

# COMMUNITIES BUILDING **Youth Futures OXFORD COUNTY**

# PLAN ON A PAGE

#### OUR GOAL

To improve high school graduation rates and youth outcomes in Oxford County.

#### **OUR VISION**

Youth in Oxford County will feel a sense of belonging in our community and hope for their future. They will be empowered to set and achieve their goals, and actively participate in the systems and processes that affect them.

#### OUR VALUES

#### O Youth-led

We will center youth as the leaders when identifying needs and gaps, as well as when selecting priorities and project ideas to achieve CBYF's goals.

#### **2** Collaboration

We will build strong relationships with each other and the community, and work together to build solutions for challenges facing youth in Oxford County that our community can trust.

#### 8 Building on Community Strengths

We will use, support, and enhance the assets to build on the individual, organizational, and community strengths already existing in Oxford County.

#### 4 Accessibility

We will reduce or remove all barriers to accessing and participating in the process of and projects implemented as part of CBYF.

#### 6 Learning

We commit to ongoing learning and evaluation with and from our community to ensure CBYF projects are meeting their identified purpose and the needs of youth in Oxford County.

## Youth Inclusion

and voice to be heard by

#### **Mental Health** & Addictions

Youth have faced worsening mental health during the pandemic, stigma preventing them from seeking support, and family, friends, and mentors do not have knowledge on how to support them.

> OUR PRIORITY AREAS

### Accessibility of Information

Youth struggle to find clear and organized information on post-secondary options, youth services, resources, work/volunteer opportunities, post-secondary funding, and more.

#### **Youth Futures** & Employment

Youth are not exposed to educational paths or how to

#### **Rural Challenges**

#### WHO WE ARE

A Youth Council consisting of 20-30 youth currently living and/or working in Oxford County and a group of representatives from local youth-serving organizations:

- Canadian Mental Health Thames Valley Addiction & Mental Health Service
- Children's Aid Society of Oxford County
- Community Employment Services
- Community Options for Justice
- Fanshawe College
- Fusion Youth Centre
- Leads Employment Services
- Oxford County
- Social Planning Council Oxford
- Southwestern Public Health
- Tillsonburg Multi-Service Centre
- Thames Valley District School Board
- United Way Oxford
- Wellkin Child & Youth Mental Wellness

#### CONTACT US

To find out more information on different opportunities to get involved visit:

