



Welcome to the Sept 24th FORUM

Land Acknowledgment

<https://native-land.ca/>

We wish to acknowledge the indigenous lands from which we gather as we are spread out in our various workplaces – to ground ourselves today in appreciating indigenous place, history and legacy for creating community.

In a recent pod cast Ava Hill, former Chief of the Six Nations Elected Council, was talking about truth and reconciliation – she said everyone needs to define this for themselves, to take action to learn about the history and culture of our indigenous peoples and to appreciate the uniqueness's of individuals within all cultures in our community.



The DC MOVES MISSION:

Create a platform for fostering collaboration, and information and knowledge sharing, to benefit *the human service providers who serve* the residents of Dufferin County.



Purpose of our FORUM
Strengthening our collective
knowledge and capacity
thru information and resource sharing



Welcome and opening remarks

MPP Sylvia Jones – video message

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June 24 Forum evaluation feedback – what participants said they wanted and what our Sept Forum includes

1. Mental health - how we are coping? what is available?
2. How we can connect with each other OUTSIDE the forum, connect with each other in a conversational way?
3. SUCCESS and GOOD NEWS stories – positive, hope 😊
4. Unique collaborations, service delivery changes?
5. Building sector and organizational resilience?



AGENDA



Kim Van Ryn & Sara Clarke – **Branching Out**

Individual and Group exercise – **Mental Health**



Laura Perro – **Comfort Keepers**

BREAK – Virtual Coffee “chat” 



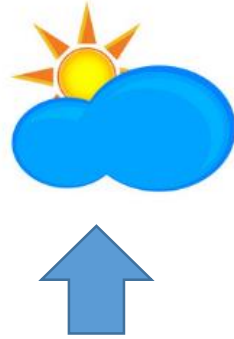
Anna McGregor – **Recovery for All**

Breakout – **Resource Sharing, Building Resilience**



Gift from Julia – Julia’s Music Therapy

Check – in Zoom poll. How are you feeling ?



The majority of the group were feeling
Sunny with cloud

10 min - Personal Reflection Opportunity

What is challenging my personal mental wellbeing in my work?

1. What have I tried?
2. What have I learned?
3. What is working well?
4. What remains a challenge?



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5. what can I do next? Ideas and Resources

BREAK OUT

Brain storm **ideas and resources**

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RESOURCE SHARING – Our Collective Enoughness for building resilience

An **Abundance Mentality** maintains that there:

- is more than enough
- we can all achieve more together
- there's plenty to go around and everyone can enjoy the plenty that we've been given

Our Collective Enoughness Budget

Agencies have to
GIVE

Agencies need to
GET

Grouping of data from June 24th Forum & today's ACTION Break out groups

- 1. Communication / information**
- 2. Funding**
- 3. Housing and facilities**
- 4. Supports**



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JUNE data

Communications tools to share information org have available to GIVE

- County of Dufferin social media platforms – cnielsen@dufferincounty.ca
- DC MOVES website/WOTMs/ DYK bulletins coordinator@dcmoves.org
- DPSN info@dpsn.ca
- VD <https://www.volunteerdufferin.ca/>
- FTP Brennan Solecky brennan@familytransitionplace.ca

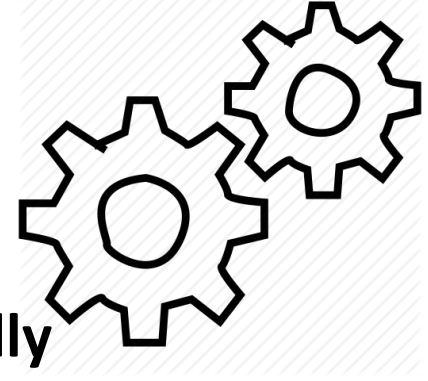
Communications/ information orgs needed to GET

- Information about the hours of availability and access for resources/services to clients
- Broader awareness of Home Sharing as a viable solution to affordable housing Dorothy Mazeau 416-550-4015
- Publicity - sharing the “support local messages” – DBOT
- Information of service delivery changes
- Increased registration on Join in Dufferin to have a voice

JUNE data

Constraints for communications

- Community outreach
- Lack of clear information re pandemic causing caution for service delivery
- Not knowing school opening impacts – communication/language barriers
- Need for people on committees and boards
- Shift in perception for shared living as viable option



September ACTIONS for communications

- Ensure organisation websites are **CURRENT – everyone – now/continually**
- Ensure no duplication of work – different committees working towards the same goals – **everyone – all the time**
- Invite everyone to be part of the solution – not just levels of government - **meeting organisers – at every opportunity**

No assignment of how, who, when

- Increase housing options using existing stock more efficiently
- Know who is over housed, how to reach them, provide opportunity for them to participate in solutions
- Identify community services that support families and individual needs



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Funding org have available to GIVE

- Housing allowance – DC CS Adriana/Brad
- Grants available thru Duff Community Foundation
- Gift cards for health needs - DAFHT
- Emergency funding for OW recipients (COVID exp) from ON Works
- Utility assistance DC CS Andrea/Jill
- Funding opportunities finding from Lynda Moore OFB
- Homelessness prevention, OW, Financial assistance – DC CS

Funding orgs need to GET

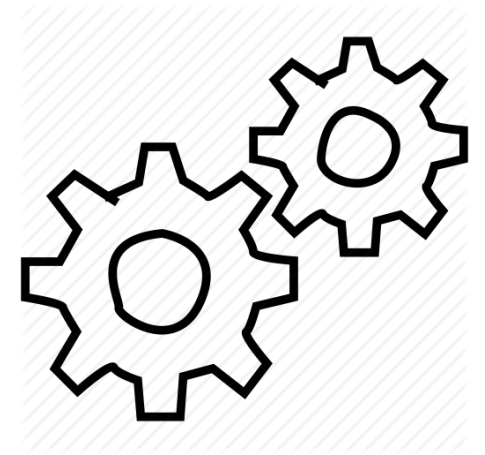
- Lynda Moore needs partners to secure larger grants that serve more than one service
- DPSN (Dufferin Parent Support Network) need help with fundraising



JUNE data

Constraints for funding

- Cleaning costs adding to expenses on strained budgets
- Lack of community funding
- Limited ability to host regular fundraising events impacting revenue
- Not able to accept donations of physical items – impacting expenses
- Limited funding – increased costs – probable cuts – impacting service and in some cases continuation of services



September ACTIONS for funding

- Take names of potential donors forward to Dufferin Community Foundation – **everyone – anytime**
- Get creative in the way we fundraise using technology - **everyone – anytime**
- Look for opportunities to collaborate for grants and fundraising activities - **everyone – anytime**

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Housing/ Facilities orgs have available to GIVE

Housing

- Homeless prevention DCCS – Andrea/Jill
- By names List DCCS – Andrea/Jill
- Housing for Health - DAFHT
- Golden Girls home sharing – Dorothy Mazeau
- Victim Quick Response program CD VS Caledon
Dufferin Victim Services

Facilities

- Physical space for meetings DCCS
- BOSS small private space for therapists
- DBOT Biz Hub – rooms, offices, services

Housing/ Facilities orgs need to GET

- Housing
- National Housing Benefit
- Shelter for men
- Affordable rental spaces

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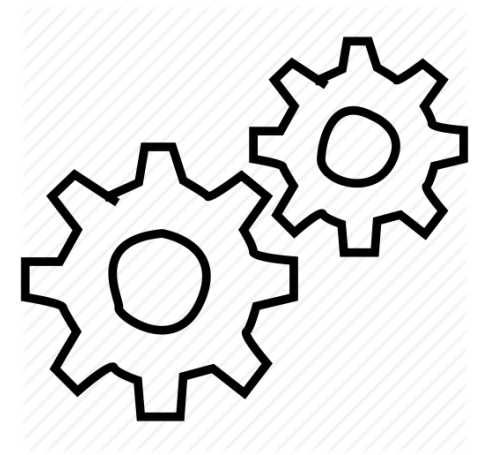
Constraints for housing /facilities

- Finding quiet space to support clients
- Lack of affordable housing in DC

September ACTIONS for housing and facilities

No how, who, or by when assigned

- More subsidized housing
- Rent control
- Rent supplement programs
- Increase Ontario Works rates





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Supports orgs have available to GIVE

- Hospice Dufferin library for bereavement
- Free weekly social calls - BOSS
- Referrals to community resources - DCCS
- Information on how to access services DCCS
- Application assistance – housing DCCS Phylis/Valerie
- System navigation for resources, federal, prov benefits – DAFHT
- Legal clinics for ODSP apps and appeals – DAFHT
- Emergency food for kids and youth Children's Foundation
- Volunteer opportunity posting Vol Duff
- Connecting existing Volunteers FTP
- Employment services for persons with disabilities - Coalition for Persons with Disabilities

Supports orgs need to GET

- More mental health case management
- More supports for those with Mental Health issues
- More services and supports for people struggling with addiction
- Connecting with clients with on access to technology
- Increased social assistance
- Volunteer Dufferin needs orgs to post volunteer opportunities
- DPSN needs board members
- BOSS needs volunteers for outdoor activities
- Children's foundation needs help planning for back to school
- We all need more connection to each other
- Supplies for activity bags - BOSS



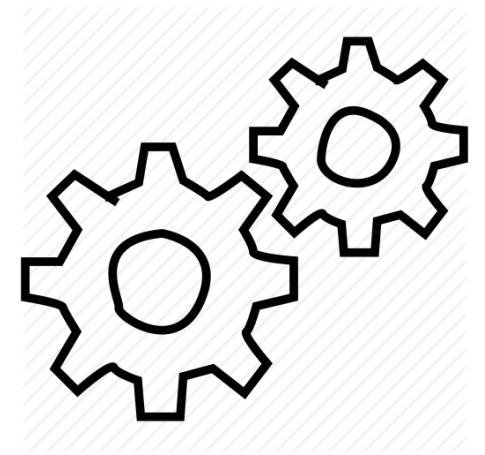
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Constraints for supports

- Volunteers are in vulnerable age groups
- Not having volunteer opportunities for people
- Provincial guidelines
- Boards attachment to pre-pandemic strat plans – moving slow – uncertain
- Turf wars
- County legislation
- Human resources available in DC, strain on small entities with little resourcing and staff
- Time
- Diversity – population differences and issues with masks
- Inability to conduct face to face, especially when clients do not have access to tech or tech is not sufficient to meet needs and situations
- Community reach to take up social media messages, deliver important messages
- Wait lists
- People not seeking services they need due to home situations / restrictions
- Inability to verify client eligibility

September ACTIONS for supports

- Maximise each others existing social media and other communication platforms – **everyone – all the time**
- Encourage human service agencies to join and participate in DC MOVES - **everyone – at every opportunity**
- Communicate the work of DC MOVES within your organisation, share with staff – **everyone – all the time**
- Leverage our DC MOVES network to do more to increase resource sharing – **everyone – now and all the time**
- Create opportunities based on gaps – **everyone – all the time**





Thank you to our Breakout Hosts

Angela Pollard, DC CS
Corinne Nielsen, DC CS
Jennifer Payne, HCIA

Master Host – Jennifer Payne, HCIA
DBOT our facility /wifi host

Final Thank You's

To our presenters

To all of you participating today

REMINDER : Please complete the evaluation coming to you
following the session



You got to move it, move it, move it



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