

Person Centered *focus*

IMPLEMENTING PERSON CENTERED PLANNING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN MUSKOKA, PARRY SOUND, ALMAGUIN AND NIPISSING

Project Update

Things have been very busy for our planning team. We started with co-facilitating a training session with Jill Faber from HSA Canada at a high school in North Bay around using one page profiles in transitions. We have met with front line staff from Community Living agencies in all communities as well as one from Early Years in South River to identify students who might be priorities for planning. To date we have 52 children and youth identified for planning for various reasons. Some are transitional plans, some support plans and even one home plan. We were very pleased to accommodate an outside agency referral as our first plan.

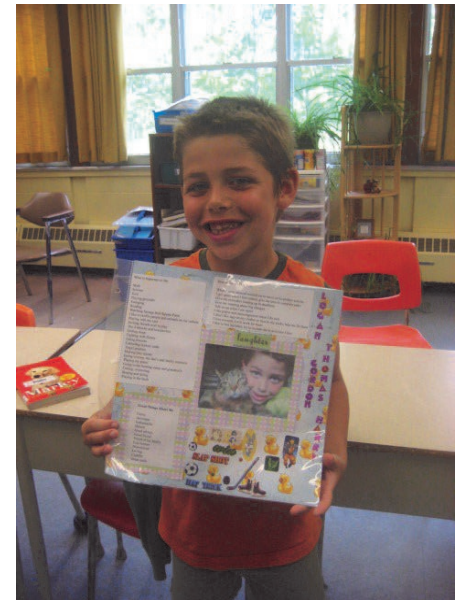
Discussions have been happening with school boards, principals and teachers about one page profile workshops in

schools. One session has been completed at Parry Sound High School, two are booked at Whitestone Lake School, all classes from Grade 3 up at St. Peter's Catholic School and a number of other schools have been identified including the French Public and First Nations schools.

A Ontario Trillium Foundation Recognition Event is in the planning stages and will include students who have experienced one page profile workshops at Whitestone School.

Agencies outside of our catchment area are excited about the work we are doing and inquiring about more information to build capacity in their areas.

This is a very exciting time to get involved!



Upcoming Training Offered

One Page Profiles—June 16th, 2011 at the Log Cabin Inn
Community Connecting—Date to be announced

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One Page Profiles

This is a 3 hour workshop within a classroom setting. Interactive activities are offered to help students, and educators identify information about what others like and admire about them, what is important to them, and how best to support them. Parents and caregivers are also asked to contribute information in these areas. Once the information is gathered it is compiled by the person into a scrapbooking page or a creative computer document.

One Page profiles are a great tool that help students and teachers to understand each other better and create a functional and positive learning environment.

One page profiles are a great foundation for a Person Centered Plan.

Person Centered Planning Process

Person Centered Planning is a process of listening and learning about what is important to and for the person, now and in the future in alliance with family and friends, and making changes based on the information gathered.

This can be done in a Person Centered Review format. This is a meeting which gathers all significant people that know the person well and can contribute positive information in supporting the person to move forward and be successful. It usually takes about one and a half hours, sometimes less, sometimes more, depending on the person and their team. It is held in a place of most comfort for the person and is a very informal enjoyable meeting. It is focused on the person and how their team can best support them while balancing what is important to them and what is important for their health and safety.

Prior to this meeting a facilitator will meet with the child/youth and his/her family to determine the best way to approach gathering the information.

Meeting as a group is not a requirement but an option. The process is very flexible and individualized. There are many tools and approaches to gathering the information in a way that works best for the person and family.

Information gathered and compiled into a document can be shared with all supports to ensure success for the child/youth.



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