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Youth Impact Survey



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When I realized that [adults] are willing to hear our voice instead of push us aside; [that you] want to take in what we're saying, really appreciate it and acknowledge it, I feel hopeful.

~ youth in Waterloo region



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Who is UNICEF?

UNICEF is the world's farthest reaching children's organization. We work in **more than 190 countries and territories** to protect the rights of every child.that work to advance UNICEF's global mission through fundraising, advocacy and awareness in Canada.

UNICEF is the only organization named in the 1989 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, as the leading source of expert assistance and advice.

Our vision is a world that upholds the rights of all children and helps every child thrive.

Index of Child & Youth Well-Being

The Community Child and Youth Well-being Survey is based on **UNICEF's Index of Child & Youth Well-Being**. It was developed to address the need for comprehensive metrics beyond GDP to assess societal progress from the perspective of children.

The index aims to provide a framework for understanding the factors that shape children's well-being, track progress, and promote accountability. The development involved extensive consultations with children, youth, Indigenous leaders, and experts across various sectors to define the key dimensions and indicators of well-being.



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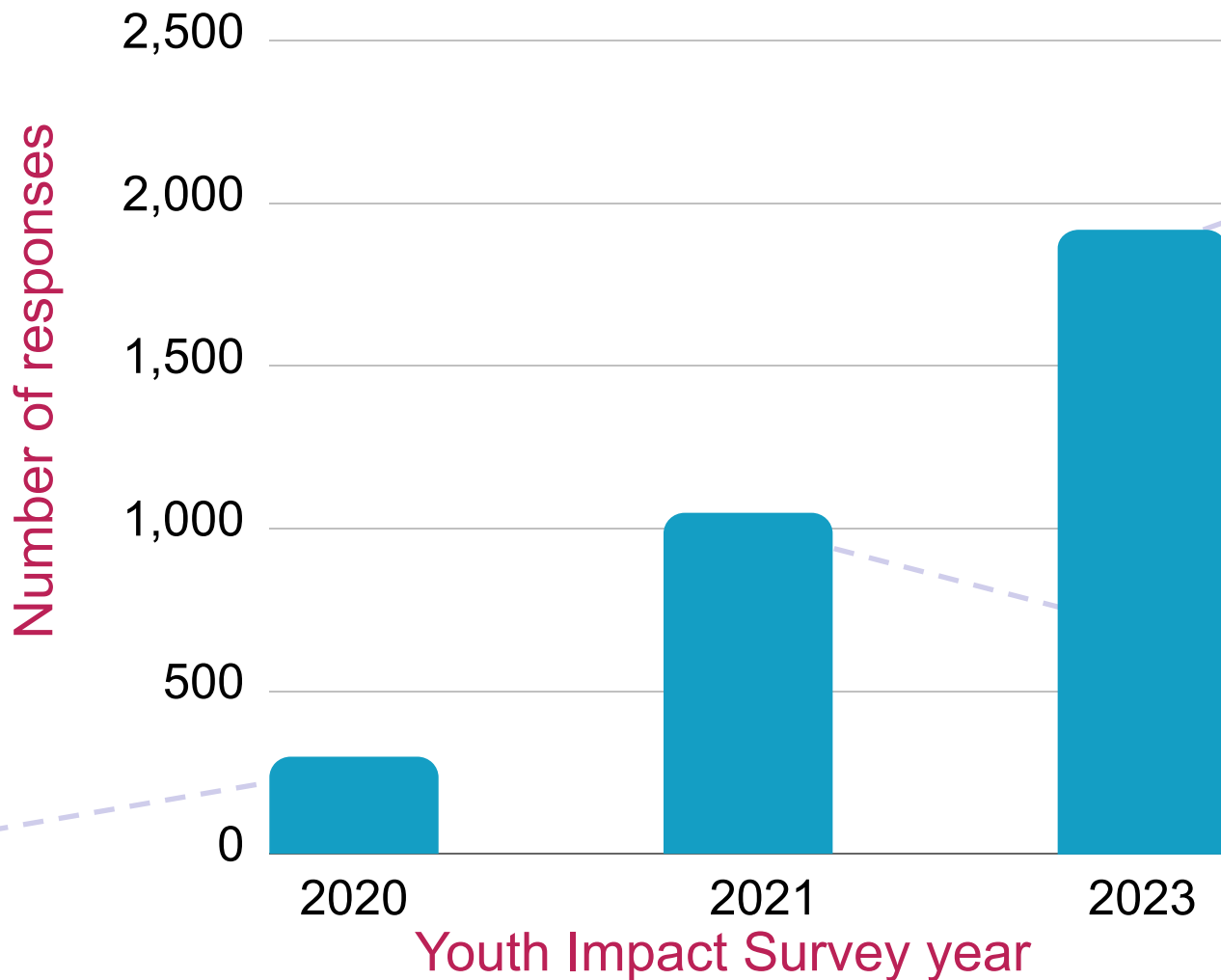
In 2019 UNICEF Canada initiated the creation of an aligned survey tool that individual communities could use to assess the well-being of their young people across these 9 Domains. We partnered with CYPT in Waterloo region in the creation of the pilot survey tool. Since 2020, when the tool was first piloted, we have heard from almost 3,000 young people across the community. Examples of how the survey has translated into benefits for young people include:

- Mobilizing \$3 M+ in funding to support child and youth well-being.
- Aligned strategic plans to the needs and desires of young people.
- Deepened youth trust, engagement and action, with \$140,000 accessed by 29 youth groups to implement programs based on survey findings for youth, by youth via [Youth Impact Projects](#).

In addition to Waterloo region, four other communities in Canada have run the survey in their communities, and CYPT has helped mentor and support their efforts.

YOUTH IMPACT SURVEY

RESPONSES OVER TIME



Pilot year
297
responses

12 Youth
Ambassadors
1,867
responses

3 Youth
Connectors
1,047
responses

WRPS & The Youth Impact Survey

Created by the Children and Youth Planning Table of Waterloo Region, the survey created more than 60 Calls to Action for the community, 10 are directly relevant for the Youth Engagement Strategy.

#5: Belonging
"Create more opportunities for children and youth that support young people"

#41: Protected
"Better address bullying in the community -this includes identifying the root causes of bullying"

#60: Respected
"Speak directly to youth and provide opportunities for youth to access the information in a way that works for them."



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WRPS Youth Engagement Strategy

2024-2027



Education and Outreach

Invest in pathways and programs that will improve outcomes for youth.

- Public Safety Awareness
- Engaging Youth Online
- Youth Engaged & Community Connected



Youth Leadership and Development

Sharing in youth-designed initiatives and facilitating community and civic engagement.

- Evaluate and grow existing programs
- Youth volunteer program
- Youth ambassador program
- Support youth-led initiatives



Community and Youth Safety

Create community conditions that will contribute to safety, resilience and wellbeing.

- Community & Youth Engagement Officers
- YCJA Pathways to Diversion
- Prevention and Violence Reduction Initiatives

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