

Making Hamilton the Best Place to Raise a Child

School Age Solutions for Out of School Programs



Early Successes

Convened 75 community partners at a forum to hear Dr. Gina Browne, the outcome of which was a six month "School Age Solutions" project funded by the Hamilton Community Foundation.

Project Outcomes:

- The School Age Solutions Good Practice Guidelines Manual.
- Enhanced mapping of existing out of school programs through partner agency, Community Information Hamilton.
- Eight community organizations have committed to mentoring groups who are interested in offering out of schools programs in neighbourhoods.

Poverty Reduction Strategy

- School Age children of Hamilton will have access to high quality out of school programs in their neighbourhoods.
- "Access" means: affordable for families, access to space; transportation is available or not necessary, inclusive of all children including those with special needs and challenges.
- "High quality" means: the program is financially viable and stable; the program has leadership; strives to observe best practice guidelines; the neighbourhood's families are engaged.
- Out-of school programs are recognized as a key component for a healthy community.
- There is a continuum of community programs and services, from cradle to career for all children and families which makes Hamilton "the best place to raise a child."

Community Partners

Hamilton Wentworth District School Board

YWCA Hamilton

Hamilton Community Foundation

Affiliated Services for Children and Youth (ASCY)



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