YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION CHAMPIONS (YMHAC) INITIATIVE

Logic Model

OBJECTIVE	To improve the health and well-being of children and youth through a focus on mental health promotion, acceptance of mental illness, reduction of related stigma and substance misuse prevention.						
COMPONENT	YOUTH AND PH LEADS	YOUTH CHAMPION COHORT	PROGRAM PROMOTION	PARTNER COLLABORATION PROVINCIAL/LOCAL	SUPPORT AND CAPACITY BUILDING		
TARGET POPULATION	Youth Leads	Youth Champions	All Stakeholders	Public Health Units, School Staff, Youth	Youth Leads and Champions, School Staff		
ACTIVITIES	Nomination of Youth Leads. Create role description of Youth Lead. Deliver Foundational Training for Youth Leads.	Contribute to local training Recruit Champions. Train Champions.	Develop communications plan. Develop key messages.	Form Advisory Committee. Secure program funding. Partner with provincial - advisory - ministry of health Partner with: local - mental health lead - school board/staff - community partners - steering committee	Develop sustainability plans. Capacity development webinar series. Social media strategies		





OUTPUTS	Youth Leads and Youth Champions satisfied with training.	Communication strategies utilized locally and provincially to promote program.	Provincial and local partners and school staff satisfied with involvement.	Sharing and promotion of strategies to enhance and sustain Youth Leads and Youth Champions.
SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES	Increased knowledge and awareness of mental health and substance misuse issues. Increased awareness of strategies to prevent substance use and misuse. Increased understanding of the impact of stigma. Increased awareness of available information and resources/ services in local community and system navigation.	Increased awareness of the program across Ontario.	Increased awareness of the importance of mental health promotion and substance misuse prevention for improving health, wellness. Increased interest among school staff in YMHAC model.	Continued intention among Youth Leads and Champions to continue in their roles.





	Increased confidence to work with youth and train Champions.	Increased confidence to work with youth in community.			
	Youth Leads and Champions feel they are part of a supportive provincial network. Youth Leads and Champions work effectively together to raise local awareness. Increasing uptake of and interest in program by PHUs across Ontario.				
MEDIUM-TERM OUTCOMES	Youth increasingly engaged in school and community. Greater understanding of mental health and greater acceptance of mental illness and addictions as a part of the health and illness continuum.				
LONG-TERM OUTCOMES	Increased resiliency, reduced mental health stigma, and improved health and well-being among children and youth.				

