

# SOUTH ETOBICOKE CLUSTER

# Purpose to Practice

## PRACTICE

### We will:

- **Identify Priorities** (see strategic framework) & emerging issues.
- **Evolve to Respond Collectively**
  - **Eg.** Collaborative OTF grant to support refugees
- **Provide Mutual Support** by sharing our respective knowledge, expertise & resources.
- **Lend Our Collective** voice to systemic change efforts.
- **Engage Community**
  - **Eg.** Host a community town hall to expand awareness, attend events.

## PURPOSE

The South Etobicoke cluster exists to:

- **Proactively identify & support the most vulnerable/at-risk in South Etobicoke** as issues emerge.
- **Establish connections between agencies & leaders** to share information & resources; to build community & organizational resilience.
- **Intentional co-creation & delivery of initiatives** that enhance community resilience & interdependence.

## PRINCIPLES

### We must:

- **Look beyond individual agencies to** focus on collaborative capacities for community support & resilience
- **Respect & support each other - agency interdependence** - to meet the needs of "our clients".
- **Contribute what we're able** so together we are greater than the sum of our parts.
- **Explore possibilities** & craft solutions.
- **Seek consensus...**be willing to support if it cannot be reached.
- **Cultivate** social bonds, connection and relationships.

## PARTICIPANTS

### Include:

- **24 agencies, various sectors.**
- **We grow organically:** keep cluster table & working groups open.
- **Members recruit** new partners & WG members as gaps are identified.

## STRUCTURE

- **Meet biweekly** - Monthly agency & topical presentations.
- **Sub-groups/projects:** form/disband to address specific issues.
- **Coordination team: hosts &** shares promising practices from other clusters.
- **Escalate issues** we can't resolve to city & UWGT.

