



Renfrew County Community Study

OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND

The **Healthy Communities Partnership** (HCP) is a multi-sector collaborative partnership with a shared vision of *improving health, well-being and quality of life for everyone in Renfrew County*. Built on an understanding of the Social and Environmental Determinants of Health, HCP co-ordinates and integrates multi-sector planning, research, knowledge sharing, community engagement, and policy development. Our aim is to make a positive, collective, and measurable impact on the health, well-being and quality of life for everyone in Renfrew County.

MEASURING OUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

A key goal of the Healthy Communities Partnership is to develop a deeper understanding of community needs and aspirations. More than 58 organizations and community champions across Renfrew County and the Champlain Region have identified the **Renfrew County Community Study** (RCCS) as a priority. Guided by a Working Group comprised of representatives from these organizations, the RCCS is working to develop a collective measurement tool that we can use to collect, analyze, map, and share information about community well-being.

By enhancing our understanding of local strengths and needs, the RCCS will contribute to achieving our shared vision to improve the health, well-being and quality of life for everyone in Renfrew County, through evidence-based programming and evaluation. The project will also help to tell the story of Renfrew County, building local capacity and communication tools to make a positive impact on our community well-being.

PHASE 1: COMMUNITY DATA PROJECT

The **Community Data Project** represents the **Phase 1** of the Renfrew County Community Study. It incorporates a number of research tasks, designed to gather necessary background information to inform the development of a shared measurement and planning tool. The *Renfrew County Community Study* is building from best practices that ‘measure what matters’ (including the Ottawa Neighbourhood Study model and the Canadian Index of Wellbeing) while meeting the unique needs of our region. We are identifying local and relevant data and indicators which define our health and well-being.

Over the Fall of 2014, the project team will complete an extensive literature review and survey of community well-being models, conduct key informant interviews, and organize and host community engagement sessions, all of which have been designed to create a deeper understanding of well-being in Renfrew County and what’s needed to build a sustainable and accessible data repository and community measurement tool.

The Healthy Communities Partnership is working in partnership with the Canadian Council on Social Development (CCSD) to conduct the Community Data Project. The CCSD is a not-for-profit research organization based in Ottawa with expertise in social research using both quantitative and qualitative methodologies, with a particular emphasis on community research.

HCP Priorities

Shared Measurement Tool

Healthy Policy Development

Community Engagement

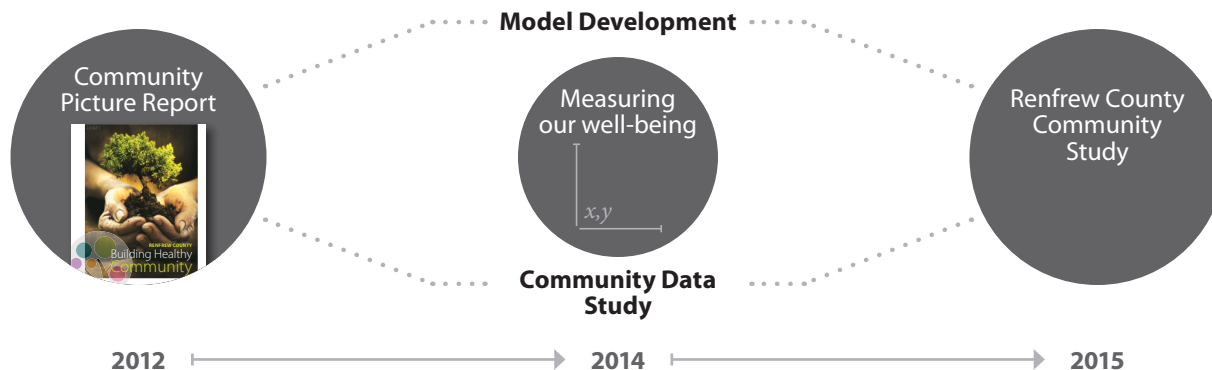
Collaborative Communication

HCP Objectives

- » **increase community engagement**
- » **improve local capacity for positive change**
- » **include health in all policies**
- » **increase access to local research and data**
- » **increase access to healthy environments (social, built, natural)**
- » **co-ordinate a multi-sector strategy and action plan**

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In 2015, the HCP will move into **Phase 2** of the RCCS: developing and vetting a model of the well-being measurement tool for Renfrew County. Collecting and mapping local level data will provide an effective visual tool to improve co-ordinated planning and effectively measure our well-being. The new tool will complement existing reporting initiatives at the County level, leveraging our community partnerships and assets, to achieve greater collective impact on the health and well-being of Renfrew County residents.



Members of the Healthy Communities Partnership

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| Algonquins of Pikwakanagan | Food for Learning (Upper Canada Leger Centre)* | Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Network* |
| Barry's Bay and Area Seniors Home Support | Hope Reins Assisted Therapy Programs | Renfrew County District School Board |
| Best Start Network* | KidActive | Renfrew County Family and Children's Services |
| Carefor Health and Community Services | Madawaska Valley Circle of Health* | Renfrew County Legal Services Clinic |
| Champlain Healthline | North Renfrew Family Health Team | Renfrew County United Way |
| Champlain Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Network* | Ottawa Valley Health and Wellness Centre | Renfrew Victoria Hospital |
| Children and Youth Health Network of Eastern Ontario* | Parent Resource Centre | Rotary Club of North Renfrew |
| Columbus House (Pembroke) Inc | Pathways Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services | Société Alzheimer Society Ottawa and Renfrew County |
| Physical Activity Network—Renfrew County* | Pembroke Regional Hospital | St. Francis Memorial Hospital |
| CCAC—Community of Care Access Centre | Rainbow Valley Community Health Centre | The Phoenix Centre for Children and Families |
| Community Resource Centre, Killaloe | Renfrew and Area Seniors' Home Support | Town of Arnprior |
| County of Renfrew Child Care Services | Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Network | Township of Killaloe Hagarty Richards |
| County of Renfrew Paramedic Service | Renfrew County and District Health Unit | University of Ottawa Heart Institute |
| Deep River and District Hospital | Renfrew County and District Aboriginal Friendship Centre | West Champlain Healthy Community Corporation |
| Deep River Food Bank | Renfrew County and District Health Unit | Whitewater Bromley Community Health Centre |
| Eganville and District Seniors Centre | Renfrew County and District School Board | Township of Head, Clara, Maria |
| | Renfrew County Catholic District School Board | Women's Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County |

* Indicates a network or collaboration of many organizations and members.

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