



PEEL'S REALITY

- 1 in 5 children in Peel live in poverty (compared to 1 in 10 nationwide.) *Tamarack Poverty Indicators, 2015*
- 30% of senior kindergarten children are considered "not ready to succeed in school." *Peel District School Board*
- 70% of mental health problems and illnesses begin during childhood or adolescence. *Canadian Mental Health Association & Centre for Addiction and Mental Health*
- Between 15% and 21% of children and youth in Ontario have at least one mental health issue. That's equivalent to between 54,000 children and 76,000 youth in Peel. *Portraits of Peel, 2011*
- Our Place Peel, the only youth shelter in Peel, had to turn away 457 kids due to lack of space.

FOCUSED INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- Ensure children get a good start in life so they are ready to learn when they start school
- Give children and youth access to programs that keep them engaged, develop confidence in themselves and their abilities and prepare them to succeed
- Educate parents to increase their capacity to support their children
- Support mental health programs for youth (aged 16-25)

AGENCY PARTNERS

- African Community Services of Peel
- Associated Youth Services of Peel
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel
- Boys and Girls Club of Peel
- Caledon Parent-Child Centre
- Canadian Mental Health Association/ Peel Branch
- Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Drop-in Centre
- Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel-Halton
- Erin Mills Youth Centre
- Family Services of Peel
- Heart Touching Heart
- Indian Rainbow Community Services of Peel
- Learning Disabilities Association of North Peel
- Malton Neighbourhood Services
- Newcomer Centre of Peel
- Nexus Youth Services
- Peel Children & Youth Initiative
- Peel Family Education Centre
- Polycultural Immigrant & Community Services
- Rapport Youth & Family Services
- Safe City Mississauga
- Vita Centre
- Volunteer MBC
- YMCA of Greater Toronto

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Increased well being or social competence for children and youth
- Increased school success
- Increased community integration for children and youth
- Improved access to services and supports
- Increased capacity to parent

2015/16 INVESTMENT – \$2,718,224

