

Family Strengthening Initiatives for 2004

Program	Key Activities	Eligibility Criteria	Served in 2004	Community Partners
All Our Kids (AOK)	- Provides York Region families with access to quality early child development and parenting centres. - Programs are intended to promote readiness to learn. - Programs are delivered by community agencies in sites across York Region.	- Children age birth to 6 years. - Parents, grandparents and caregivers residing in York Region.	3,531 children 2,589 participants	- Kinark Children and Family Services - Blue Hills Children and Family Centre - Pathways for Children, Youth and Families - Family Day Care Services - Bathurst Jewish Community Centre - City of Vaughan, Recreation and Culture Department - YMCA of Greater Toronto - York Region Neighbourhood Services - York Professional Care and Education Inc.
Ontario Works / National Child Benefit Summer Camp	Provides children with access to summer recreational programs offered by area municipal Parks and Recreation Departments	- Children of Ontario Works participants - Children of Social Housing residents	295 children of Ontario Works participants 85 children of Social Housing residents	Parks and Recreation Departments within all nine municipalities
Family Child Care Provider Training	- Training program representing both regulated and unregulated child care sectors - Strategy to enhance the quality of care received by families and their children residing in York Region. - Promotes quality and stable child care options for families in the Region	Unregulated child care providers residing in York Region	216 unregulated child care providers completed Level I training 145 unregulated child care providers completed Level II training	York Professional Care and Education Inc.

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Positive Activities for Youth (PLAY)	Provides children with access to Municipal Recreation and Sport Programs	- Children age 4 to 12 years, of Ontario Works Participants - Children age 4 to 12 years of parents in receipt of Child Care Fee Assistance - Children age 4 to 12 years of parents residing in social housing	440 children	Parks and Recreation Departments within all 9 municipalities
Lead, Experience and Develop (LEAD); The York Region Youth Leadership Program	- Provides job skills training and certification for youth age 13 to 16 years in York Region - Provides free courses in aquatics, recreation and coaching	- Residents of York Region age 13 to 16 years residing in a Social Housing community and/or receiving Social Assistance - Youth must have parental consent - Youth must have a demonstrated financial need or a community referral (teacher, clergy, police)	30 children enrolled in pilot program	Parks and Recreation Departments within all nine municipalities
Social Housing After School Programs	- Provide a free-of-charge, after school program to children residing in four Social Housing sites in York Region - Provide a safe and positive after school environment which promotes positive social, emotional and physical development to children with various needs.	Children age 6 to 12 years residing in Social Housing sites.	82 children	Boys and Girls Club of York Region

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Adolescent Leadership Camp	Provides Youth age 13 to 16 years with an opportunity to attend residential camps (Camp Rainbow or Hidden Bay Leadership Camp) for one week during the summer.	- Residents of York Region age 13 to 16 years residing in a Social Housing community and/or receiving Social Assistance - Youth must have parental consent.	44 youth attended Camp Rainbow 5 youth attended Hidden Bay Leadership Camp	- The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada - York Professional Care and Education Inc.