



FEATURE RESOURCE

Attention Youth Sector! Have you heard about the new Youth Research and Evaluation eXchange (YouthREX)?



YouthREX is a province-wide initiative funded by the Ministry of Child and Youth Services to promote youth well-being

through knowledge exchange and research and evaluation capacity building.

Launched in December 2014, YouthREX's vision is an Ontario where shared knowledge is transformed into positive impact for all youth. The organization's mission is to make research evidence and evaluation practices accessible and relevant to Ontario's grassroots youth sector through capacity building, knowledge mobilization and evaluation leadership.

Based at York University in Toronto, YouthREX has five regional Hubs across Ontario. These hubs are engaging local grassroots youth serving organizations, academic partners, youth and policy stakeholders, providing customized evaluation supports, facilitating events, networking, capacity-building, knowledge sharing opportunities and more.

Peel Region falls within the YouthREX Central Region Hub led by Dr. Carl James, YouthREX Academic Director and Rebecca Houwer, Central Hub Manager, and is hosted by the York University Centre for Education and Community (YCEC). The YCEC successfully develops, implements, and disseminates community-related research, evaluation, and educational projects that address contemporary educational and social needs and issues.

Upcoming YouthREX opportunities and activities include:

- Launch of the customized evaluation supports program
- Launch of the State of the Youth Sector 2015 Report, Beyond Measure? Research & Evaluation in the Ontario Youth Sector
- Central Hub Youth Worker events and much more

Stay Connected with YouthREX

Receive updates, timely information and perspective related to the Ontario youth sector and evaluation.

- Sign up for their [newsletter](#)
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Thank you, Rebecca, for providing this information for our newsletter.

FEATURE ARTICLE

Bridging the Research to Practice Gap: Sharing Local Research between Community Agencies and Academia



On April 17, 2015 over 100 representatives from Peel community based agencies, along with faculty and students from Sheridan College, came together to share brilliant local research in support of improving outcomes for children and youth. The research covered a wide range of topics and disciplines including health, justice, social services, education, the arts and early child development. ▶

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Finding innovative solutions to complex issues facing the child and youth sector today was one of the events key themes. It is only through collaboration, crossing sector boundaries, and sometimes “breaking the mould” that we can get to more innovative and sustainable solutions for some of the most complex issues facing our children and youth (e.g. employment, education, gender identity, the justice system, mental health and substance use, violence, physical activity and nutrition, etc.).

This event is just the beginning! As we move forward we'll be able to foster relationships with the incredible post-secondary institutions we have in our region to support community-based organizations and find efficient and effective solutions to some of their complex programming, organizational and service delivery issues. What better way to engage post-secondary students, then through capstone research projects as part of the process of finding solutions while honing their craft!



The Region of Peel, Sheridan College and the Peel Child and Youth Initiative congratulates and thanks all of the [poster and panel presenters](#) for sharing their research!

We look forward to planning more initiatives to foster the relationships between community agencies and local academia and sparking innovative solutions to complex youth issues.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Webinar: [The evidence brief process as one approach to synthesis](#)

Host: Public Health Ontario

Date: Monday, June 22, 2015

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Making Connections – When Domestic Violence, Mental Health and Substance Use Problems Co-Occur

In this FREE Education and training opportunity you will learn about the ways domestic violence, mental health and substance use are connected and how to help women who experience these co-occurring problems.

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Safe Centre of Peel, 60 West Dr., Brampton

If you are interested in this training opportunity, send your name, address, and email to: Jessica Miceli at jmiceli@cfspd.com

MOBILIZING 22 - [Youth, Leadership and Policy Conference](#)

Host: Mobilizing 22

Date: Saturday, July 25, 2015

Time: 8:45 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Location: Mississauga Civic Centre, 300 City Centre Dr.

YouthConnect - [Bringing Youth Online for Opportunities](#)

A hands-on one-day conference on how LinkedIn can be leveraged by youth who face barriers to employment.

Host: Civic Action and LinkedIn

Date: Friday, July 17, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: The Toronto Reference Library (789 Yonge St, at Yonge & Bloor) – Bram & Bluma Appel Salon on the second floor

Register: [Complete the full registration here](#)

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