

#### CITY OF HAMILTON YOUTH STRATEGY

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Liaison Committee

June 27, 2022



HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT Children's and Community Services Division

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### How Did We Get Here

# Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee

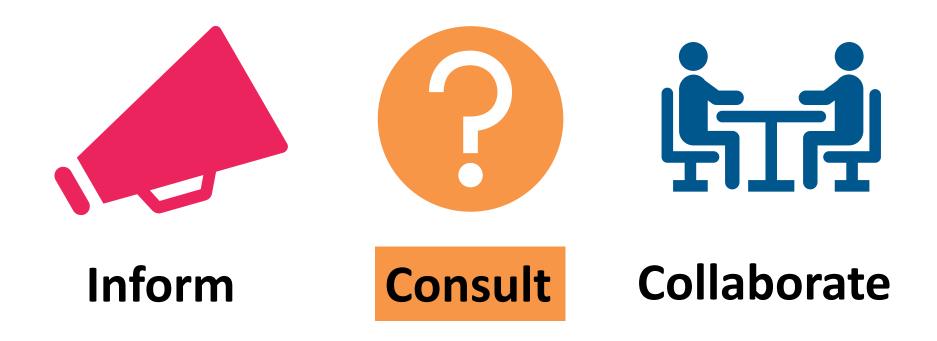




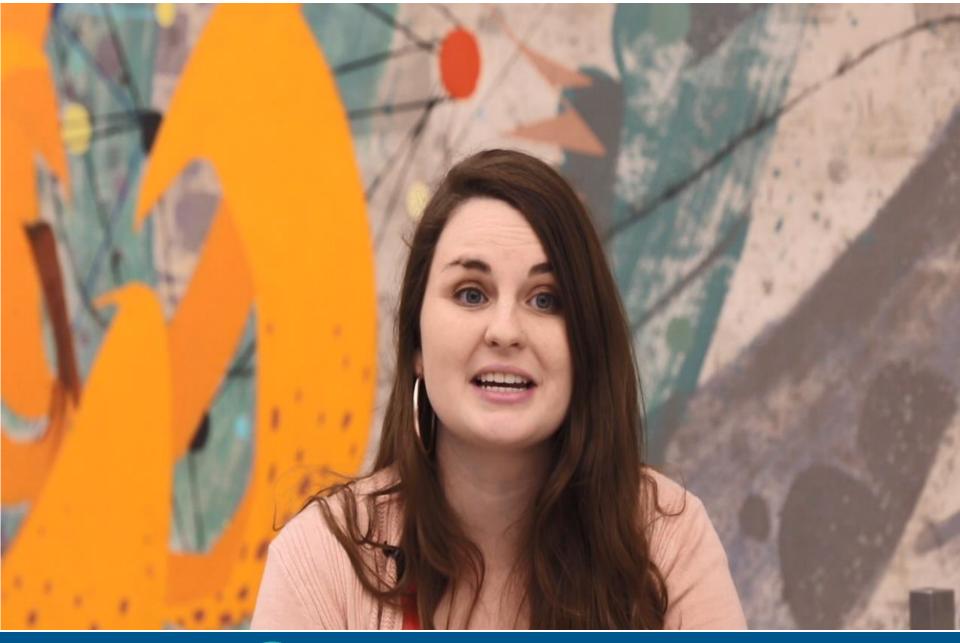
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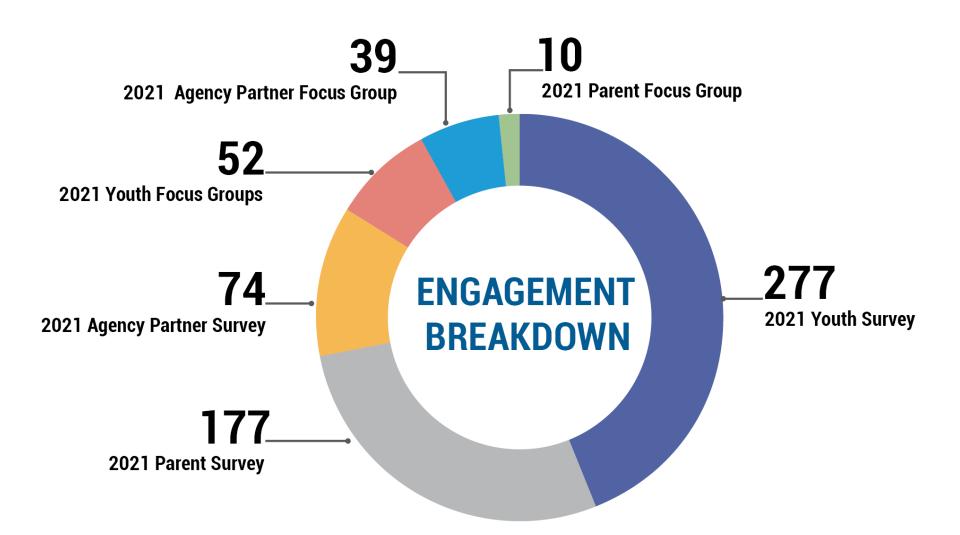
















## Current Youth Landscape



**104,565 RESIDENTS AGE 15-29** (Census Data 2016)

25% of 338 INDIVIDUALS SURVEYED WERE YOUTH AGE 16-30 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS (2018 Point in Time Count Homeless Survey)

**39** NUMBER OF YOUTH COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES IDENTIFIED IN YOUTH STRATEGY ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN **344** YOUTH 12-17 INVOLVED IN VIOLENT CRIMES (2020 Youth Crime Report -Hamilton Police)

861

PATIENTS SEEN BY Hamilton Health Sciences

Mental Health Outpatient Services Hamilton

(2020 Mental Health Outpatient)

9.9%

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 2021

(Workforce Planning Hamilton)



Top 3 things

YOUTH RANKED THAT THEY LOVED ABOUT HAMILTON

- Parks, Trails and Waterfalls
- Sports and Recreation
- Multi-Cultural Festival and Events





#### **Top 5 Priority Themes**

- 1. Access to Mental Health and Addiction Supports
- 2. Access to Employment and Training
- 3. Access to Safe and Affordable Housing
- 4. Enhance Safety and Sense of Inclusion
- 5. Enhance Youth Engagement and Leadership





## Next Steps



- Continue with the development of the Youth Steering Committee
- Continue Staff Steering Committee to ensure cross-departmental collaboration
- Organize an Agency Partner Steering Committee
- Continuation of the Youth Engager role
- Promote and build capacity of the City Youth Team
- Design an evaluation framework
- Complete an Annual Report





## **Current HWDSB Partnerships**

- Hamilton Youth in Construction
  Program
- Learning, Earning, and Parenting Program
- Cross Promotion of Initiatives
- Past student senate rep on Youth Steering Committee



Fatima Usman LEAP Graduate

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#### City of Hamilton Youth Team

Brenda Bax	Manager, Canada- Wide Early Learning and Child Care and Youth
Irene Heffernan	Senior Project Manager
Jo-Anne Kirkwood	Learning Earning and Parenting Worker
Nadia Badke	Learning Earning and Parenting Worker
Jordan Fudge	Ontario Works Youth Case Manager
Erin Goetz	Xperience Annex Youth Navigator
Jesse Williamson	Project Manager, Strategic Youth Initiatives



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### Youth Engagers

- Paid employment opportunity
- Promote City and community initiatives peer-to-peer
- Provide support to City Staff and community partners requiring a youth perspective
- Identify projects that would make Hamilton a more youth-friendly city.







## THANK YOU



