

**2017/2018 Annual Report  
of the  
Community Resources Committee**

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Chairperson: Evelyn Fowler

Members: Mia Berg, Frank Moore and Joan Winter

Resource: Rosemary Foran, Program Coordinators Clinton Office and Judy Sinclair

The Community Resources Committee scheduled three meetings and at the November Committee Meeting discussed uniting with the Quality Review & Planning Committee to advance the work of the Agency's Strategic Plan Together Better. Since that time Executive Director and/or Coordinators provide a written update to the Committee. The Board of Directors approved the merger of the two Committees at the November 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Written monthly reports from Program Coordinators and Executive Director over the past year provided updates from the Community Support for Families Program; Community Participation Supports; Huron Respite Network; South West Regional Respite; Teen Talk and Autism Services.

The Community Support for Families Program provided County-wide services, including Special Services at Home; Assistance to Children with Severe Disabilities and Family Support Work to approximately 212 children this year. As required, staff assisted families to apply for services; advocate; obtain additional supports; and connect to local resources.

Community Participation Supports is an individualized, strength-based approach to providing assistance with person-directed planning for inclusive community participation under two programs: Foundations Huron and Passport Administration Services. The Coordinator assisted 91 individuals to identify their personal goals and develop a plan. Participants then choose a mentor who supports them to work towards their goals, build skills and connect to natural supports in their community. VOICES self-advocacy workshops are also offered. A 3<sup>rd</sup> dreamBIG event was hosted in partnership with the three CL Associations in Huron and CL Kincardine with over 280 people in attendance.

Teen Talk is a 6-week social skills program for youth aged 11-14, with Autism or Asperger's Syndrome. The workshop focus is on social skills and social boundaries (meeting new people, emotions, facial expressions, friendships, communication, etc.). Two 6-week sessions were held in the 2017/18 fiscal year serving 6 children, target is 4.

The Huron Respite Network continues to support over 100 families to access planned respite services consisting of week long and/or day camps, over-night host families and hourly supports. HRN will expand Host Family respite options and programming with the help of a 2-year Ontario Trillium Grow Grant. This past year, CL-CH hosted our 1<sup>st</sup> Day at the Races fundraiser at Clinton Raceway with proceeds going to respite services and plan to do so again in June 2018! Huron Respite in partnership with Rural Response for Healthy Children continue to run successful Caregiver Mornings and Sibz Club throughout the year.