

the **youth** centre pickering satellite 2008

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New Pickering Satellite for The Youth Centre is Announced!

Last July George Smitherman, Ontario Minister of Health and Long Term Care announced the expansion of the community Health Centre sector through the funding of 17 satellites and 22 new Community Health Centres.

The Youth Centre had been advocating for a Pickering location for many years and was pleased to hear that The Youth Centre Pickering Satellite had been funded!

We have just completed the Community Engagement Phase of the satellite development process. We spent six months identifying the health needs of youth in Pickering, building relationships and potential partnerships with community agencies and groups and beginning to determine what programs and services we will offer. A final Community Engagement Report has been submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and once approved the next stages of development can begin!

What happens now?

The Youth Centre staff, board and the newly formed Satellite Advisory Committee will work together to:

- * begin to develop the program and services details of the Pickering location, including new partnership opportunities,
- * to outline the staffing details,
- * to develop a plan that will determine the physical requirements of a location,
- * and begin the search for the location of the new space.

Each stage of the satellite development process is subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

Community Engagement... What we did...

92 contacts with feedback forms completed
6 community based consultation sessions
12 individual consultation sessions

Community Engagement... What we learned...

Barriers To Service

Inadequate transportation system
Costs of services
Lack of awareness of all of the services
Not all are culturally accessible
Individual perceptions

Health Issues Identified By Youth

Sexual health issues and concerns
Relationship issues, family, partner, friends
Self esteem and body image
Mental health issues and concerns
Substance use issues

Recommended Satellite Location...

In or near the Pickering Town Centre
Near the "city centre", library, recreation complex
Near the Kingston Road and Liverpool Road intersection

Program Priority Areas Of The Youth Centre

Sexual Health
Mental Health
Substance Use
Concurrent Disorders
Chronic Disease Prevention (nutrition, physical activity)

Who Will Guide This Process

A Satellite Advisory Committee has been established.
Membership includes...two youth, one Board member from The Youth Centre, and four community members/agency representatives.

Come join The Youth Centre as we embark on this exciting journey to the Pickering Satellite in 2008!!

For more information on The Youth Centre and/or the Pickering satellite please call 905-428-1212 or go to:

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