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Project	Services Delivered	Agency(ies)	Agency Main Office	Service Catchment Area
Abuse and Violence Counselling Services	Subsidised counselling services to address the effects of abuse and violence for 89 low-income York Region residents, including clients receiving social assistance.	Family Services York Region (Formerly Family Life Centre)	Newmarket	All of York Region
After School Programs	Drop in after school programs for children 6 to 12 years of age, three days per week in four Housing York Inc. social housing sites. Provides a safe and positive, environment promoting positive social, emotional and physical development. Over 240 children of 190 families attended programs.	York Professional Care and Education	Aurora	Keswick, Richmond Hill, Newmarket
Agency Re-location Support	To assist Rose of Sharon to re-locate to a facility that allowed the agency to offer improved facilities and better service to its clients. Initial results indicate that because of the new spacious and more prominent location the agency has been serving a larger number of clients, and also expanded the range of support programs and services offered to the public.	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers	Newmarket	All of York Region
Anti-bullying and Peer Mentoring Project	A project that aimed to expand the services of Youth Assisting Youth in York Region, with particular attention to low income at risk and newcomer youth aged 6 – 15 through providing up to 35 peer mentoring arrangements, after school group mentoring programs, and special events.	Youth Assisting Youth	North York	All of York Region
Book Nooks	Extension service of the Georgina Public Library provided lending, story time programs, library resource and referral information in 4 Georgina locations to promote early literacy with marginalized/at risk families and providing access to community resources. 360 books have been put into circulation and 130 books have been borrowed. Over 30 families have participated in story time programs for 2005.	Georgina Public Library	Georgina	Georgina
Breakfast Program	Contribution to the breakfast programs operating in two Thornhill elementary schools. The project was directed to approximately 60 children, providing healthy breakfasts in a family social setting.	Thornhill United Church	Markham	Thornhill
Capacity Building to improve Children's Mental Health Inclusionary Practices and Services for Chinese Families in York Region	A partnership project with Blue Hills Child and Family Centre that facilitated the access to mainstream mental health services for almost 100 Chinese families and their children.	Toronto Chinese Community Services	Markham	All of York Region
Child Care Enhancement	Assisted child care providers expand their services to include children with exceptional and significant special needs.	Licensed Child Care Operators	York Region	All of York Region
Community Housing Support Worker Program (3 projects)	Found permanent housing for approximately 50 homeless families and over 200 individuals. 1) Transitional and Supportive Housing helped them make the transition from emergency shelter and the domiciliary hostel to permanent housing. 2) Pathways Home Base focused on assisting the youth that access their service, and 3) CMHA served clients with mental health issues.	1) Transitional and Supportive Housing Services of York Region; 2) Pathways; 3) Canadian Mental Health Association	1) East Gwillimbury 2) Markham 3) Newmarket	All of York Region

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Community Resource Worker	Implemented a Community Youth Resource Worker program in the Town of Newmarket to build network and referral services for over 100 youth.	Newmarket Youth Centre	Newmarket	Newmarket
Comprehensive Literacy	Initiative supporting a series of 4 early literacy workshops for approximately 270 Early Childhood Educators and ECE students in York Region working with children 4 to 6 years of age. A resource book is provided to each child care program attending the workshops.	Community Alliance for York Region Education - CAYRE	Aurora	All of York Region
Consumers as Evaluators - YSSN	Trained a group of 19 consumers of mental health services in evaluation methods. The clients of four York Region mental health service agencies were surveyed and a client satisfaction evaluation model developed for sharing with other community agencies.	York Support Services Network	Newmarket	Aurora, Newmarket and Richmond Hill
Early Childhood Development & Parenting Supports (AOK)	Early child development and parenting drop-in programs for parents and caregivers with children birth to 6 years of age. Programs provide learning opportunities and resources that promote healthy child development, attachment and readiness for school and life. Over 2,500 parent/caregivers and almost 4,000 children attended programs.	5 licensed Child Care Agencies, 2 Resource Centres, 1 Municipal Rec. Dept., 1 Children's Mental Health Agency	Aurora, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Vaughan	All of York Region
Early Intervention for Blind & Visually Impaired Children	Provided one to one Early Intervention services to over 80 blind or visually impaired children and their families.	Canadian National Institute for the Blind	Richmond Hill	All of York Region
Early Years Outreach	A project that introduced over 60 young mothers and 75 children to early years programs. The project also worked with LEAP and Ontario Works regional staff to support young parents and create region-wide opportunities for young mothers in community-based early years programs.	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers	Newmarket	All of York Region
Expansion of Rainbows Program in York Region	To expand RAINBOWS network of support services to children who have become at risk due to tragic family loss by adding 16 additional RAINBOW sites. Approximately 400 additional children will benefit from this project.	RAINBOWS Canada	Barrie	All of York Region
Families and Schools Together	A series of professionally supported family meetings to enhance parent-child interactions, empower parents, and build a supportive community for parents, to ensure that at risk children of these families succeed at home, at school and in the community. Over 20 families (95 individuals) participated in 2005.	Family Services York Region (Formerly Family Life Centre)	Newmarket	All of York Region
Family Resource Centre	The enhancement project provided services and supported families who are new immigrants to Canada from Israel, and families with children with a special need. This initiative introduced 7 new supports aimed at strengthening families by enhancing outreach and responsiveness to families in York Region. Over 500 families and almost 1,000 children benefited from these supports.	Jewish Family and Child Services	Toronto	All of York Region
Fee Assistance to Support Low Income Families with Child Care Costs	Fee assistance for child care services for over 40 children of 34 eligible low-income families. This funding helped support parental employment.	Licensed child care centres	Multiple centres throughout York Region	All of York Region

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Feeding Assessment Clinic	Provided prompt assessments of the feeding difficulties of 26 infants and pre-schoolers who exhibit developmental difficulties.	Markham Stouffville Hospital, York Region EIS	Newmarket	All of York Region
First Steps - A Transition Program for Women	This program helped over 70 women develop life and employability skills as a first step towards employment. In addition, individualized Return to Work action plans were completed for 46 participants to facilitate their return to work and employment readiness.	JVS Toronto	Toronto	All of York Region
Focus on Fathers	Program expanded to provided family relations courses to fathers from various cultural groups and the Young Parents program was offered to new parents of any age. The workshops, conducted across the Region and facilitated by experienced professionals, provided opportunities for over 180 fathers and 34 young parents to improve their parenting and family relations, and to augment interpersonal skills.	Catholic Community Services of York Region	Richmond Hill	All of York Region
Food Drive Program Support	Supported an emergency project that provided food security through seven food bank locations to over 2,800 families and 3,000 children of York Region. York Region funding was used to obtain 40% more value in items provided to recipients, over and above the York Region contribution.	York Region Food Network	Newmarket	All of York Region
Food For Learning	Supported the provision of school nutritional programs that provide daily nutritious meals, snacks and emergency lunches to an average of 75,000 students from 40 York Region schools. In total, the project logged over 108,000 community volunteer hours in 2005.	York Region Food for Learning	Newmarket	All of York Region
Georgina Multi-Sector Group	Support to the Georgina Multi-sector Group (newly renamed Linking Georgina) for a project to design a co-ordinated service delivery system that would address needs of families and children in Georgina without overlap and duplication.	Learning Centre for Georgina	Georgina	Georgina
Health and Safety funding for child care centres	To support the stabilization of York Region's child care system and promote healthy and safe child care environment. Health and Safety deficiencies were addressed at 12 child care programs.	Licensed Child Care Operators	York Region	All of York Region
Home Base Youth Drop-in Centre Project	Supported services provided by the Home Base Youth Drop In Centre which included provision of basic needs, counselling, employment services and community resource referrals to more than 950 at-risk and homeless youth and had over 5,350 youth visits.	Pathways for Children, Youth and Families of York Region	Markham	All of York Region
Community Development (CMHA)	Defined and analysed resources and needs in three social housing developments. Built community partnerships and facilitated participation by the residents. This project had a beneficial impact in communities such as Glenwood Mews, Mulock Village and Brayfield Manor.	Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region	Newmarket	Georgina and Newmarket

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Housing Help Centre	Funding to maintain and update a walk-in and on-line housing registry that served nearly 4,500 clients and landlords directly. Of those which secured housing, many remained housed after 3 months. The Centre's web site received over 92,000 hits during the year.	Citizens for Affordable Housing	Richmond Hill	All of York Region
Housing Outreach Program for Young Parents	Housing outreach program to support 46 young parents to secure housing and provided supports such as; food, clothing and baby supplies to almost 500 individuals along with referrals to other community supports.	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers	Newmarket	All of York Region
Income Enhancement Pilot Project	The Income Enhancement Pilot Project provided supports to Ontario Works participants with earnings to enhance their earning potential through a Peer Support Model where clients could discuss practical strategies towards being fully employed. Sessions were held for participants in each Social Assistance office.	York Region Social Assistance Division	Richmond Hill	All of York Region
Inn from the Cold	A winter drop-in site located in Newmarket that provided food, clothing and emergency shelter over the winter months.	Inn from the Cold	Newmarket	Newmarket and environs
Making a Change Together - Job Developer Project	The creation of a Job Developer position was added to support the TESS project and was responsible to plan and facilitate outreach to potential employers and community agencies for internationally trained residents of York Region. This initiative created employment opportunities for 23 recent immigrants in occupations which closely related to their training, education and experience.	York Region Neighbourhood Services	Newmarket	All of York Region
Markham Tamil Youth Recreation Program	Supported the provision of a youth drop-in, recreation and support service in Markham for at risk Tamil youth which served 85 youth and 8 families.	Canadian Tamil Youth Development Centre	Scarborough with operations office at Middlefield CI, Markham	Markham and environs
Multi-lingual Access Program	Recruited and trained 17 volunteers to assist new immigrants with translation, completion of forms, accompaniment to appointments, preparation for employment and introductions to community members. Volunteers assisted over 350 clients in accessing resources for housing, social assistance, child care and other services.	Jewish Family and Child Services	Toronto	All of York Region
Northridge Salvation Army Day Camp	An eight-week day summer camp program which provided a unique learning opportunity including skill development to children from low income families in the Newmarket and Aurora areas. 50 children per week and more than 400 participated over the summer .	Salvation Army	Newmarket	Aurora and Newmarket
Out of the Cold (South)	Four sites located in the South end of York Region, providing food clothing and emergency shelter over the Winter months.	Temple Har Zion, St. Lukes Catholic church, Jaffari As-Sadiq Islamic School, Thornhill United Church	Richmond Hill/ Thornhill	All of York Region

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PLAY (Positive Leisure Activities for Children and Youth)	Access to seasonal recreation programs offered by local municipal recreation departments to children 4 to 12 years of age of families receiving Ontario Works or Rent Geared to Income or Child Care Fee Assistance under LICO. More than 800 children from 572 families participated.	Nine municipal Parks, Recreation and Culture Departments	All local municipalities	All of York Region
Positive Parenting Program	Triple P (positive parenting program) is a multi level parenting and family support strategy aimed at preventing severe behavioural, emotional and developmental problems in children by enhancing knowledge in parents. More than 75 individuals from 34 community agencies were trained to deliver the program.	Kinark Child & Family Services	Newmarket	All of York Region
Pre-Employment Partnership Training Initiative	The Pre-Employment Partnership Project identified key employment opportunity sectors in York Region and developed employment networks and related job readiness training courses. As a result, Ontario Works participants completed sector skill training in Forklift, Office Coffee and Vending, or Construction Craft Worker training programs.	Training Renewal Foundation	Vaughan	All of York Region
Project Match'em	Expedited the intake process for matching 328 vulnerable, at-risk children with caring adult volunteer mentors. The average processing time required from inquiry to <i>match ready</i> is less than three months for both adult volunteers and children.	Big Brothers Big Sisters of York Region	Newmarket	All of York Region
School Social Worker	This project filled a gap in community social work services by providing a range of supports to families of children attending two newly opened public elementary schools in Vaughan. The project offered on-site services of consultation, prevention and treatment to an estimated 10 families including more than 100 children.	Jewish Family and Child Services	Toronto	Vaughan
Social Assistance Outreach Case Co-ordinator	This pilot project provided support to 46 individuals and families that included almost 80 children, who have been discharged from shelter programs and need to re-establish themselves in the community or need to maintain themselves in the community to prevent entry into a shelter.	York Region Social Assistance Division	Newmarket	All of York Region
Some Assembly Required	Provided students with identified learning disabilities in grades 6 - 9 the opportunity to benefit academically and vocationally, learn and discuss: disabilities, study skills, employment and strategies for success and making choices.	Learning Disabilities Association	Richmond Hill	All of York Region
Summer Day Camp	Over 160 children 4-12 years of age from families residing in social housing participated in summer camp offered by the local municipal recreation departments.	Nine municipal Parks, Recreation and Culture Departments	All local municipalities	All of York Region
Supports and Training to the Informal Childcare Providers	Child Care Training Program delivered to informal home child care providers to enhance the quality of private home care provided in York Region. Almost 350 child care providers were trained to Level 1 and of these 245 completed Level 2.	York Professional Care and Education	Aurora	All of York Region

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Sutton Multi-Service Centre	Funding additions to the renovations at the Sutton Youth Multi-Service Centre to better facilitate access to the facility for people with disabilities.	York Region	Newmarket	Northern York Region
Sutton Multi-Service Centre - Start-up funding	Furnishing, equipment and staffing start up and training for the Sutton Multi-Service Centre to ensure it is ready to open to clients early in 2006.	Salvation Army	Georgina	Northern York Region
Swim to Survive	Pilot project providing training to survive an unexpected fall into water. Schools with a high population of low income families and/or recent immigrants were recommended by the Public and Catholic school boards. Over 950 students have participated to date. It is expected that by March 2006, over 2,450 grade three students from 55 schools will have participated.	Nine municipal Parks, Recreation and Culture Departments	All local municipalities	All of York Region
Targeted Employment Support Services (TESS)	The TESS Project filled a gap in service to enable 205 recent immigrants to receive accreditation supports who would not otherwise be eligible for these services through HRSDC. Over 50% of clients served by TESS were Ontario Work recipients. The project provided a personalized plan outlining steps which each participant should take to gain accreditation for qualifications, professional recognition where appropriate, and job experience. Participants were also referred to related existing employment services.	York Region Neighbourhood Services	Newmarket	All of York Region
Telephone Warm-line	Peer support telephone "Warm Line." Support and information service to over 1,600 callers with mental health issues, and/or supports to their family members and friends within York Region.	Lance Krasman Memorial Centre for Community Mental Health	Richmond Hill	All of York Region
Volunteer Incentive Program	The Volunteer Incentive Program provided incentives and supports to Ontario Works participants volunteering in community and non-profit agencies. This program allowed on average 100 participants per month to build new skills and gain experience thereby increasing their job readiness and employment prospects.	York Region Social Assistance Division	Newmarket	All of York Region
Winter Needs	Assistance to 16 community agencies with emergency supplies for meeting the needs of their homeless and at risk clients during winter. The goal of the initiative is to enhance services and infrastructure of community agencies in York Region.	Community Service Agencies in York Region	Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill	All of York Region
York Region Abuse Program	Supported the provision of sexual assault trauma assessments and treatments to children who have experienced sexual abuse/trauma and their families. The project also delivered supportive caregiver group sessions to clients, and also recruited, trained and supervised 3 intern therapists.	Abuse Program of York Region	Newmarket	All of York Region
York Region Child Status Report	Support for the production and distribution of the Human Service Planning Coalition's report - 'Our Children: A Preliminary Status Report on York Region's Children'.	Human Services Planning Coalition	Newmarket	All of York Region

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York Region Street Outreach Van	Provided Mobile Outreach to almost 1,600 homeless individuals in York Region with services such as emotional support, crisis intervention, and therapeutic counselling, basic necessities (such as food, blankets, clothing), and access to information and referral to other community services.	Loft/Crosslinks Community Services/ York Region Public Health	Aurora	All of York Region
York Region Welcome Centre	Supported the establishment of a Regional Welcome Centre which includes the collection and assessment of community data, compilation of information on resources and potential support sources, and developed an implementation plan. The Centre will provide access to employment supports for immigrants.	York Region Neighbourhood Services	Newmarket	All of York Region
Youth Summer Camp	One week outdoor residential camp near Algonquin Park for youth 13 - 16 years of age who reside in social housing sites. Program focuses on: orientation, problem solving, trust, risk/personal challenge and transference. Over 60 youth attended camp.	Governing Council of the Salvation Army	Toronto	All of York Region