Impact Report

Youth Engagement Strategy 2025 - 2027

Strong relationships power safe communities. In close consultation with community partners, the Halton Regional Police Service created a 2025 – 2027 Youth Engagement Strategy– a roadmap that guides our work and helps ensure young people across Halton feel seen, supported, and connected. This Impact Report is a look back on our first year, and highlights some of the progress we've made in achieving our measurable goals in each of our four pillars; Programming, At-Risk Youth, Partnerships, and Community Safety. The Halton Regional Police Service remains committed to adapting our approach to meet the evolving needs of our community.

Pillar #1

Programming

Empowering youth through educational and engaging programs.

- Delivered 27 programs to over 700 youth.
- Hosted our 2nd annual Youth Awards, recognizing nine teenagers and three officers for their outstanding community service and leadership.
- In partnership with the Region of Halton and the YMCA, we hosted our first annual Youth Symposium, bringing together more than 80 youth for a day focused on leadership and personal growth.

Pillar #2

At-Risk Youth

Developing early intervention strategies aimed at addressing the underlying issues that can cause harm to both youth and the community.

- Specialized mental health teams responded to over 35% of all calls involving youth in crisis.
- All HRPS officers participated in Mental Health Crisis Response (MHCR) training grounded in de-escalation, compassion and effective communication.
- Provided wrap-around support to more than 150 youth where two or more partners were engaged.

Pillar #3

Partnerships

Ensuring the right partners are engaged at the right times so youth receive appropriate and effective support.

- Established 7 new partnerships with community agencies specializing in youth programming and supports.
- Deepened our partnership with Reach Out Centre for Kids (ROCK), streamlining referrals and connections to community services. 73% of youth referred to ROCK saw a reduction in subsequent police inter actions, with 42% having no further police contact.

Pillar #4

Community Safety

Responding to community safety issues while holding young people who are in conflict with the law accountable.

- 63 youth completed the Pre-Charge Diversion program, designed to address less serious incidents of crime through education, accountability, partnership initiatives, and early intervention.
- Earlier intervention contributed to stronger outcomes, as 95% of youth engaged in our Diversion Program did not re-offend.

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