which enables them to access other services.

www.housinghelpcentre.org
905-508-1877

Community Legal Clinic of York Region

Eviction Prevention Project: The project provides critical and immediate legal supports to low income tenants with emotional and mental health challenges who are threatened with eviction.

clcyr.on.ca
905-508-5018

Inn From The Cold Inc.

Shelter Program: The project assists homeless residents with shelter, basic needs supports, and services during the winter months. The shelter will operate from the beginning of January to mid-April and from November to December, seven nights a week.

innfromthecold.ca
905-895-8889



Jewish Russian Community Centre of Ontario

JRCC Furniture Depot: Through community partnerships and contributions from donors, the project receives gently used furniture, which is provided free of cost to low and moderate income families.

jrcc.org

416-222-7105

LOFT Community Services

LOFT Crosslinks Street Outreach & Services Network: The street outreach van operates throughout York Region. Services are provided to homeless and at-risk individuals through the work of a multi-disciplinary team that includes Mental Health Workers, Outreach Workers, an Addiction Counsellor, a Youth Worker and Registered Practical Nurses.

loftcs.org

416-979-1994

Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold

Out of the Cold Program: The project provides emergency winter shelter, meals, and support services to residents at-risk of or experiencing homelessness. The shelters are hosted by faith communities with support from volunteers from many communities.

miotc.org

905-763-9296

Scarborough Housing Help Centre

Information and Case Management to Assist Low and Middle Income Earners in Accessing Affordable Housing in the York Region: The project improves access to housing by engaging landlords and matching tenants to potential landlords, and stabilizes tenancies through education on tenant rights and responsibilities. Workshops are provided in five languages.

shhc.org

416-285-8070

The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada-Sutton Youth Shelter

Wrap Around Housing and Community Supports: The project supports youth in the emergency and transitional housing units at the Sutton Youth Shelter to access affordable and suitable housing in the community. Wrap around supports provide ongoing contact that links the client to available supports and community services as needed, to help youth keep their housing.

suttonyouthshelter.ca

905-722-9076

The Lance Krasman Memorial Centre for Community Mental Health

Application Support Worker: The project provides case management and practical supports to assist Ontario Works clients on the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) pending list, and non-Ontario Works individuals to successfully complete the ODSP application process.

krasmancentre.com

905-780-0491



The Lance Krasman Memorial Centre for Community Mental Health

Homelessness Prevention Drop-In Worker: The project provides practical support, community referrals, service access and emotional support to people with mental health challenges who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness, with the aim of preventing homelessness.

krasmancentre.com

905-780-0491



Social Inclusion

360°kids Support Services

Home Base Richmond Hill: A youth drop-in centre that provides a range of support services, such as basic needs, counselling, mentoring, life skills, employment and housing supports to youth who are identified as homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

360kids.ca
905-471-1620

360°kids Support Services

Home Base Vaughan: A youth drop-in centre operated in partnership with the City of Vaughan and the Vaughan Community Health Centre to provide a range of support services such as basic needs, counselling, mentoring, and life skills, employment and housing supports and recreation activities to youth who are identified as homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

360kids.ca
905-471-1620

Big Brothers Big Sisters of York

Valuing Diversity, York Region Inclusive Mentoring Project: Children from culturally diverse, low-income, single-parent and newcomer families who are at risk of not achieving their full potential are matched with volunteer mentors who are positive role models and reflective of the cultural diversity of the Region.

bbbsy.ca
905-726-2149

Catholic Community Services of York Region

Specialized Family Support Project: The project delivers accessible, family-centered counselling and group programs to low and moderate income residents and families with the aim of reducing social and economic vulnerability and enhancing personal and family well-being.

ccsyr.org
905-770-7040

Character Community Foundation of York Region

Slap Shot Hockey Program for Low Income/Newcomer Children: The project is a seven week after-school hockey program specifically developed for low income and newcomer children in York Region. With the assistance of peer mentors, children learn the benefit of physical activity as well as important skills in leadership, character, socialization, teamwork, conflict resolution, nutrition and health.

charactercommunity.com
905-895-5155 ext. 134

Dr. Roz's Healing Place

Vital Intervention Breakthrough Empowerment Program (VIBE): The project enhances personal development and growth for youth by participating in targeted programs and workshops. The project will also help parents and caregivers develop strong relationships with their youth.

drrozshealingplace.com
416-264-0823



Family Services York Region

Counselling and Support Services for Low and Moderate Income Families: The project provides culturally sensitive counselling support, outreach and group services, along with a volunteer training component that will allow participants to contribute to their community.

fsyr.ca

905-895-2371

Family Services York Region

Families and Schools Together Program (FAST): The FAST program supports six school communities that have low income and newcomer families through a specially designed social program implemented in partnership with schools, parents and communities. FAST encourages increased participation of families and children in school activities with the aim of increasing parent involvement in each school and promoting improved academic performance and student behavior.

fsyr.ca

905-895-2371

Future Possibilities for Kids

Connecting Kids and Communities: The project engages children from low and moderate income households in community service projects to learn about their communities and local issues while developing literacy, numeracy, social and leadership skills.

fpcanada.org

1-866-619-6599

Human Endeavour Incorporation

Multi-Community Building Project: The project provides culturally and linguistically appropriate services to low income South Asian and Tamil communities. Services are designed to encourage civic engagement and community participation, specifically familiarization with education and support systems, parenting skills, youth programs, seniors and family programs.

humanendeavour.org

905-553-9291

Jericho Youth Services

Bethany and Jackson's Point After School Programs: The project is an after-school program for children in co-operative housing. The program includes social/constructive play, physical activity, team building and co-operative activities, healthy snacks, homework support and science and craft activities.

jerichoyouthservices.recdesk.com

905-722-5540

Jewish Family and Child Service of Greater Toronto

The Family Resource Centre: The project offers a range of programs, including a pre-school drop-in that promotes parenting and provides public health information, an after-school Homework Club for children from at-risk families, a Conversation Café for newcomers, older adults and grandparents who provide child care, and volunteer opportunities. Referrals to other community supports are also provided.

jfandcs.com

905-303-5838



Social Services Network for the York Region

Peer Mentorship Café: The project provides support and assistance to diverse communities, including South Asian residents, seniors, and baby boomers to engage in community life through participation in various workshops, presentations, and planned activities.

socialservicesnetwork.org

905-554-9033

York Region Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers

Parenting & Personal Development Program: The project supports young, low income mothers through drop-in programs, workshops, and individual counselling in order to increase parental competency, develop interpersonal and coping skills, and to provide one-on-one support.

therose.ca

905-853-5514

Youth Assisting Youth

The Peer Project, One-to-One and Group Mentoring Program: The project recruits volunteers and engages York Region police officers to provide one-to-one and group mentoring services and activities to at-risk and newcomer youth from low and moderate income families across York Region.

yay.org

416-932-1919



Innovation and Collaboration

360°kids Support Services

S.T.A.Y Supportive Transitional Apartments for Youth: The project makes three beds in a transitional housing unit available for female youth who are leaving situations of human trafficking or sexual exploitation. The youth work with staff and partnering services to develop a plan to regain power and control over their lives and to address their physical, emotional and mental health. Both York Regional Police and Children's Aid Society of York Region are partners in this project.

360kids.ca
905-471-1620

York Region Centre for Community Safety

Justice, Health and Social Service System Navigation: The project is a collaborative of agencies that support victims of domestic violence and their children in one co-located hub. Comprehensive programs delivered at a single location allow for improved access to services and effective responses to the local needs of service users with multiple high risks. The collaboration intends to create an agreed vision for domestic violence and enable a whole systems approach.

yrccs.ca
905-836-7601

Organizational Development

105 Gibson Centre

Enhancing Centre Potential, Reach and Impact: The project will conduct a feasibility study and needs assessment of the agency to guide strategic program planning and service development. It will also develop organizational policies and procedures, assess training needs, and recommend training programs to meet priority skills and gaps, develop a sustainable community feedback mechanism, and determine the benefit of incorporation.

105gibson.wordpress.ca
905-946-8787

Healthy Start, Healthy Future

Reducing Isolation in Newcomer Parents: The agency will complete a needs assessment and feasibility study on the replication of the Life With A Baby Program. The program will be expanded to include multi-cultural communities in order to reduce social isolation among new parents who are of low and moderate income.

hshf.org
416-833-3860

