

YJO Champions Open Dialogue



The MCCSS Assistant Deputy Minister David Mitchell, along with his mentee, Stephen Noseworthy and Information Management Unit Coordinator, Maria Buscemi came together with the YJO board on January 28, 2020.

Dialogue makes successful collaboration possible as the board continues to advocate for our members.

Although David was not in a position to give specific answers to the Board's questions regarding decisions affecting the Youth Justice landscape, it did not stop the board from asking the questions nor to reiterate that members are prepared to respond to current need through our existing work as well as our collective will and ability to work together to provide necessary, cost effective, and successful programming in both community and custody settings. Additionally, the Board ensured affirmation of YJO members' ability and will to work collaboratively to redesign, repurpose, and reinvest in future programs in order to meet community and system need.



Information Management Unit

The Board welcomed Information Unit Coordinator Maria Buscemi. She discussed IMU requirements for fulsome, detailed reporting and acknowledged some of the new system challenges. She invited members to email her with questions: maria.buscemi@ontario.ca. The IMU is looking at developing a tip sheet to help clarify information required in SOR reports.



Holiday Memories from Lutherwood

In December, Lutherwood erected a special tree in their atrium of the residential complex. Members of the community and donors left messages of support and encouragement for all of their young people. One example: "After a storm there are sunlight and rainbows. No matter how hard times may get, Great moments are soon to come"



Fall and Early Winter Accomplishments

During November and December, the Board contributed their time and resources on the member-developed action plan to accomplish the following:

- YJO worked to support the 37 programs presently using PMAB in order to ensure the submission of the program for review was submitted to the Ontario Tenders portal by the February deadline.
- YJO represented the membership in Ministry lead review of Licensed Residential Services across the Children's Service sector
- YJO provided feedback to the MCCSS Staff Training and Development Unit on the Re-design of Foundations Training program.
- YJO contributed suggestions to MCCSS via teleconference regarding updates to the Management of Suicide Behaviour Standard
- YJO Zone 2 Conference Committee was formed and well underway in the development of the 2020 Annual YJO conference with the theme of Trauma and Resiliency
- All YJO Zones held a Fall Member Meeting

CONFERENCE 2020 - SAVE THE DATE

The YJO Conference this year is sponsored by Zone 2 – *and we are going to our Nation’s capital Ottawa!* Conference details and Early Registration will follow by the end of March.

DATE: 22 – 24 September 2020

PLACE: Marriott Hotel – 100 Kent Street Ottawa K1P 5R7



Peacebuilders also works hard to address a broad range of issues and policies related to youth justice and restorative justice. Recently, their organization completed a comprehensive report which includes informed and passionate perspectives about Youth Court from youth, their families, frontline workers, and justice professionals.

Click on the link below to access a copy of our Full Report:

http://peacebuilders.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Peacebuilders_FullReport_DIGITAL.pdf

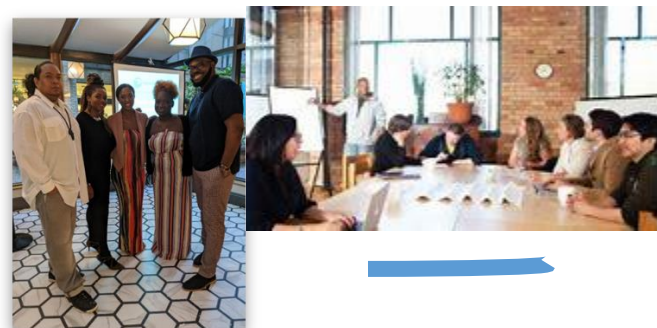
They will also be hosting a Restorative Justice networking event this winter – check our website soon for details on how to register for this event!

MEMBER PROFILE #21



PEACEBUILDERS CANADA

Peacebuilders is a non-profit organization based in downtown east Toronto, that seeks to enhance access to justice for youth in conflict and advocate for change in our justice and education systems. They use restorative practices to keep young people out of the criminal justice system, make schools safer for learning and development, and build strong and healthy communities.



Thank you to Diane

Diane Irwin has served on the Youth Justice Ontario Board for many years and at St. Lawrence Youth Association for 12 years. In June, she will be retiring to explore the next chapter! We are excited for Diane but will miss her warm smile and ability to keep us organized and on track! Diane’s calm, thoughtful approach to issues generated solution focused discussion.



MEMBER AGENCIES 2020



Anago
 Associated Youth Services of Peel
 Banyan Community Services
 Boys and Girls Club Kawartha Lakes
 Boys and Girls Club Ottawa
 Canadian Mental Health Association
 (Sudbury/Manitoulin Branch)
 Community Justice Alternatives – Durham
 Community Organized Support & Prevention
 Crisis Centre North Bay
 Dalhousie Youth Support Services
 Dawn Patrol Child & Youth Services
 Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel
 Fernie Youth Services
 Griffin Centre
 John Howard Society of Kawartha Lakes & Haliburton
 John Howard Society of Peterborough
 John Howard Society of Sarnia & Lambton
 Kairos Community Resource Centre
 Kennedy House Youth Services Inc.
 Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services
 Kinark Child and Family Services
 Lutherwood
 Mee-Quam Youth Residence
 Murray McKinnon Foundation

Native Child and Family Services of Toronto
 Near North Youth Centre
 New Path Youth & Family Services
 North Eastern Ontario FACS
 Northern Youth Services – Sudbury
 Peacebuilders Canada
 Phoenix Centre for Children and Families
 Pine Hill Youth Residences Ltd.
 Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents
 Ray of Hope Inc.
 Rebound Child and Youth Services
 Restorative Justice Chatham-Kent
 RNJ Youth Services
 Salvation Army (London)
 Sarnia & Lambton Rebound
 Simcoe Muskoka Connexions
 St. Lawrence Youth Association
 St. Leonard's Community Services (London)
 Turning Point Youth Services
 W.J.Stelmaschuk & Associates - Northern Youth
 Centre
 Wendigo Lake (Project Dare)
 William W. Creighton Youth Services
 Youth Diversion Program (Kingston)
 Youth Now Canada
 Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa
 Youturn Youth Services