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Greetings Cheryl. The Amethyst Award nomination is for the team/group partnership category. The London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership Justice and Protection Services Sub-council work resulted in the creation of collaboration, co-operation and efficiency in delivering services.

The testimonial is to be 500-1000 words. The testimonial is an overall expression of excellence of what the London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership Justice and Protection Services Sub-council has achieved, valued and impacted.

Here is a something to ponder in addition to anything else.

Information on the accomplishments of the LMLIP Justice and Protection Services in the past three years

- To enhance immigrants' sense of trust with the criminal justice system and protection services, the Sub-council supported an application lead by one of the sitting members. The Ontario Trillium Foundation funded a one year pilot project to work closely with two ethno-cultural communities, namely, the Karen and the Vietnamese. Four information sessions were held for these communities with 64 individual in attendance. A curriculum on services of the justice and protection services was completed and delivered to these communities. Eight community members from the targeted communities were trained to deliver the workshops on the services in their own language. Through this project a forum for service providers in justice and protection services profiling the Karen and Vietnamese communities was held on to provide an opportunity to learn about pre-migration issues, identify risk factors and gaps in service delivery for both communities.
- To enhance the immigrants' knowledge on the Police Services and how to respond and interact with the Police, the Justice and Protection Services Sub-council partnered with the Thames Valley District School Board to produce a brochure, a DVD and a lesson Plan on the London Police Services for newcomers.
- To enhance service providers' knowledge on issues faced by immigrants, three communities were invited to share their pre-migration stories with the Justice and Protection Services.
- The Justice and Protection Services sub-council provides workshops to the newcomers attending the Language Instruction for New Canadians to ensure that information on the justice system is shared with the newcomers.

Thanks Cheryl.

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