



Community Safety & Well-Being: Youth Services

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Youth Services – Current Structure:

Current Structure:

- Youth engagement and youth investigations operate as separate functions
- Youth Investigations Unit aligned under Divisional Criminal Investigation Bureaus
- Youth engagement delivered through CSWB (four dedicated Youth Engagement Officers)

Service Delivery Approach:

- Primarily request-driven (primarily through school requests)
- Limited coordination between engagement and investigative functions

Youth Programming & Engagement:

- Delivered through established initiatives (e.g., Peel Safety Village, YIPI, etc.)

Key Limitation: Fragmented approach hinders early intervention, consistency, and community-wide impact.



CSWB Youth Services – Evolution:

Youth Services Evolution:

- Centralized Youth Services Unit → improved alignment and coordination to better support youth, while maintaining a distinct role between engagement and investigative functions.
- Streamlined, coordinated approach to support youth earlier and reduce justice system contact.
- Focus on off-ramping youth at the point of police contact, through timely intervention, supports, and community connections.

Targeted Community Engagement & Deployment:

- Community Stations → community hubs, inclusive of youth initiatives.

Youth Engagement Community of Practice:

- The Community of Practice is a group comprised of youth-focused community partners within Peel Region → assist in guiding our current Youth Engagement Strategy.



Youth Services – Current Programming

Education & Early Prevention – Peel Children’s Safety Village:

- Between 2024-2025, 12,000+ students reached through Safety Village programming
- Progressive safety education from Grade 1 (e.g., 9-1-1 awareness) to Grade 5 (e.g., online safety), delivered through interactive, real-life scenarios

Youth Development & Mentorship – Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI):

- 8-week structured program for youth (ages 15–18)
- Focus on employment, mentorship, and life skills development

Community Partnerships & Initiatives:

- Associated Youth Services of Peel (AYSP)
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Peel
- Children’s Aid Society (CAS)
- Seva Food Bank
- The Children’s Breakfast Club

****Many of our initiatives have been supported through ProAction Cops & Kids.*



Youth Services – Looking Ahead

Youth Services – Strategic Approach:

- Centralized Youth Services supported by our Youth Engagement Community of Practice. Focused on early identification and support of at-risk youth, with an emphasis on harm reduction and prevention.
- Commitment to off-ramping youth at the point of initial police contact, through coordinated supports and community connections.

Peel Police Foundation (Est. 2025):

- A non-profit charitable foundation that supports community-based programs that address youth engagement, mental health, and social risk factors, by investing in initiatives that enhance safety and well-being through collaborative public–police partnerships.
- Youth focus for 2026 funding request → for programs and initiatives that support:
 - Youth in or at-risk of adverse safety, well-being or justice outcomes.



PROACTION COPS & KIDS PEEL CHAPTER- EST. 2019



ProAction Cops & Kids – Peel Chapter:

- Formally launched in May 2021 → growing into a strong partnership between police and community
- Funded 36 youth programs, totaling approximately **\$258,900** in grants
- Continues to expand a dedicated officer partnership

Impact & Engagement:

- Established a supportive and engaged council
- Received full support from CMG & PSB
- Engaged 246 youth and 38 officers in its first year of programming



PAST PROGRAMS



ARTS & CRAFTS



AVIATION



BASKETBALL



CULINARY SKILLS



HORSEBACK RIDING



BOXING



BOYS TO MEN



DANCE



CRICKET



CYBER SECURITY & AWARENESS



FEMALE WELLNESS & DEVELOPMENT



FINANCIAL LITERACY



RESUME WRITING & INTERVIEW PREP



GOLF



LAWN CARE



LEGO - STRUCTURE BUILDING



MECHANICS



RUGBY



SKATEBOARDING



SOCCER



INTRO TO THE TRADES





CURRENT & UPCOMING PROGRAMS

CHEERLEADING



BASKETBALL



RUGBY

CRICKET



VIDEO GAMING

CODING



SCUBA DIVING





WHERE WE'RE GOING



Supporting our Youth Engagement strategy by prioritizing:

- ★ Early Intervention
- ★ Mentorship
- ★ Community-Based Programming

Creating programs that build trust and safer communities with a focus on

- ★ Proactive, Prevention-Focused Engagement

Youth become

★ Partners in Safety

not just recipients of policing, which leads to long-term positive outcomes

Continue to provide opportunities for officers to **Strengthen mental health, wellness, and resilience** through innovative, non-traditional policing approaches



BY THE NUMBERS

47

Number of
programs
to date



1006

Number of
involved
youth



306

Number of
involved
officers



\$310,131.24

Total
program
funding to
date



\$308.28

Average
amount
spent per
participant





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Thank you!

