

Measuring Success

Youth - How do you measure success?

The Community House and its child and youth programs are constantly accessed.

2006-40,744 contacts
2007-41,687 contacts

- Crime rate down
- Youth involvement is high as mentors, peer support, volunteers, employees
- Increased youth skills and training. We employed 21 youth and trained 15 of them in 2007.
- We are the first employer for many youth in our community
- Most of our youth choose to stay in education and not drop out of school
- Youth in our community run their own programs
- Youth are actively involved in making the community a safe place

DID YOU KNOW?

Community House Neighborhoods have 3 times the population of people under 25 years compared to other communities across the City of Ottawa.

This number remains constant over time



Helping Ottawa families since 1995

Facts & Figures 2007 A Closer Look at Youth

Mission Statement

The Debra Dynes Family House is committed to improving the quality of life for multiculturally diverse families, children and youth who are low income and working poor, through a range of services and programs that are community driven and meet their needs.

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Programs and Services

Children and Youth Programs and Services 2007

Junior Homework Club/ Evening Homework Clubs

After 4 & Emergency Lunches

Girls Group & Boys Group

Youth Action Group

Youth Drop-In

Kindergarten Readiness

LINC Childcare

Sewing Childcare

Bundle of Joy Childcare

Parents as Teachers

Video Lending Library & Toy lending library

Youth Volunteer Opportunities

Snowsuit Fund

Toy Mountain

Holiday Hampers & Vouchers

Piano Lessons

Drama Lessons

Summer Camps & Summer Breakfast Program

Soccer

Summer Youth Employment

Youth Employment Training

Special Events This Year! Skating with Sens, Christina Aguilera Concert, Youth Day of Caring, Community BBQ's, Kids Attending West Side Story at OSSD, kick boxing lessons and many more!!!

Total Youth Contacts in 2007: 41687

Highlights... A Look Back

How was your summer? Ours was great!

8 WEEKS OF SUMMER programming means

830 contacts made through Transitions Camp-8 weeks of Camp X 10 Sessions held on site

30 Children Attended YMCA Camp for 2 weeks - **300** Contacts made

We provided **1104** summer lunches & **860** breakfasts for children registered in summer camps

10 Children attended weekend overnight camp, **3** children attended weeklong overnight camp. Children in YMCA camp attended 2 sessions of overnight camp

116 Contacts made through Kindergarten readiness which ran for 8 weeks

Computer & Internet busy everyday, evenings and weekends + children at Keen for Green, Carleton U!

693 Contacts made through the summer Soccer and Recreation program in Rideauview Park

168 Contacts for Boys/Girls Group through the summer

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

We Train Them!!! Our youth can't be beat!!

15 Junior Youth hired as part of our Youth Summer Employment Program- "First Work Experience" to work as assistants in camp, and in our community soccer and recreation program!

15 Youth from the community attended a resume workshop and hiring process.

15 attended in house training in work ethics and workplace safety + High Five Training & Certification

An additional **5** senior youth hired through a Partnership with Ont. Govt/YSB as computer room monitors & breakfast assistants

2 additional recreational workers hired thanks to a partnership with CHARA & Debra Dynes Tenants Association for summer soccer and rec. programs.

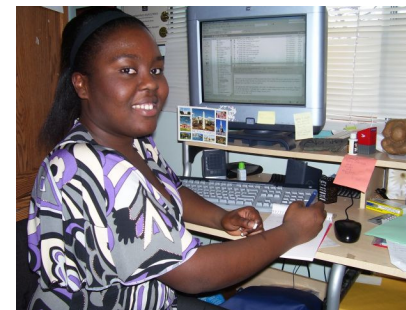
A Closer Look

**A focus on Youth is essential
They are 100% of our future!**

The Story of Regine Doirin

When a program really meets people's needs, this is what can happen. Come to homework, get good grades, come to school. In your community be, a volunteer youth leader, facilitator, grant writer, be a spokesperson for the community and start a career at College as a Child and Youth Worker. This is the story of Regine!

Regine is currently in her 2nd year of study and doing her field placement ... where else? Debra Dynes!!! That's success!!!



**A big thank you to our past,
present and future youth
partners!!!**

**They always have, and will
continue to define success &
build strong communities!**