

Draft Terms of Reference: Bullying Behaviours

Steering Committee: Responding to Bullying Behaviours Among School Age Children

Sponsors: Premier, Darrell Pasloski and Deputy Minister of Education, Valerie Royle

Context:

Bullying of all kinds continues to be an issue in Yukon and in other jurisdictions across Canada and internationally. Yukon agencies and partner groups have a variety of strategies in place to address bullying. Strategies and actions are unique to the mandate and scope of each group. However, there may be gaps in service and redundancies that a coordinated effort can address.

Goal Statement:

To develop a community-based collaborative and integrated approach to identifying, reducing, and responding to bullying behaviours among school-aged children in Yukon.

Scope:

- Determine assets for bullying prevention for school-aged children.
- Identify gaps, overlaps with and connections to other Yukon initiatives and programming.
- Gather Yukon-specific data from students, parents, teachers, administrators, and communities to understand the underlying causes of bullying and thus develop effective strategies.
- Identify best practices used nationally and internationally to address bullying.
- Identify the factors that lead to bullying behaviours and address each area strategically.
- Develop an action plan to engage the voices of youth across the territory.

Desired Outcomes:

- A reduction in bullying in schools and communities across Yukon,
- A collective understanding in communities and schools about bullying and a commitment to reduce it,
- An understanding of (1) gaps, how to fill them, and who will be responsible, (2) the roles, responsibilities, and strategies used by government, agencies, and partner groups to reduce bullying, and (3) successful strategies in other jurisdictions.
- A comprehensive strategic plan that identifies strategies, an implementation plan, timelines, and an evaluation process,
- Clear guidelines and procedures to address bullying.

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- Building capacity in teachers and parents on how to respond to bullying in the community at large and ensure supports are in place.

Participants:

Yukon Education	Trish Smillie, Andrea Zimmerman
Health and Social Services	Elaine Schroeder, Colin
Justice	Norma Davignon
Community Services	To be determined
ECO	Gord Kurzynski
Women's Directorate	Jennifer England or designate
CYFN	Lori Duncan
RCMP	Dwayne Latham
Yukon Teachers Association	Katherine Mackwood
School Board and Councils	AYSCBC, Carol Coote CEAY, Yolande Cherepak
BYTE	Chris Ryder
Student Representative(s)	Youth Advisory Committee
Child and Youth Advocate	Andrew Nieman

Role of Yukon Education

Yukon Education will take the lead by:

- Chair, organize meetings, and complete minutes,
- Collate and summarize information provided from agencies involved,
- Complete research on best practices and sharing findings with the committee members,
- Use the input of partners to develop a draft strategic plan,
- Complete reports and recommendations.

Time frame:

- July 2013 to July 2014

Meetings:

- Tuesday afternoons, as determined by the committee, from 1:30 . 3:30 pm

Resources:

- Yukon Education Safe and Caring Schools Policy
- Yukon Comprehensive Health Resource Scan Document