



Vision

The Sheppardale Centre will promote a seamless network of formal agencies, community organizations and neighbourhood groups that are mutually committed to serving the needs of children, youth and families in the Onward Willow neighbourhood and the larger Guelph area.

Goals

To develop a local community centre to support neighbourhood development and family enrichment activities within the Onward Willow Neighbourhood located in the West Guelph area.

To promote an integrated network of agency shared services for children, youth and families in the Onward Willow Neighbourhood and throughout the larger Guelph area.

Principles

Community Based Services

We are committed to providing accessible services and programs at the neighbourhood and community level.

Partnerships

Through intersectoral partnerships we believe we can become more responsive to the needs of children, families, and communities.

Seamless Services

We will endeavor to provide an integrated network of services that responds to needs for social support, early childhood development, health care, mental health and family counselling, practical needs for food and shelter, youth programs, job readiness, recreation, and community life activities.

Citizen Participation

We believe in the strength of citizen participation and leadership in identifying local needs, and participating in decisions that affect their lives.

Prevention and Early Intervention

We endeavor to provide services that will prevent and/or respond as early as possible to developmental, social, health, mental health, addictions, unemployment, and other individual and family problems.

Diversity

The West Guelph area includes citizens from increasingly diverse cultural and language groups, providing for a rich and unique community. We strive to be as responsive and inclusive as possible in providing services and programs for all.

Priority for Vulnerable Children and Families

We share a priority commitment to addressing the needs of the most vulnerable children and families within the community, and ensuring that our services and programs are accessible and responsive to their needs.

Innovation

We are committed to innovative programs and structures that will best serve the needs of the community, and support the partner organizations in fulfilling our shared vision.

Financial Viability

All partners will contribute their fair share of capital costs, renovations, maintenance, reception, and operating expenditures. A sliding scale will be established to support programs and services that contribute to the vision of the Centre when financial barriers would otherwise be present

Program Objectives

The Shelldale Neighbourhood Centre will facilitate the provision of on site services within the Onward Willow neighbourhood and will serve as a multi-service centre for the larger West Guelph area. The services to be provided within the centre include the following:

- Outreach to parents of newborn infants and high risk children
- Child care, preschool play groups, and school readiness programs
- Community capacity building and leadership development
- Social, recreational and leisure activities for children and youth
- Community life activities
- Health care services;
- Shared Services single point of access intake and case management services
- Family counselling and support services, adult and children's mental health, addictions services, developmental services, and women's support services.
- Child protection services, including investigation and assessment, a range of protection intervention programs, foster care and adoption services.
- Employment training and economic development opportunities;
- Literacy training, upgrading, and English as a Second Language programs for new Canadians and other residents