



HALTON YOUTH IMPACT SURVEY

How some Halton agencies will use the information from the survey

The **YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford** responds to very important social needs in the community and helps provide solutions. By supporting children and youth, the YMCA connects people to life-building opportunities and to each other; and adds to their quality of life. The Halton Youth Impact Survey will give us important information that we will use to adapt our programming and/or develop new programs. The YMCA works together with community partners such as Our Kids Network to make communities stronger.

Nicki Glowacki, Chief Operating Officer
[YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford](#)

At the **Glen Abby Community Centre**, we will use the data to develop youth programs and services. Hearing specific wants and needs right from the youth is very important for planning for the future. The Halton Youth Impact Survey data will help us find opportunities to improve existing programs and will help us make sure that all programs are easy to access and that they meet the needs of youth. Youth Week programs and the Oakville Youth Action Committee are some examples of programs that could expand based on information from the survey. The survey data could also help us create partnerships with other youth groups and agencies in our community.

Jim Black, Recreation Assistant
[Glen Abby Community Centre, Oakville](#)

Milton Community Resource Centre's She Can! Girls Empowerment Programs build strength, leadership, and resilience in girls. We will use the data from the Youth Impact Survey to help us understand the needs and challenges of girls in our communities and make sure that our programs focus on those needs. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting youth, and this survey will give us information to plan programs that can help. The data will help us find specific neighbourhoods or groups of youth that we need to make more of an effort to connect with.

Rebecca Barrows-Vrankulj, Executive Director
[Milton Community Resource Centre \(MCRC\)](#)

HMC Connections uses the data from youth surveys to plan, create, and understand if our youth programs are helping. Our job as a settlement agency is to help newcomers settle and participate in communities that are welcoming and include everyone. The data from the Halton Youth Impact Survey will help us gain better knowledge and understanding of Halton youth. It will help us create programs that provide a warm introduction to community activities, so newcomer youth do not enter community programs without information, support or some experience.

Babur Mobarak, Program Manager
[HMC Connections](#)

The Halton Youth Impact Survey will help **Oakville Public Library** (OPL) understand more about what volunteer activities are important to youth and how they want to access them. Currently, OPL provides youth volunteer opportunities such as student coordinators for the Summer Reading Challenge, and the Youth Library Leaders (YLL) ambassadorships. The YLL advisory group provides ideas, feedback, and opinions about our library services and actively promotes library services within their networks.

Marcus Logan,
Manager of Community Development &
Engagement
[Oakville Public Library](#)

Halton Regional Police Service is committed to better understanding the needs of all youth living in Halton. The Halton Youth Impact Survey will provide us with information and data that will help guide the development of future plans and programs for supporting local youth.

Sergeant Ryan Smith,
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator
[Halton Regional Police Service](#)

City of Burlington, Recreation, Community and Culture will use the Halton Youth Impact Survey data in a number of different ways. When planning projects, we look at statistics and other information on what assets are in the neighbourhoods and how to build on these for the wellbeing of the people who live there. An example of this is identifying a neighbourhood that was able to work together to build a great place themselves for kids and families to play using "[Kaboom](#)" funds.

Jennifer Spence, Supervisor,
Sport and Neighbourhood Development
Recreation, Community and Culture
[City of Burlington](#)

At **Halton Region, Social & Community Services**, we will use the data from the Halton Youth Impact Survey to spot issues that youth face in Halton neighbourhoods. As part of our community safety and well-being planning, we will use this information to create programs and plans to better support young people. Data will be compared to existing early years data to help better understand the relationship between early life experiences and the effects later in childhood and the teen years. The survey data will help local governments to plan programs and services for children and youth.

*Kendra Having, Decision Support Advisor,
Community Safety and Well-Being Initiatives
Kayla Jourdan, Senior Research Advisor,
Children's Services
[Halton Region, Social & Community Services](#)*

At **Halton Region Public Health**, we know youth are a critical part of our community in Halton Region, however, there are lots of gaps in our data on the youth health and wellbeing of children and youth. Survey data is an important way to help fill in some of these gaps and help us better understand the issues and opportunities facing youth in Halton. Findings from the Halton Youth Impact survey will be used by Public Health to plan research, programs and services that better meet the needs of youth in our community.

*Emma Tucker,
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