

2017/2018

ANNUAL REPORT

DASHBOARD AND APPENDICES

OBJECTIVE ONE
KNOWLEDGE
EXCHANGE

Objective One: Knowledge Exchange

DELIVERABLES	YEAR FOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Maintain/upgrade the eXchange for Youth Work	In progress – YouthREX and eXchange websites to be merged with upgraded eXchange Library to be launched in Fall 2018
Develop and launch Community Board	In progress – Community Board to launch with redesigned website in Fall 2018
Curate and create 100 NEW resources	128 new resources created and curated for the Library for Youth Work
20 Research Summaries	25 developed and shared on the Library
10 Factsheets	12 developed and shared on the Library
10 Blog Posts	14 written and posted on the eXchange
10 Multimedia Resources	11 developed and shared on the Library
5 Research to Practice (RtP) Reports	3 completed, 2 shared on the Library
6 webinars	7 webinars hosted and archived on YouthREX.com and on the Library for Youth Work
Develop and launch virtual Communities of Practice (CoPs) to be moderated on the eXchange for Youth Work	In progress – Virtual CoPs to launch with redesigned website in Fall 2018
Host 2 face-to-face CoPs in the Northern Region	3 CoPs held for 46 participants
Knowledge to Action (KtA) Exchange biennial event to be hosted in Fall 2018	October 24-26, 2018
Host 6 Partnership Events across Ontario in partnership with aligned organizations	6 events held
Share lessons learned and contribute to the youth sector evidence base: Publish 2 refereed publications and give 2 refereed presentations	2 refereed articles and 4 refereed presentations

A1 | Research Summaries (n=20+5)

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01	Kwok, S.M., Houwer, R., HeavyShield, H., Weatherstone, R., & Tam, D. (2017). <i>Supporting Positive Outcomes for Youth Involved with Law in Ontario</i> . Toronto, ON: Youth Research and Evaluation eXchange (YouthREX).
02	McCready, L. (2015). A Double Life: Black Queer Youth Coming of Age in Divided Cities. <i>The Educational Forum</i> , 79(4), 353-358.
03	Zinga, D. (2012). Journeying with Youth: Re-Centering Indigeneity in Child and Youth Care. <i>Child & Youth Services</i> , 33, 258-280.
04	Corrado, R., Kuehn, S., & Margaritescu, I. (2014). Policy Issues Regarding the Overrepresentation of Incarcerated Aboriginal Young Offenders in a Canadian Context. <i>Youth Justice</i> , 14(1), 40-62.
05	Halsall, T., & Forneris, T. (2016). Evaluation of a leadership program for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Youth: Stories of positive youth development and community engagement. <i>Applied Developmental Science</i> , 1-13.
06	Donlan, A.E., McDermott, E.R., & Zaff, J.F. (2017). Building relationships between mentors and youth: Development of the TRICS model. <i>Children and Youth Services Review</i> , 79, 385-398.
07	Washington, G., Barnes, D., & Watts, R.J. (2014). Reducing risk for youth violence by promoting healthy development with pyramid mentoring: A proposal for a culturally centred group mentoring. <i>Journal of Human Behaviour in the Social Environment</i> , 24(6), 646-657.
08	Somers, C.L., Wang, D., & Piliawsky, M. (2016). Effectiveness of a combined tutoring and mentoring intervention with ninth-grade, urban Black adolescents. <i>Journal of Applied School Psychology</i> , 32(3), 199-213.
09	Watson, W., Sealey-Ruiz, Y., & Jackson, I. (2016). Daring to care: The role of culturally relevant care in mentoring Black and Latino male high school students. <i>Race Ethnicity and Education</i> , 19(5), 980-1002.
10	Albright, J.N., Hurd, N.M., & Hussain, S.B. (2017). Applying a social justice lens to youth mentoring: A review of the literature and recommendations for practice. <i>American Journal of Community Psychology</i> , 59, 363-381.
11	Finigan-Carr, N.M., Copeland-Linder, N., Haynie, D.L., & Cheng, T.L. (2014). Engaging urban parents of early adolescents in parenting interventions: Home visits vs. group sessions. <i>School Community Journal</i> , 24(2), 63-82.
12	La Valle, C. (2015). The effectiveness of mentoring youth with externalizing and internalizing behavioural problems on youth outcomes and parenting stress: A meta-analysis. <i>Mentoring & Tutoring: Partnership in Learning</i> , 23(3), 213-227.

13	Murray, K.W., Finigan-Carr, N., Jones, V., Copeland-Linder, N., Haynie, D.L., & Cheng, T.L. (2014). Barriers and facilitators to school-based parent involvement for parents of urban public middle school students. <i>SAGE Open</i> , 4(4).
14	Oberoi, A.K. (2016). <i>Mentoring for First-Generation Immigrant and Refugee Youth</i> . Boston, MA: National Mentoring Resource Center.
15	Bamber, J., & Murphy, H. (1999). Youth work: the possibilities for critical practice. <i>Journal of Youth Studies</i> , 2(2), 227-242.
16	Baker, T.L., Wise, J., Kelley, G., & Skiba, R.J. (2016). Identifying barriers: Creating solutions to improve family engagement. <i>School Community Journal</i> , 26(2), 161-184.
17	Guo, Y. (2012). Diversity in public education: Acknowledging immigrant parent knowledge. <i>Canadian Journal of Education</i> , 35(2), 120-140.
18	Hamlin, D., & Flessa, J. (2016). Parental involvement initiatives: An analysis. <i>Educational Policy</i> , 1-31.
19	Hasford, J., Amponsah, P., & Hylton, T. (2018). Anti-racist praxis with street-involved African Canadian youth. In Kidd, S., Slesnick, N., Frederick, T., Karabanow, J., & Gaetz, S. (Eds.), <i>Mental Health and Addiction Interventions for Youth Experiencing Homelessness: Practical Strategies for Front-Line Providers</i> (125-138). Toronto, ON: Canadian Observatory on Homelessness Press.
20	Stewart, S. (2018). Supporting Indigenous youth experiencing homelessness. In Kidd, S., Slesnick, N., Frederick, T., Karabanow, J., & Gaetz, S. (Eds.), <i>Mental Health and Addiction In-terventions for Youth Experiencing Homelessness: Practical Strategies for Front-Line Providers</i> (89-100). Toronto, ON: Canadian Observatory on Homelessness Press.
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22	Philpart, M., & Bell, J. (2015). The Boys and Men of Color Framework: A model for community and systems change. <i>The Foundation Review</i> , 7(3), 98-114.
23	Aviles, A.M., & Grigalunas, N. (2018). "Project Awareness:" Fostering social justice youth de-velop-ment to counter youth experiences of housing instability, trauma, and injustice. <i>Children and Youth Services Review</i> , 84, 229-238.
24	Flennaugh, T.K., Cooper Stein, K.S., & Carter Andrews, D.J. (2018). Necessary but insufficient: How educators enact hope for formerly disconnected youth. <i>Urban Education</i> , 53(1), 113-138.
25	Loyd, A.B., & Williams, B.V. (2017). The potential for youth programs to promote African American youth's development of ethnic and racial identity. <i>Child Development Perspectives</i> , 11(1), 29-38.

A2 | Factsheets (n=10+2)

	TITLE	SOURCE(S)
01	Pieces to Pathways: Customized Evaluation Supports Profile	YouthREX
02	Top Ten Good Practices for Mentorship Programs for Black Youth	Academic Literature Review
03	Four Things to Avoid in Mentorship Programs for Black Youth	Academic Literature Review
04	Stages of Change: Framework Overview	Academic Resources
05	Stages of Change: Principles and Processes	Academic Resources
06	Stages of Change: Strategies to Support Youth	Academic Resources
07	Top Ten Issues for Black Youth and Their Families	YouthREX Report
08	Working Together to Do Right for Black Youth	YouthREX Report
09	YouthREX's Youth Program Supports	YouthREX
10	Resources For OBYAP-Funded Youth Programs	YouthREX
11	Top Eight Good Practices for Parent/Caregiver Engagement with Black Families	Academic Literature Review
12	Sample Frameworks in Youth Sport and Physical Activity Programs That Support Positive Youth Development	YouthREX Report

A3 | Blog Posts (n=10+4)

	TITLE	AUTHOR	DATE
01	Reflections on My Journey as a Program Evaluator	Kate Gatto (National Program Manager, Youth & Philanthropy Initiative Canada)	April 3, 2017
02	And Still We Rise: Community-Based Responses to Supporting Youth Involved with The Law	Zainab Godwin (Manager, Youth Justice Department, For Youth Initiative); Rebecca Houwer (Knowledge Exchange Manager, YouthREX)	April 12, 2017
03	Can Art Make a Difference? Mobilizing the Arts to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness	Kaitlin Schwan (Canadian Observatory on Homelessness, York University)	May 15, 2017
04	Reflections on Indigenizing Youth Work on National Aboriginal Day	Yumi Numata (Communications and Knowledge Mobilization Manager, YouthREX)	June 20, 2017
05	Youth Perspectives Speaking Up: Youth Voice & Ontario's Black Youth Action Plan	Benjamin Jacobs (Grade 12 Student, Emery Collegiate Institute; Youth Research Assistant, YouthREX; NOISE Youth Fellow)	July 13, 2017
06	Treaty Recognition Week: Listen, Read, Watch & Reflect	Yumi Numata (eXchange Blog Contributor)	November 6, 2017
07	Race in The Trump Era: Coming to Grips with Canada's Own Racial Past and Present	Donovan Hayden (YouthREX Summer Intern; BA Student, Hobart College)	November 16, 2017
08	Youth Perspectives Things to Remember About Body Image and LGBT Youth	Iris Robin (Community Educator)	November 19, 2017
09	Making the Connection: Engaging Young Women in Community Youth Programs	Krystle Skeete & Rahma Siad Togane (The Spot, Program Manager; YouthREX Research Assistant)	December 13, 2017
10	Doing Right Together for Black Youth: Working Against Anti-Black Racism in Ontario's Youth Sector	Uzo Anucha (Provincial Academic Director, YouthREX)	January 8, 2018
11	Reflections from the Frontline: Learning the Tricks of the Trade in Evaluating a Unique Youth Program	Carly Beneteau (Youth Programs Coordinator, Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU))	January 30, 2018

12	Reflections from the Frontline: Evaluation Is No Longer an Intimidating Word	Jessie Cornford (Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre)	January 31, 2018
13	Reflections from the Frontline: Evaluation Allows You to Focus on The Story You Want to Tell	Laura Jones (Senior Manager, Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa; YouthREX Online Evaluation Certificate Learner)	February 9, 2018
14	Imagining Evidence-Informed Practice in Ontario's Grassroots Youth Sector: What We Know for Sure	Uzo Anucha (Provincial Academic Director, YouthREX)	March 14, 2018

A4 | Multimedia (n=10+1)

	TITLE	AUTHOR
01	Overview of YouthREX's Program Evaluation for Youth Wellbeing Certificate	Video
02	YouthREX Southwestern ON Hub: February 2015 Launch	Video
03	Webinar: Data Wrangling for Youth Program Evaluation (Part 1) – Using Spreadsheets To Manage Your Data	Video
04	Introduction to Module One Of YouthREX's Program Evaluation for Youth Wellbeing Certificate	Video
05	Webinar: A New Paradigm for Youth Justice: Restorative Justice Approaches	Video
06	Webinar: Engaging The Power Of Technology for Youth Work	Video
07	Webinar: Understanding Intergenerational Trauma and Intergenerational Healing: Recovery, Resilience & Wellness	Video
08	Webinar: Youth and Substance Use: Engaging and Supporting Through Reflective Practice	Video
09	Webinar: Webinar Series – Part One: Working Together Against Anti-Black Racism in Ontario's Youth Sector	Video
10	Webinar: Webinar Series – Part Two: Working Together Against Anti-Black Racism in Ontario's Youth Sector	Video
11	Webinar: Six Ways to Strengthen Your Work with Youth	Video

A5 | Research To Practice Reports + Partnerships (n=5-2)

	CITATION
01	Anucha, U., Srikanthan, S., Siad-Togane, R. & Galabuzi, G.E. (2017). <i>Doing Right Together for Black Youth: What We Learned from the Community Engagement Sessions for the Ontario Black Youth Action Plan</i> . Toronto, ON: Youth Research and Evaluation eXchange (YouthREX).
02	Youth Research and Evaluation eXchange. (2017). <i>Elders and Youth Gathering 2017 World Café Reflections Summary: Ideas & Opportunities</i> . Ottawa, ON: Assembly of Seven Generations (A7G).
03	Indigenous Youth Voices. (2018). <i>A Roadmap to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action #66</i> . Ottawa, ON: Author.

A6 | Webinars (n=6+1)

	TITLE	# of ATTENDEES	FEATURED PRESENTERS
01	A New Paradigm for Youth Justice: Restorative Justice Approaches	60	Rick Kelly, Zainab Godwin
02	Engaging the Power of Technology for Youth Work	85	Michael Furdyk (TakingITGlobal), Kathryn McLeod (mindyourmind), Jessica Valleu (EMYS)
03	Understanding Intergenerational Trauma and Intergenerational Healing: Recovery, Resilience & Wellness	338	Nene Kwasi Kafele, Cyril Cromwell
04	Youth and Substance Use: Engaging and Supporting Through Reflective Practice	133	The ReDesign Group (Alicia Xavier, Amanda Neale-Robinson, Gary A Newman, Zohra Rahman)
05	Part One: Working Together Against Anti-Black Racism in Ontario's Youth Sector	129	Facilitated by Rania El Mugammar; with Cyril Cromwell (YouthREX), Dr. Martha Kuwee Kumsa (Wilfred Laurier University), Joshua "Scribe" Watkis
06	Part Two: Working Together Against Anti-Black Racism in Ontario's Youth Sector	84	Facilitated by Rania El Mugammar; with Julet Allen (Delta Family Resource Centre), Travonne Edwards (YouthREX), Kofi Hope (CEE Centre for Young Black Professionals)
07	Six Ways to Strengthen Your Work with Youth	101	Stefanie Stuart and Vivian Oystrick (YouthREX), Jessica Maisonneuve (Baby's Breath at Sudbury Better Beginnings Better Futures), Jason Tan de Bibiana (Next Gen Men), Faith Wilson (Pieces to Pathways with Breakaway Addiction Services)

A7 | Face-To-Face Community Of Practice Gatherings In Northern Region (n=3)

	TITLE	# OF ATTENDEES
01	Sensitivities in Working with Teen Moms. Sudbury; November 22, 2017.	15
02	Youth Engagement Strategies. Sault Ste. Marie; January 12, 2018. Partnered with Digital Creator North.	5
03	Working with Youth in Groups. Sudbury; January 25, 2018.	26

A8 | Partnership Events (n=6)

	TITLE	PARTNERS/PRESENTERS/THEMES
01	Youth Policy Hack Thunder Bay. July 16, 2017. Thunder Bay.	Partner Ministry of Children and Youth Services
02	Elders and Youth Gathering. June 22 – 23, 2017. Ottawa.	Partner Assembly of Seven Generations
03	Indigenous Youth Voices: National Youth Gathering. December 1-3, 2017. Ottawa.	Partner Indigenous Youth Voices
04	Collaborating for Excellence: Launching Partnerships to Foster Youth Wellbeing. February 6, 2018. Ottawa.	Community forum for community stakeholders
05	YouthREX 2.0 Launch. February 7, 2018. London.	Community forum for community stakeholders
06	Thought Leaders Intensive. Reducing African Canadian Child and Youth Poverty in Toronto. February 15, 2018. Toronto.	Partners Tabono Institute, African Canadian Social Development Council, YMCA of Greater Toronto & Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth

A9 | Refereed Publications (n=3)

	TITLE	PUBLICATION DATE
01	Duodu, E., Noble, J., Yusuf, Y., Garay, C., & Bean, C. (2017). Understanding the delivery of a Canadian-based after-school STEM program: a case study. <i>International Journal of STEM Education</i> , 4.	October 2017
02	Shapiro, S. J., & Oystrick, V. (in press). Three steps towards sustainability: Spreadsheets as a data analysis system for non-profit organizations. <i>The Canadian Journal of Program Evaluation</i> , 33(2), DOI: 10.3138/cjpe.31157	In Press

A10 | Refereed Presentations (n=2+2)

	TITLE / LOCATION / DATE	PRESENTERS
01	Social Investment, Neoliberalism, and Ontario's Youth Sector 2017 Canadian Association for Social Work Education Conference, Toronto May 31, 2017	Uzo Anucha, Rahma Siad Togane, Cyril Cromwell & Sinthu Srikanthan
02	Growing Roses in Concrete? Problematizing Youth Resilience in a Canadian Urban Neighborhood 2017 Pathways to Resilience, Cape Town June 14, 2017	Uzo Anucha, Rahma Siad-Togane & Samantha Postulart
03	Youth Photovoice in Jane-Finch: Methodological Lessons on Using Resilience to Counter Discourses of Pathology in "At-Risk"? Communities 2017 Pathways to Resilience, Cape Town June 15, 2017	Samantha Postulart & Uzo Anucha
04	The Politics of Evidence: The YouthREX Model for Supporting Youth Sector Organizations with Program Evaluation 2018 Society for Social Work Research Conference, Washington January 12, 2018	Uzo Anucha, Samantha Postulart, Sinthu Srikanthan & Morris Beckford

OBJECTIVE TWO
YOUTHREX ED

Objective Two: YouthREX ED

DELIVERABLES	YEAR FOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Critical Youth Work Certificate 3 offerings for 60 learners	3 offerings (Toronto, Windsor, Sudbury) for 64 learners .
Online Program Evaluation Certificate 2 offerings for 200 learners	2 offerings (Fall 2017 & Winter 2018) for 395 learners .
Develop and pilot this new certificate in 2017-18: Advanced Online Program Evaluation Certificate	2 offerings (Fall 2017 & Winter 2018) for 395 learners .
6 workshops for 120 learners	6 workshops for 138 learners .

B1 | Critical Youth Work Certificate (n=3)

REGION (CITY)	COHORT & DATE	# OF APPLICANTS
Central (Toronto)	Winter 2017	60
Southwestern (Windsor)	Winter 2018	31
Northern (Sudbury)	Winter 2018	25

B2 | Online Certificate: Program Evaluation for Youth Wellbeing (n=2)

DATE	# OF APPLICANTS
Fall 2017	394
Winter 2018	239

B3 | YouthREX Workshops (n=6 for 138 learners)

	TITLE	CITY	# of LEARNERS
1.	Measure Your Impact on Youth: Evaluation Workshop. January 11, 2018.	Sault St. Marie	15
2.	Supporting Youth: Nurturing Relationships while Navigating Boundaries. January 18, 2018.	Windsor	34
3.	Anti-Oppressive Approach to Practice: Towards Transformative Leadership. February 7, 2018.	Sudbury	20
4.	Supporting Youth: Nurturing Relationships while Navigating Boundaries. February 20, 2018.	Toronto	18
5.	Intentional Program Design. February 22, 2018.	Toronto	27
6.	Intentional Program Design. February 23, 2018.	Ottawa	25

B4 | Beyond Deliverables: Custom Workshops

	ORGANIZATION / DATE	CITY
1.	L.I.G.H.T. Community; Summer 2017.	Toronto
2.	Arts Reach; Spring 2017.	Toronto
3.	First Work; Fall 2017.	Collingwood
4.	Canadian Roots Exchange; Winter 2018.	Toronto
5.	North York Community House; Winter 2018.	Toronto

OBJECTIVE THREE
YOUTH PROGRAM
SUPPORTS

Objective Three: Youth Program Supports

DELIVERABLES	YEAR FOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
15 Data Requests	8 Data Requests from organizations were completed
15 Evidence Requests	21 Evidence Requests from organizations were completed
30 Customized Intentional Program Design	7 Program Design consultations
20 Customized Intentional Program Development	12 organizations received Program Development supports
20 Customized Evaluation Consultations	15 organizations received Customized Evaluation Consultations
10 Customized Evaluation Supports	5 organizations received Customized Evaluation Supports
Good Youth Work Practice Guide / Good Youth Work Practices Database	In progress. Evidence Briefs that are developed to fulfill Evidence Requests as part of Youth Program Supports will become a content type to be shared on the eXchange for Youth Work to launch with redesigned website in Fall 2018.

C1 | Case Breakdown by Hub/Region & Service (n=70)

YOUTHREX HUB/ REGION	KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE		INTENTIONAL PROGRAM DESIGN		PROGRAM EVALUATION	
	Data Request	Evidence Request	Program Design	Program Development	Evaluation Consultations	CES
Central	8	21	4	8	6	5
Southwestern			1	2	5	0
Eastern			1	1	3	0
Northern			1	1	1	0
Total Cases	8	21	7	12	15	5

C2 | List of Organizations Supported By Region

Note: Some organizations received more than one support, and some organizations received support for more than one of their youth programs.

Central Hub

27 unique organizations

Data Requests

Big Brothers Big Sisters Toronto
Black Youth in Leadership
(Dr. Nombuso Dlamini)
Jane Finch Community Tennis
Association
SWAG (Success with
Age and Guidance)
United Way Toronto
Youth Ottawa

Evidence Requests

Canadian Roots Exchange
Central Toronto Youth Services
Cops and Kids
Groundswell
LEAD Mentorship Corp (Leaders
Educating those who Aspire to be
Dynamic)
Leading with Dignity
Parents of Black Children
Peel Parenting Collective, Malton
Innovation Team
Phoenix Initiative
SWAG (Success with Age and
Guidance)

Program Design

Cuthbert House Salvation Army
Jane Finch Community Tennis
Association
Phoenix Initiative
TAIBU Community Health Centre

Program Development

Big Brothers Big Sisters of
South-West Durham
Delta Family Services
For Youth Initiative (FYI)
Phoenix Initiative
ResponseAbility
TAIBU Community Health Centre
Tropicana Community Services
Visions of Science

Evaluation Consultations

Big Brothers Big Sisters of
South-West Durham
Canadian Roots Exchange
LEAD Mentorship Corp
(Leaders Educating those who
Aspire to be Dynamic)
Lifted by Purpose
Success Beyond Limits
Urban Arts

Customized Evaluation Supports (CES)

Canadian Roots Exchange
Central Toronto Youth Services
Inspire Nunavut
Rise Asset Development
Success Beyond Limits

Eastern Hub

7 unique organizations

Data Requests

Youth Ottawa

Evidence Requests

Bethany Hope Centre
Rideau Rockcliffe Community
Centre
Youth Ottawa

Program Design

Parkdale Food Centre

Program Development

Parkdale Food Centre

Evaluation Consultations

Parkdale Food Centre
Rideau Rockcliffe Community
Centre
Youth Ottawa

Northern Hub

3 unique organizations

Data Requests

Better Beginnings, Better Futures

Evidence Requests

Youth Odena

Program Design

Better Beginnings, Better Futures

Program Development

Better Beginnings, Better Futures

Evaluation Consultation

Algoma Youth Engagement Network

Southwestern Hub

6 unique organizations

Data Requests

Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU)

Evidence Requests

Blenheim Youth Centre

Program Design

Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU)

Program Development

LEADS Employment Services
London Youth Advisory Council

Evaluation Consultations

Blenheim Youth Centre
LEADS Employment Services
Merrymount Family Centre
Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU)

Windsor-Essex Community Hub

3 unique organizations

Data Requests

United Way of Windsor

Evidence Requests

Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare
Windsor Youth Centre

Evaluation Consultations

Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare