

MOBILE YOUTH SERVICES HUB

KEY ACTIONS FACT SHEET



HOW IT WORKS

The York Region Mobile Youth Services Hub supports the Region's Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan by promoting and strengthening service access and navigation tools to improve awareness and access to available supports.

In alignment with the CSWB Plan, the hub supports the four identified geographic focus areas within the Regional Municipality of York:

1. Northern Georgina
2. Central Newmarket
3. South-central Markham; and
4. South-central Richmond Hill (including the City of Vaughan)

The hub serves all youth residents, especially those ages 12-26 years old who are Indigenous, Black, young women, LGBTQ2S+, immigrants and/or refugee youth.

After two years, a program evaluation and impact assessment will be conducted to inform ongoing program needs.

The Mobile Youth Services Hub provides mobile services to vulnerable youth, including those who are at risk of homelessness and those who have had interactions with the criminal justice system. Services include but are not limited to: food provision, nutrition education, pre-employment opportunities, mental health and addictions support, life skills workshops and recreation/drop-in programming. The program also provides crisis intervention and prevention supports to youth at risk of substance abuse, alcohol and gang-related activities.

A needs assessment is conducted to determine existing programming, identify gaps and barriers for vulnerable youth and areas where enhanced programming may be required.

The Mobile Youth Services Hub travels to highly frequented areas such as streets, parks, community centres and secondary schools. Real time data from York Regional Police is used to help identify locations, thereby providing in-the-moment services to wherever they are needed.

The hub three goals:

1. Increase access of services by vulnerable youth
2. Increase social inclusion and integration to local community
3. Increase community safety through the provision of crisis intervention and prevention supports



BENEFITS

- Increases accessibility of services through the provision of in-the-moment supports wherever they are needed
- Reduces number of transitions to access different supports as Hub services are integrated across sectors
- Increases connection to social, educational and community life
- Increases community safety

WHAT IS THE MOBILE YOUTH SERVICES HUB?

The Mobile Youth Services Hub is a program that provides mobile services and pop-up programming to vulnerable youth wherever they are.