



# NEWS LETTER

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Zone 1 (North)

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Crisis Centre  
Family Youth & Child  
Services of Muskoka  
Jeanne Sauve Family  
Services  
Kairos Centre  
Mee-Quam Youth  
Northern Youth  
Services  
Timiskaming Child &  
Family Services  
W.J. Stelmachuk  
& Associates  
Wendigo Lake  
Expeditions  
William W. Creighton  
Youth Services

## Facing the Challenges Forum Successful Endeavour

Between 35 and 40 representatives of YOUTH JUSTICE ONTARIO agencies came to Toronto on Friday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> to meet, discuss and develop the association's position in anticipation of the eventual release of the Open System Review. The work leading up to this day by those members present was extremely helpful and greatly appreciated by the Board. This preparation which was reflected in the FACING THE CHALLENGES Questionnaire Consolidation paper, which went out to the membership a few weeks prior, laid the ground work for an effective and efficient exercise when everyone finally came together.

Terry Henry will be preparing a summative document of the day's exercise, but until then please review the following brief update. The priorities identified for the questions raised were:

- 1) What should be done to create a more collaborative and connected system?
  - Regional 1/4ly meetings that are not Ministry driven involving all levels of the system.
  - Shared training/program initiatives
  - Build a sense of cooperation not competition
- 2) What should be done by government to create a more collaborative and connected system?
  - Efforts to reduce competition
  - Have a single integrated children's ministry
  - Efforts/funding for standardization of best practice and evidence-based programming
- 3) What can we do as service providers to promote a common service philosophy and a consistent approach to programming across the Open Sector?
  - A service philosophy that is client centered, focused on client and community needs
  - Adopt an overarching philosophy of care at our next YJO Conference that supports an agreed upon approach to the benefits of programming while leaving the "method" up to the individual agency.
  - Have all YJO agencies incorporate a standardized accreditation process based on "best practices".
- 4) What name better reflects the work taking place in the Open Sector?
  - Reintegrative Custody
  - Integrative Custody
  - Custody Reintegration Centres
  - Custody
  - Supervised Community Custody

Zone 2 (South East)

Corbyville Children's  
Homes  
Cornwall Youth  
Residence Inc.  
Dalhousie Youth  
Support Services  
Fernie House Child  
Youth Services  
First Nations  
Tech Institute  
Kennedy House Youth  
Services Inc.  
New Path Youth &  
Family Services  
Morton Youth  
Services  
Murray Mckinnon  
Foundation  
Operation Springboard  
St. Lawrence Youth  
Association  
Turning Point Youth  
Services  
Young House  
Youth Now Intervention  
Services  
Youth Services Bureau  
Of Ottawa

Zone 3 (South West)

Anago (Non) Residential  
Resources Inc.  
Casatta Ltd.  
Craigwood Youth  
Services  
Dawn Patrol Child &  
Youth Services  
E. Fry Society of Peel  
Lutherwood  
New Beginnings  
Pinehill Youth  
Residences  
Ray of Hope Inc.  
Renaissance  
Salvation Army  
Salvation Army  
Salvation Army  
St. Leonard's Brantford  
St. Leonard's London  
T. A. Patterson & Assoc.  
Transitions for Youth  
Western Area Youth  
Services

North Bay  
Huntsville  
Kapuskinging  
Thunder Bay  
Cochrane  
Sudbury  
Kirkland Lake  
Gravenhurst  
South River  
Thunder Bay

Corbyville  
Cornwall  
Peterborough  
Toronto  
Tyendinaga  
Mohawk  
Scarborough  
Barrie  
Barrie  
Oshawa  
Toronto  
Kingston  
Toronto  
Kingston  
Cornwall  
Ottawa

London  
Kitchener  
London  
Hamilton  
Brampton  
Waterloo  
Windsor  
Chesley  
Kitchener  
Windsor  
London  
Brampton  
Ilderton  
Brantford  
London  
Hamilton  
Burlington  
London

## YJO to Create Board Sub-Committee to Address Community Based Programming Issues

During the last board meeting on Thursday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, one of the initiatives that the Board identified was to create a sub-committee of the Board that would look exclusively at the issues that member agencies providing community justice programs would identify. The Board believes that this is an important component of representing these agencies and ensuring that these issues are not overlooked. This Sub-committee will be formed over the coming weeks and will hopefully be in place by the time of the next Board meeting in Toronto, May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

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