## VISION

An Ottawa community committed to seeing all children and youth reach their full potential.

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## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The work of the Children and Youth Agenda will be guided by the following principles:
We, the community of Ottawa.

- believe the healthy development of children and youth is a shared community responsibility;
- recognize that children, youth and their families have a unique and essential voice in the community:
- will foster and promote collaboration through open and respectful communication.
- will rensure inclusion, equity and
- will base our decisions on evidence-based knowledge and practices;
- will optimize resources through sharing ideas, experience, skills,and knowledge, and
- will honour Canada's commitment to the UN Convention
on the Rights of the Child.

| Key Element: Safe |
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| and Caring Environments |
| Community Identified |
| Priority Outcomes: |
| a) Improved support |
| and/or resources for families |
| to have stability in their lives |
| b) Improved inclusion and access |
| to programs and services |
| for children and youth who have |
| special and/or diverse needs |
| c) Improved access to and |
| participation in quality, |
| affordable, culturally |
| and developmentally |
| appropriate leisure |
| (eg. Play, sports, culture, |
| recreation, arts) activities |
| by all children and youth |
| d) Increased support to develop |
| community/school partnerships |

## Key Element: Opportunity to Develop Competencie Community Identified Priority Outcomes:

a) Increased engagement in school and in learning
b) Increased positive social skills, self esteem and confidence for children and youth
c) Improved healthy behaviours for children and youth
d) Increased supports for children and youth for making healthy transitions from birth to adulthood

Community Identified Priority Outcomes at a Public Policy Level:
a) Increased focus on addressing the social determinants of health
b) Increased advocacy for resources and supports for healthy development of children and youth
c) Increased advocacy for improved access to health and mental health services
d) Improved policies which enhance sustainability and harmonization of funding processes and criteria among funders

Key Element: Safe and Caring Environments Influencing Factors:

- Safe and Caring Places
to Interact/Play/Work/Learn
- Clean and Healthy Environments
- Positive Learning/Work
- Comvironments

Community Supports for Families, Children and Youth

- Family-Friendly Workplaces
- Shared Community

Responsibility for Children and Youth

## Key Element: Opporłunity to Develop Competencies

Influencing Factors:

- Positive Learning Experiences
- Develop Social Skills
- Positive Sense of Self
- Engaged in Recreation


Key Element: Meeting Fundamental Needs
Influencing Factors:

- Nutritious Food
- Safe, Stable
and Affordable Housing - Sleep - Health Care and Mental Health Services - Freedom from Harm and Neglect

To work together with families, caregivers and
members of the community for the members of the community for the healthy development of children and youth.

## Key Element: Meeting Fundamental Needs Community Identified Priority Oufcomes:

a) Increased community capacity to alleviate the effects of poverty
b) Increased access by children and youth to enough nutritious food to lead an active, healthy life

## Key Element: Stable

 and Nurturing Relationships Community Identified Priority Oufcomes:a) Improved parenting knowledge, resources and skills
b) Increased access to caring and supportive adults in the community
c) Improved knowledge of and access to supports and services

Community Identified Priority Outcomes at a
Community, School and Neighbourhood Level:
a) Increase access to and sharing of information and resources by communities regarding services and emerging trends
b) Increased capacity of organizations and neighbourhoods
to recognize and respond to changing community needs
c) Improve the coordination in services for children and youth and their parents/caregivers

