

ATTACHMENT 3
2003 CDIF Projects Evaluated

	Project Name (Agency)	Reason for Evaluation	Results of Evaluation Assessment of Service Delivery
1	Anti-bullying and Peer Mentoring Program (Youth Assisting Youth)	This is the first time the Region has funded this agency for this project.	This innovative project delivered on its three goals: 1) anti-bullying and peer mentoring services for at-risk youth; 2) social and recreational activities for at-risk youth; and 3) volunteer training to approximately 100 youth peer mentors. Positive changes in the behaviour of at-risk youth can best be determined through a longitudinal study. However, through short term agency assessments (the six months of the project) and on the basis of similar work done by the agency outside the Region, it is clear that the project is having a positive effect on both peer mentors and at-risk youth involved in bullying.
2	Community Housing Support Workers (Transitional and Supportive Housing Services of York Region)	The delivery of this project faced particular challenges due to the increasing shortage of affordable housing in York Region.	The project exceeded its targets, serving twice the number of individuals targeted. It also exceeded its family placement target by 18%, finding permanent housing for over 47 homeless families and assisting them to make the transition from emergency shelter to permanent housing. Client families and individuals avoided homelessness and the hardships associated with it. Follow-up indicated that over 55% of clients were housed in same residence after three months.
3	Crosslinks Outreach Van Project (Loft Community Services)	A multi-faceted and service integration project serving highly vulnerable clients.	The Outreach Van is an excellent example of service integration that provided a seamless, multi-faceted service to homeless people in York Region. This is a joint initiative with York Region Health Services. In addition to providing basic necessities and supports, Outreach Van workers also facilitated access to information and referral to other community services. Overall, the hardship of homeless individuals throughout the Region was alleviated and their health was supported.
4	Habitat for Humanity ReStore Start-up (Habitat for Humanity of York Region)	A first for funding by the Region.	CDIF provided start-up funding for Habitat ReStore to ensure Habitat for Humanity of York Region will have a sustainable income source. By the evaluation date the ReStore had hired a manager and was open to the public. Habitat for Humanity of York Region is now poised to generate sustainable income, based on this same model used in other areas.
5	Homelessness Prevention Program (Salvation Army)	A high-profile and multi-faceted project.	This project alleviated hardship by preventing homelessness for eligible clients. Over 190 applicants received one-time emergency funding, enabling them to remain in their homes. Also, 50% of all clients were assisted in finding accommodation or linked with other community supports and credit counselling, and the project benefited from in-kind contributions from the Salvation Army.

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6	Housing Help Centre (Citizens for Affordable Housing, York Region)	To ensure that the project continued to meet the requirements of the funding source (Community Partners Program).	In 2003 this project worked to prevent homelessness in York Region by assisting vulnerable residents in finding affordable accommodation through its updated housing registry. The project also benefited from co-op student placements through arrangements with community colleges, and community volunteer participation. The Housing Help Centre is an important link in the homelessness referral service and safety net in the Region.
7	Pathways Home Base Youth Drop-in Centre (Pathways for Children, Youth and Families)	A multi-faceted project that relocated during 2003.	The Drop-in Centre provided a safe place for over 3,400 visits by homeless youth to receive support and counselling in 2003. The agency's capability to deliver services to at-risk youth was significantly improved by its relocation to a larger, more accessible and better equipped facility.
8	York Region Abuse Program (Abuse Program of York Region)	A multi-faceted project that receives funding from many sources.	The York Region contribution to this project enhanced the following agency services: 1) counselling and group treatment; 2) group treatment training to therapists; and 3) education and awareness program to high school students in 125 York Region schools. As part of the project, volunteers were recruited and co-ordinated. Counselling services provided support and reduced trauma. Training of professionals contributes to strengthening the capacity of service delivery agencies dealing with children. The abuse prevention component of the project raised awareness of sexual abuse for high-school students and led to disclosures of abuse.
9	York Region Food for Learning (YRFFL)	A cost-shared complex project that experienced a re-focus during 2003.	YRFFL was an example of successful partnering and interagency collaboration to deliver breakfasts and/or snacks to school children. The Region's support allowed the expansion of this service to 45 school nutrition programs. The impact of this service, which was supported by school principals, was increased student health and enhanced school performance. This is consistent with contemporary research on nutrition and its effects on educational performance. The project was particularly beneficial to low-income working parents and those who commute long distances to work. It also promoted parental volunteer involvement in the nutritional program and in other school activities.