



# Wellness Programs that Work



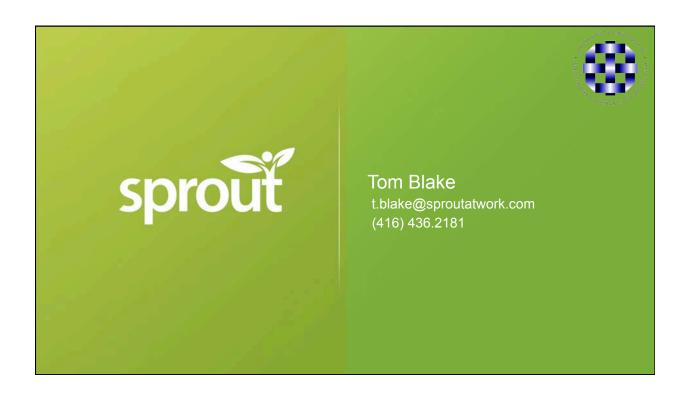


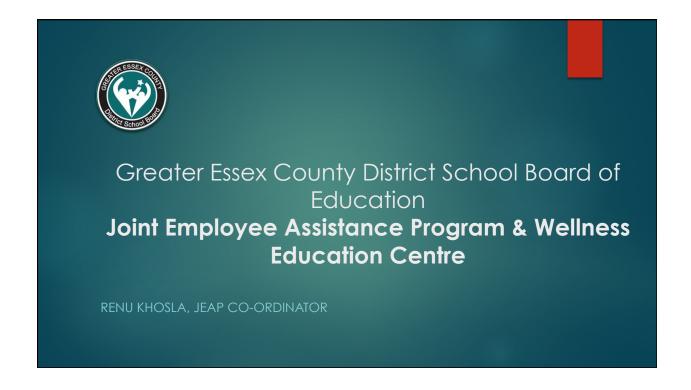
# Link to Company Strategy

- As many Interventions as possible
- Get Started: Trial and Error
- Top Down and Bottom Up: Leadership & Champions

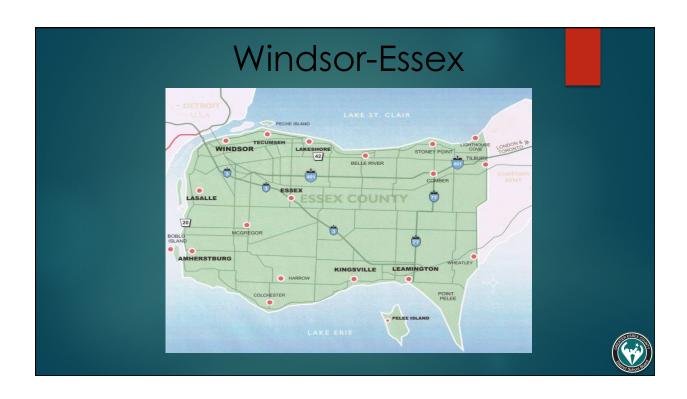
- Incentives
- Holistic
- Technology
- Scalable
- Sustainable

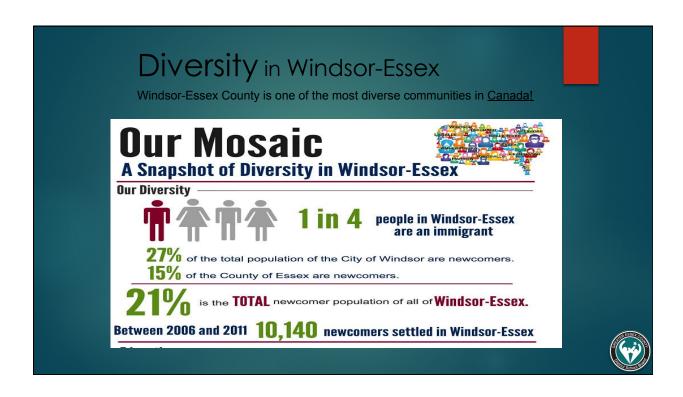
# A One-Stop Wellness Hub Apps HRA Devices Sprout Individual wellness Social wellness Health content Analytics Rewards









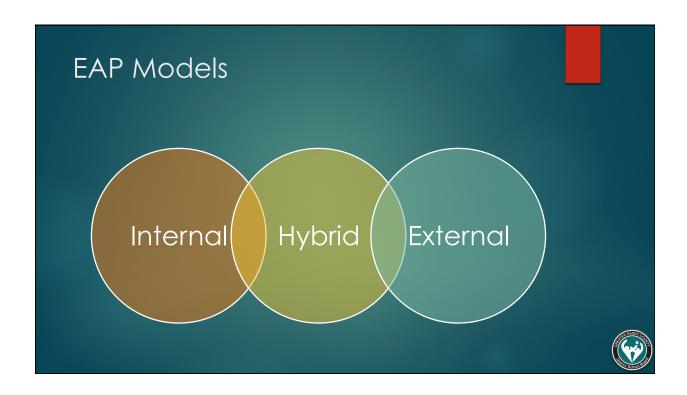


# GECDSB Overview Culture of Care

- 56 Elementary Schools
- 16 High Schools
- 3 Agency Schools
- Approximately 35,500 students
- 4,700 employees









# Joint Employee Assistance Program

- Is available to all employees, family members, and retirees.
- Has been providing support for 28 years.
- Funded by the GECDSB and its employee groups.
- Reports to an Advisory Committee.
- 3 Components--Counselling, Wellness and Work-Life
- JEAP Staff: 2 Co-Ordinators, .5 Assistant, Reg. Dietitian and Nurse Practitioner (contract)
- Our Team: Human Resources, Health & Safety and Mental Health Leads

CULTURE OF CARE



# Counselling Services

- Assessment
- Solution focused counselling (no session limits)
- Individual, couples, and family
- City and county locations
- Referrals, Follow Up and Care
- Supervisory Consults and Training
- Voluntary and Confidential







## Wellness Services

- Wellness Clinics
- Lunch and Learn
   Seminars
- On-Site Health Fairs
- Health Screenings
- Resources/prof library
- Financial Literacy

- Physical activity classes
- Discounted gym memberships
- JEAP Monthly Health & Wellness Bulletin
- Electronic well being communications



### Work-Life Services

- Dispute Resolution
- Mediation
- Coaching
- On-site crisis response
- Referrals to community resources
- Consults with our Reg. Dietitian
- Consults with our Nurse Practitioner
- Long Term Disability and Return to Work Support



### **Best Practices**

- ▶1)Recognized and trusted EAP team.
- ▶2)Proven track re: confidentiality and response.
- ▶3)Understanding of organizational culture and unique dynamics.
- ▶4)Strategic approach to wellness
- ▶5) JEAP Champions at each of our locations.
- ▶6) Visibility.
- ▶7)Prompt interventions for high visibility situations (e.g. critical incidents).
- ▶8)Partnerships with employee groups, benefits administrators and community resources.



### Top 5 Challenges

- Integrating technology for counselling and wellbeing program requests.
- Diverse locations with own culture.
- JEAP staff complement.
- Management training.
- Utilization by family members.



### Business Value: 3 Key Areas

**Workplace Performance Value**: cost savings from improvements in employee productivity, absence and other areas after employees use the EAP

**Benefit Cost Value:** cost savings from reduced claims costs in health care, disability, and employee benefits after individuals use the EAP.

**Organizational Value:** cost savings from safety and risk management, critical incidents, management consultations, and improved organizational development.

Source: EASNA



### Impact and Value

Many investigations have demonstrated that EAPs have a positive impact on organizational resources, staff time, worker absence, presenteeism, and employee benefit costs in general.

▶The typical level of financial return on investment (ROI) is \$3.00 or more in return for each \$1.00 invested in the EAP.

(Ref: EASNA)



### Impact and Value

Our value to the GECDSB is measured through:

- Testimonials
- Program utilization and repeat registrations
- Requests for new programs/resources
- Integral member of Board teams
- Feedback to the organization
- Survival in turbulent times



### **Awards**

For the last 7 years, the GECDSB and its JEAP has been the recipient of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit's award of distinction honouring workplaces that model Comprehensive Workplace Wellness.



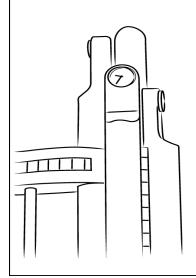








# York Region at a Glance



- One of six Regional governments
- Cross-boundary services (ex. police, water)
- "Upper Tier Municipality"
- Approximately 4300

# The Regional Municipality of York

### **Core Services**

**Court Services** 

**Economic Development** 

Family and Children's Services

Forestry

Housing

Long Term Care

Paramedic Services

Planning

Police Services

**Public Health** 

Regional Roads

Social Assistance Solid Waste Management

Transit

Water and Wastewater

### **Our Vision**

Creating Strong, Caring and Safe Communities

# Our Mission Statement

York Region is committed to providing cost effective, quality services that respond to the needs of our rapidly growing communities.

# Our Corporate Values

Integrity

Commitment

Accountability

Respect

Excellence



# Workplace Health, Safety and Wellness Policy The Regional Municipality of York whose the safety freshit and well-issuing of every involvable, and it is the suggration of issued relies or grantational column. This commitment of every involvable, and it is the suggration of issued relies or grantational column. This commitment will be a committed to the safety of the safety in t





# Wellness Program Highlights



- · On site fitness classes
- · Discount on gym memberships
- On site health risk assessments and screening
- Classroom training
- Team and individual challenges
- Employee and Family Assistance Program

  Fitness and nutrition information
  - Wollness-Wednesdays
- Employee-unve. .auves
- Partnerships with third party providers

### Our psychological health and well-being is a vital part of who we are

The Regional Municipality of York considers the mental and psychological well-being of our employees an important aspect of overall health. We are committed to promoting and supporting a psychologically-healthy workplace through appropriate policies, programs and services.

In 2013, the <u>Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace Standard</u> was made available in Canada. This new Canadian Standards Association model is a voluntary set of guidelines, tools and resources focused on promoting employees' psychological health and preventing psychological harm due to workplace factors. York Region is proud to be one of 43 workplaces taking part in the Mental Health Commission of Canada's three-year <u>Case Study Research Project</u> that will showcase industry leaders as we adopt the standard.

In doing so, we will obtain a comprehensive framework, allowing us to assess what we already have in place so we can continue to build an organization where employees feel safe to come to work.

Every one of us has a part to play in making our workplace healthy and safe. I encourage you to take part in upcoming opportunities. Please stay tuned for more information on how you can contribute to our psychologically-healthy workplace.

Bruce Macgregor Chief Administrative Officer The Regional Municipality of York

York Region

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Our "Top 10" ways wellness builds culture

#10

People actually come out.

#9

We like to have fun... really.

#8
We try new stuff.

**#7**We get results.

#6
We get help.

#5
We reach out.

#4

We make it our own.

#3

We constantly seek out feedback.

#2
We have great people.

#1
Our leaders "show up".

- 1. Objectives
- 2. Strategy
- 3. Engagement
- 4. Measure



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# **Objectives**

Sit back and look at the story to decide what you're trying to achieve.







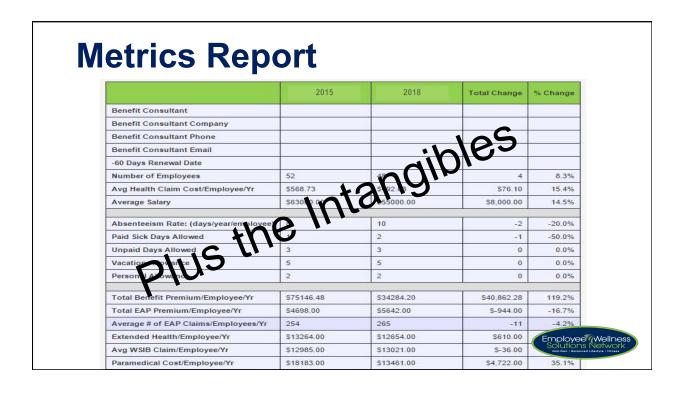


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# Strategic Plan Puarterly themes Consistency Intersperse "fun" initiatives First, where do you want to go, second how will you get there, third what will you do.









Core purpose of wellness is to reach the uninterested, the unconverted and the unmotivated.

How are you going to do that?



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