

## London's Child & Youth Network



**what:**

A network of over **170** agencies and organizations from all sectors committed to a collaborative approach to improving outcomes for children, youth and families.

**one shared vision:**

*Happy, healthy children and youth today;  
caring, creative, responsible adults  
tomorrow*

## London's children and youth in 2007...

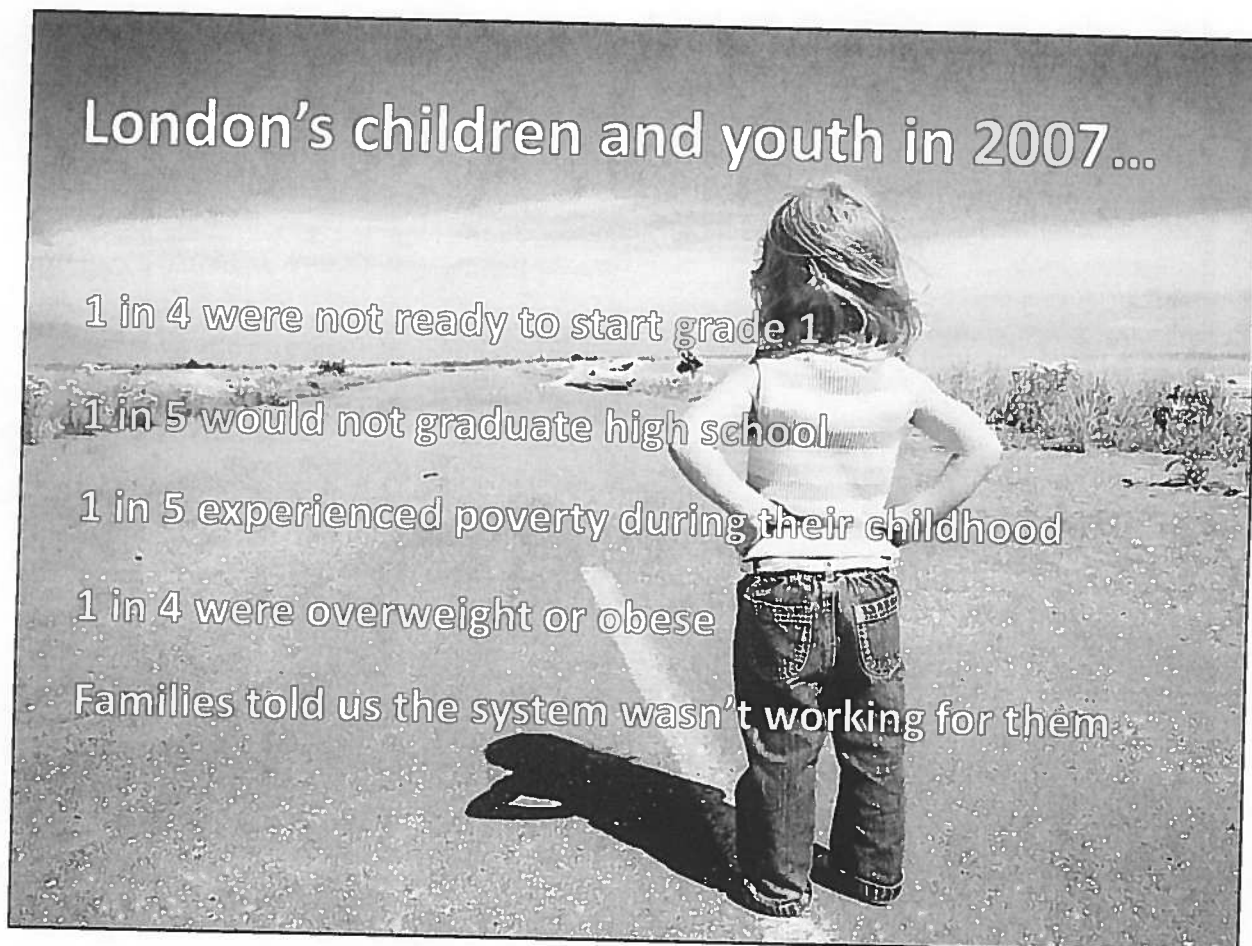
1 in 4 were not ready to start grade 1

1 in 5 would not graduate high school

1 in 5 experienced poverty during their childhood

1 in 4 were overweight or obese

Families told us the system wasn't working for them



## Our Child and Youth Agenda

A Collective Impact approach moving forward with a common agenda

1. Ending Poverty
2. Healthy Eating & Healthy Physical Activity
3. Making Literacy a Way of Life
4. Creating a Family Centred Service System



## London's Child & Youth Agenda 2014 Progress Report



## Ending Poverty

**Goal:** To reduce the proportion of London families who are living in poverty by 25% in five years and by 50% in 10 years.

- **Food Families**

- Participants saved an average of \$100 a month, every month, on their grocery bill



- **Impact Loans**

- Collectively helped 40 people on path to self-employment
- 9 secured employment
- 13 entrepreneurs received microloans
- 7 transitioned off Ontario Works after receiving loan



**In 2015:**  
The Middlesex-London Poverty Simulation (March 2015)

## Healthy Eating and Healthy Physical Activity

**Goal:** Lead the nation in increasing healthy eating and healthy physical activity by creating environments, neighbourhoods and opportunities that promote and support daily physical activity and healthy eating for all our children, youth and families.



**Up to \$1.5 million over 4 years**



**Registration 6x higher than 2013**



**In 2015:**  
Implementation of Healthy Kids Community Challenge

## Making Literacy a Way of Life

**Goal:** *To be a provincial leader in child, youth and family literacy by 2015.*



**4 of every 5  
new parents**

### Family Centre Community Literacy Fund

- Boys and Girls Club of London: Real Voice
- Childreach: POPUP+
- Learning Disabilities Association: Real Voice Partnership;
- LUSO Community Services: Family Math and Literacy in Motion!
- London Regional Children's Museum: Reach Out Ambassadors Program
- La ribambelle: Programme de Littératie en Français
- London Public Library: Read Around the Block
- South London Neighbourhood Resource Centre: Savour the Memories and Telling our Stories of Peace



**In 2015:**  
2000 Words to Grow Media Campaign

## Creating a Family Centred Service System

**Goal:** *To make it easier for children, youth and families to access services.*

### Strategy

- Move beyond collaboration, coordination and co-location to an integrated, family-centred model
- Develop a network of Family Centres

### Successes

- 3 operating Family Centres
- 1 Family Centre under construction
- Assessment: organizations collaborating more; families accessing services more easily

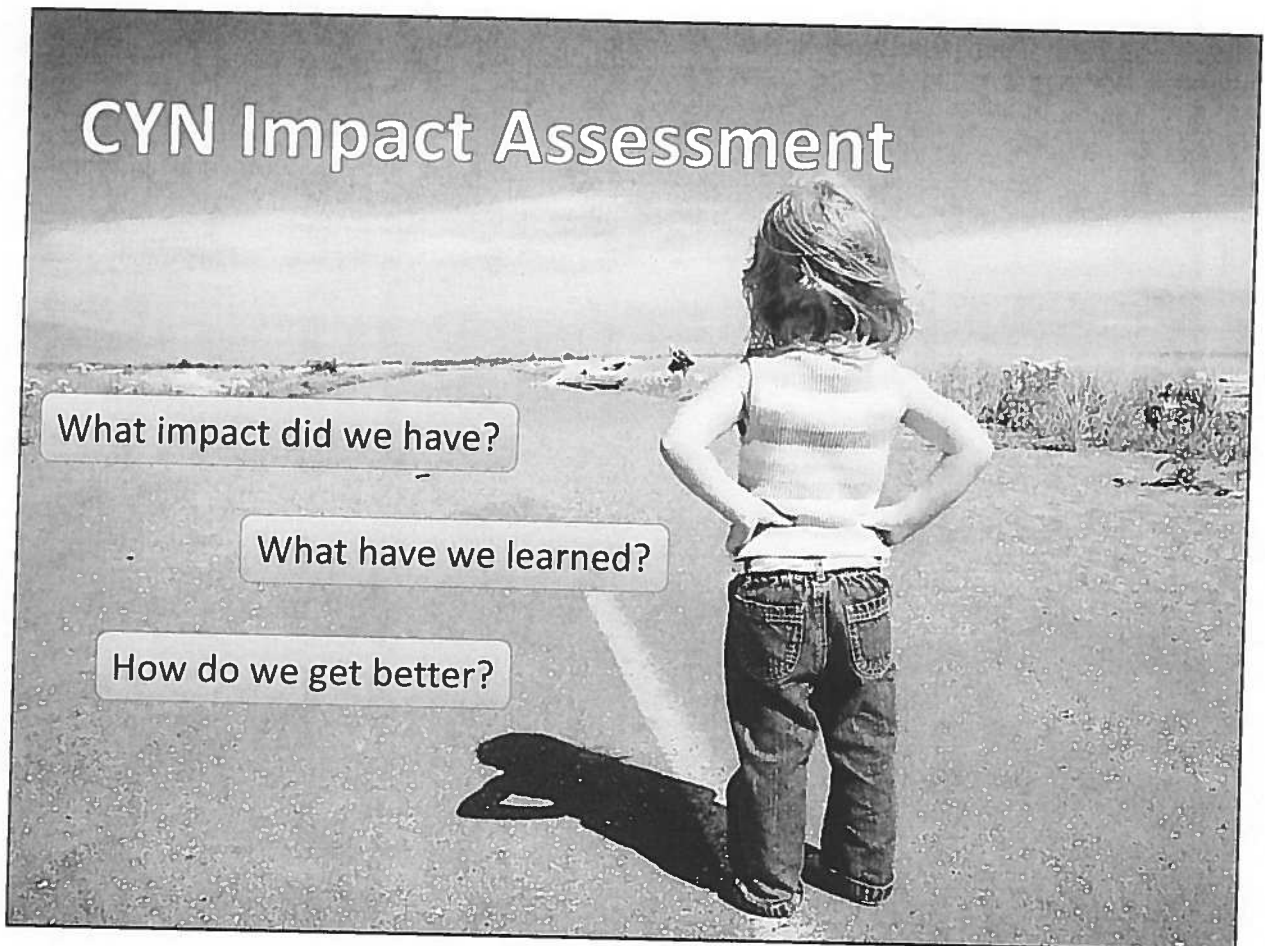


**In 2015:**  
Opening of Family Centre Argyle

## Leveraging resources

- Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care (**\$1.5 million over 4 years** for Healthy Kids Community Challenge initiative)
- Community Foundation (**\$150,000** for the Single Ceiling Analysis)
- Federal Grants (**\$425,000** for the Community Integration Laboratory at Western University)
- Province of Ontario (**\$150,000** for the Community Integration Leaders research)

**More than \$2 million leveraged**



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