

Integrated Youth Services

Benefits of an International Collaboration

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Collaborative Background and Structure

- Opportunity for ongoing connection and collaboration
- Enable the organizations to leverage each other's expertise and experiences in areas that would enhance organizations' capacities
- Rotating Secretariat role
 - Foundry (2019-2021)
 - Jigsaw (2021-current)



Collaborative Purpose



To mobilize and transfer knowledge that will enable the delivery of improved services to young people internationally



To better understand emerging issues related to young people and families/caregivers,



To better understand and provide support regarding service improvement approaches, rapid implementation, and service evaluation and research

Work & Impact to date



Establish a structure to capture innovation occurring in each jurisdiction to enable ongoing, free sharing of information, experience and knowledge



Creation of a platform to support rapid collaboration on emerging global issues of concern to youth wellness, such as COVID-19



Creation of international communities of practice to enable cross-jurisdictional collaboration on projects/initiatives

Evaluation:

- Improvements in data collection systems and tools
- Shared outcome measures
- Potential for an international Minimum Data Set

Virtual Service Delivery:

- Shared learnings were instrumental in the launch and delivery of Foundry Virtual
- Future opportunities to trial new service ideas, and to test technological innovations

Additional Areas of Work:

- Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Indigenous, Aboriginal and Strait Islander Peoples Cultural Practice and Wellness
- Missing middle and complexity
- Work and study programming
- School strategies
- Family engagement and services

Youth-Led Collaboration:

- Increased global sharing and mutual learning
- Creation of a shared communication platform
- Co-designing approaches to safely engage diverse youth in digital storytelling, research, and policy
- Facilitating informal youth gatherings at conferences

Reflections

- Established a form of peer support across organizational levels for common issues faced in own countries (Canada, Ireland, Australia)
- Developed a strong sense of mutual trust
- Share successes and challenges



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