

PROFILE of Mill Woods Cultural Diversity Sub-Committee

Goals:

- To better serve families, youth, and children in Mill Woods.
- To strengthen partnerships between service providers in Mill Woods and area.

Expected Outcomes:

- Service providers' knowledge of diversity issues of MW is increased
Relationships and collaborative efforts of service providers in MW are increased and strengthened
- Awareness of existing resources and community supports in MW is enhanced
- Accessibility of existing community services and resources is increased to residents of MW
- Existing/emerging diversity issues and concerns in MW are identified
- New ways of delivering services to diverse communities are identified

A Collaborative Community Mapping Planning Process

Joint Commitment:

- Feb. 07: First Meeting.
- Oct 08: Strategic Plan written.
- Issues Identified: Unsupportive Community Values, Lack of Transportation, Lack of Knowledge and Communication, Fear and Isolation and Lack of Resources.
- Feb 09: Updated Strategic Plan and Terms of Reference

Community Profile:

- Feb 07: The Profile of Maps created for the Mill Woods Mapping and Beyond Committee is available for use.
- Nov 07: Demographic maps presented
- Feb 09: Census 2006 Demographic maps are presented

Community Engagement:

- April 08: Community fair was organized to increase awareness among Service Providers about each others resources. The public displays with children's activities was planned to increase awareness of resource and services available to Mill Woods Community. Forty Five Agencies and Stakeholders participated in the networking activity including representation from Municipal and Federal Governments.
- June 08: Invitation to Fair participants held at Public Library as follow up to the Fair.
- July 08: Participated in Mill Woods Canada Day Event to distribute Survey to Families.
- March 09: Planning for an Autumn fair.

Action:

Reflection:

Members & Organizations Represented

Edmonton Community Services
Handicraft Women & Seniors Program, Pakistan Canada Ass'n of Edmonton PCAE
Youth Emergency Shelter.YESS
Regional Facilitator, MAPS Alberta Capital Region
Child & Family Services, Region 6
Edmonton Public School Board
Edm. Seniors Coordinating Council
Alberta Employment & Immigration
Supervisor, Employment & Immigration, S. side
Mill Woods Library
Welcome Centre for immigrants
Multicultural Health Brokers
MCHB
Bredin Institute
Mill Woods Multicultural Foundation
Multi-Cultural Health Brokers
Caritas
Capital Health
Edmonton Police
South West Police Neighbourhood Empowerment Team
NET
Sexual Assault Centre
Grace Martin Elementary
EPSB
Mill Woods Mosaic
Multicultural Women & Seniors Services
Islamic Family Social Services Assoc'n (IFFSA)
J. Percy Page High School EPSB
Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations NAARR
Dan Knott Junior High School

Outcomes Achieved:

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