

PROFILE of North Central Community Mapping Committee

Goals:

- To better service families, youth and children in North Central area
- To strengthen partnerships between service providers in North Central Edmonton

Expected Outcomes:

- Resource Directory created with a process for updating in place
- Maps depicting North Central Edmonton will be available to use as a planning tool.
- Program decisions will be made collaboratively
- Increase and improve relationships and collaborative efforts between social service agencies/organizations and with community at large.
- Identify existing and emerging community issues and concerns through community consultations.
- Explore and support the development of new ways of delivering services where gaps exist.
- Provide opportunities for information sharing at regularly scheduled meetings.

A Collaborative Community Mapping Planning Process

Joint Commitment:

- Feb '05: Began discussions
- Geographic area of focus agreed upon. Boundary created.
- May '08. Terms of Reference updated.

Community Profile:

- May '05: Maps were created using program stats collected by subcommittee member agencies.
- Jun '05: Contract position to complete a North Central Resource Directory.
- Sept '05: The first demographic maps presented.
- Nov'05: Resource Directory complete. Resource maps presented.
- Feb' 09: Demographic maps updated with latest census information.

Community Engagement:

- Jan'05: Dunluce planning group requests mapping support
- Dec '05: Pancake Breakfast Celebration and presentation of maps to the North Central Stakeholders.
- Mar'06: Subcommittees formed: Children & Youth, Immigrant & Refugee & Basic Needs
- Apr – May'06: Subcommittees meet for analysis.
- Oct – Nov'06: Immigrant & Refugee subcommittee host multicultural workshops
- Feb '07: After initial analysis, 2 subcommittees continue: Enhancing Services North 153 Ave, Immigrant & Refugee (Immigrant & Refugee joins with the North East subcommittee with the same focus and are called The Northerners)

Action:

Subcommittees work to carry out the priorities of the North Central Community Mapping Committee:

- ENHANCING SERVICES NORTH OF 153 AVENUE (See Profile):

The overall goal of the sub-committee is to explore and determine, through collaborative efforts whether services can be enhanced within this geographic area where there appears to be a gap in resources and opportunities for residents.

- THE NORTHERNER'S (See Profile):

The overall goal is to create and enhance opportunities to work with four communities (Kurdish, Afghan, Sudanese and Somali) without duplicating efforts and overburdening leaders/resource people. The Northerner's can add other communities as need arises.

Reflection:

- Feb 2009 – Discussion to identify current trends and issues.

Members & Organizations Represented

- ABC Head Start
- Capital Health – Collective Kitchens
- CASA
- Catholic Social Services
- City of Edmonton Community Services
- Community Initiatives Against Family Violence
- Community Partnership Enhancement Fund
- Dickinsfield Community Partnership
- Early Head Start
- Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers
- Edmonton Police Service - NET
- Edmonton Public Library – Calder
- Edmonton Public School Board
- Edmonton Public Library – Castle Downs
- Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council
- Health for Two
- Interagency Head Start Network
- Interagency Head Start Network
- KARA Family Resource Centre
- Kids Kottage
- M.A.P.S. Alberta Capital Region
- McMan
- Multi Cultural Health Brokers
- NC NCCYF Intake worker
- North Central Office -CFSA
- Options Sexual Health
- Planned Parenthood
- RPDMH
- Unity Centre
- YMCA

Outcomes Achieved To Date

- Members of North Central Community mapping Committee are more knowledgeable about the North Central community.
- Members of North Central Community mapping Committee has identified priorities: Newcomers and Enhancing Services North of 153 Ave.
- Members have increased knowledge of the importance of community and the importance of community ie. Sense of belonging.
- Service providers have increased knowledge of newcomer communities living within north central.
- Service providers have improved relationships with newcomer communities.
- Newcomers have increased knowledge of resources available.
- Gaps in services north of 153 Ave have been identified.

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