



Taking Chances Towards Independence

A Community-Based Partnership Program for Youth with Acquired Brain Injuries



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Outline

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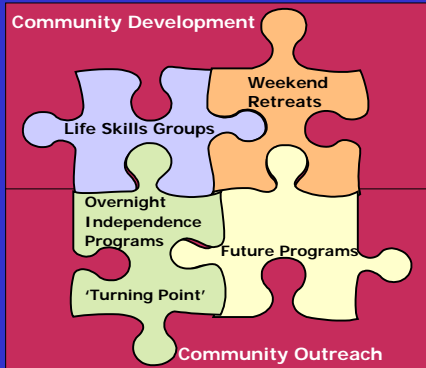


Community Model of Service Delivery

- Community Development
- Community Outreach



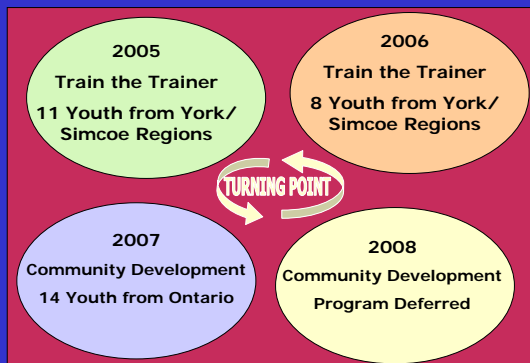
Partnership Background



Partnership Guidelines

- ✦ Letter of agreement
- ✦ Partnership expectations
- ✦ Roles and responsibilities





Partnership

Successes	Challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Communication ✦ Letter of agreement ✦ Budget ✦ Resource sharing ✦ Staffing ✦ Critical path 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Roles and responsibilities ✦ Budget ✦ Marketing ✦ Staffing

Turning Point promotes...



Expressing

Asserting




Exploring

Independence

What is Turning Point?

- ✦ Turning Point is a supported social and life management residential program
- ✦ For youth and young adults 16 to 25 years of age with an Acquired Brain Injury



Program Objectives

Turning Point promotes:

- ☀ Goal achievement
- ☀ Life Skills development
- ☀ Improved self-confidence
- ☀ Opportunities for youth in isolated areas



Critical Path

- ◆ Partnership Meeting
- ◆ Marketing
- ◆ Program Meeting
- ◆ Information Night
- ◆ Staff Orientation
- ◆ Registration Deadline and Screening
- ◆ Acceptance Packages
- ◆ All Staff Meeting
- ◆ Program
- ◆ Wrap up Meeting



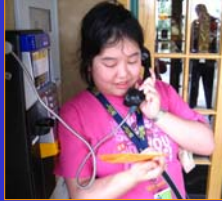
Workshops

- ☀ Meal Planning
- ☀ Youth Talk
- ☀ Community Safety
- ☀ Survivin' in the City
- ☀ Town Travel Adventure
- ☀ Gettin' Involved
- ☀ Doin' It On Your Own
- ☀ What's Up with Friends, Relationships & Sex



Skill Development

- ✦ Social and Communication skills
- ✦ Cooking
- ✦ Problem solving
- ✦ Time management
- ✦ Self-confidence
- ✦ Community Access



Outcome Measures

- ✦ Tools:
 - COPM
 - Modified G.A.S.
 - Satisfaction Questionnaires
- ✦ Process:
 - Pre measures
 - Post measures



Program Successes Challenges

- ✦ Program Structure
- ✦ Staffing
- ✦ Screening of applicants
- ✦ Goal setting
- ✦ Workshops
- ✦ Social opportunities

- ✦ Facility
- ✦ Screening of applicants
- ✦ Family members
- ✦ Challenging behaviours



"I made new friends and it was fun."

"I liked the Mac & Cheese Challenge."





"I learned about mapping and getting around in the community."

"I liked the opportunity to meet people & share experiences."





"I learned how to cook simple meals properly."

"I liked the freedom to live on my own."



Next Steps

- ☀ Turning Point 2009
- ☀ Exploration of future partnerships



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