



SURVEY OF CAPHC MEMBERS
Mental Health Planning for Children & Youth¹

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QUESTION	THEMES
Does your organization have a strategic plan related to this role in Mental Health? Please attach the plan if available.	The majority of organizations all have some form of strategic plan currently set in place. Others are in the process of having a plan developed
What are your organizational priorities related to Mental Health?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuum of mental health services to the community across the lifespan • Increasing awareness of mental health issues and securing increased funding • Recruitment of child and adolescent psychiatrists and psychologists • Fostering partnerships
Please describe the scope of Mental Health for children and youth at your organization.	<p>Servicing children and adolescents with mental health issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-patient programs (age range 0-19) • Out-patient programs • Urgent Care Services
Please identify where treatment services were aligned as a result of the Mental Health plan.	Many organizations partnered with other agencies in order to develop and expand mental health services for children and adolescents.
Please identify where health professional education or research initiatives were aligned as result of the Mental Health plan.	<p>An interdisciplinary team (RN's, social workers, psychologist, psychiatrists, Child and Youth workers) was developed in order to better facilitate the implementation of services. Many organizations offer in house educational opportunities to staff. Staff is encouraged to continue developing their skills and education.</p> <p>Staff is encouraged to pursue research projects pertaining to Child and Adolescent Mental health.</p>
What external opportunities/partnerships has your organization maximized as a result of the Mental Health plan?	Organizations have maximized partnerships with other community agencies to ensure continued follow-up outside of their care.

¹ Up to the age of 18 years
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	<p>What factors have facilitated the implementation of Mental Health priorities? What has impeded implementation?</p>	<p>Facilitating factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff support • Strong Leadership and teamwork • Alignment with other agencies <p>Impeding factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of funding • Staffing issues (lack thereof) • Lack of collaboration of other key mental health agencies
	<p>What national or provincial initiatives/reports guided the development of the Mental Health plan? Please attach the document, if applicable.</p>	<p>No two organizations were guided by the same report/initiative. Some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Commission of Canada • CMHO Best Practice Guidelines • Centre of Excellence • Child and Adolescent Mental Health Restructuring Steering Committee (CAMHRSC) • External review of organization
	<p>What mental health outcomes are you measuring? What measurement challenges has your organization encountered?</p>	<p>Measuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait times • Patient satisfaction <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding • System wide coordination • Time it takes to analyze data
	<p>How has Mental Health priorities changed since development of the strategic plan? How are you addressing these changes?</p>	<p>There have not been many changes noted. The major factor that has been producing change has been funding. As a lack of funding increases, services are being minimalized.</p>