

PROFILE of Mill Woods Cultural Diversity Sub-Committee

Goals:

- To better serve families, youth, and children in Mill Woods.
- To strengthen partnerships between service providers in Mill Woods and area

Expected Outcomes:

- Service providers' knowledge of diversity issues of MW is increased
- Relationships and collaborative efforts of service providers in MW are increased and strengthened
- Awareness of existing resources and community supports in MW is enhanced
- Accessibility of existing community services and resources is increased to residents of MW
- Existing/emerging diversity issues and concerns in MW are identified
- New ways of delivering services to diverse communities are identified

A Collaborative Community Mapping Planning Process

Joint Commitment:

- February 2007: First Meeting.
- October 2008: Strategic Plan written.
- Issues Identified: Unsupportive Community Values, Lack of Transportation, Lack of Knowledge and Communication, Fear and Isolation and Lack of Resources.
- February 2009: Updated Strategic Plan and Terms of Reference

Community Profile:

- February 2007: The Profile of Maps created for the Mill Woods Mapping and Beyond Committee is available for use.
- November 2007: Demographic maps presented
- February 2009: Census 2006 Demographic maps are presented.

Community Engagement:

- April 2008: Community fair was organized to increase awareness among Service Providers about each others resources. The public displays with children's activities was planned to increase awareness of resource and services available to Mill Woods Community. Forty Five Agencies and Stakeholders participated in the networking activity including representation from Municipal and Federal Governments.
- June 2008: Invitation to Fair participants held at Public Library as follow up to the Fair.
- July 2008: Participated in Mill Woods Canada Day Event to distribute Survey to Families.
- March 2009: Planning for an Autumn fair.

Action:

- An interaction between IFSSA and Youth Emergency Shelter has led to the arrangement of designated space for Islamic Female Youth at the Youth Emergency Shelter.
- Collaboration between PCAE and Mill Woods Library for cultural story time.
- Recent dialogue between home school support and liaison at Grace Martin School and PCAE about exploring future potentials.

Members and Organizations Represented

- Edmonton Community Services
- Handicraft Women & Seniors Program, Pakistan Canada Ass'n of Edmonton PCAE
- Youth Emergency Shelter.YESS
- Regional Facilitator, MAPS Alberta Capital Region
- Child & Family Services, Region 6
- Edmonton Public School Board

- Edm. Seniors Coordinating Council
- Alberta Employment & Immigration
- Supervisor, Employment & Immigration, Southside
- Mill Woods Library
- Welcome Centre for immigrants
- Multicultural Health Brokers
- MCHB
- Bredin Institute
- Mill Woods Multicultural Foundation
- Multi-Cultural Health Brokers
- Caritas
- Capital Health
- Edmonton Police
- South West Police Neighbourhood Empowerment Team
- NET
- Sexual Assault Centre
- Grace Martin Elementary
- EPSB
- Mill Woods Mosaic
- Multicultural Women & Seniors Services
- Islamic Family Social Services Assoc'n (IFFSA)
- J.Percy Page High School EPSB
- Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations NAARR
- Dan Knott Junior High School

Outcomes Achieved To Date:

Date Profile Updated: April 15, 2009