



YOUTH RECONNECT IN HAMILTON

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- History of early intervention/prevention at Good Shepherd
- Brief explanation of program
- Youth Reconnect and other services



WHAT DO WE DO?

- Early Intervention and Prevention Services
- Family Preservation
- School Re-engagement/Retention
- Engagement in Employment
- Develop Community Based Action Plans
 - Draw on Local Supports
 - Enhance Protective Factors
 - Reduce Risk



HOW DO WE DO IT?

- Assessment
- Provide Outreach Based Support
- Engagement (youth, family, support networks)
- Intentional Case Management
- Clinical Supports
- Understand Cultural Practices of Families
- Mediation and Family Reunification
- **COLLABORATION!!!**



WHY DO WE DO IT?

- Diversion from Shelter/Shorter Shelter Stays
- A move from 'Crisis Response', to helping youth move forward in their lives
- Prevention of Chronic and/or Adult Homelessness



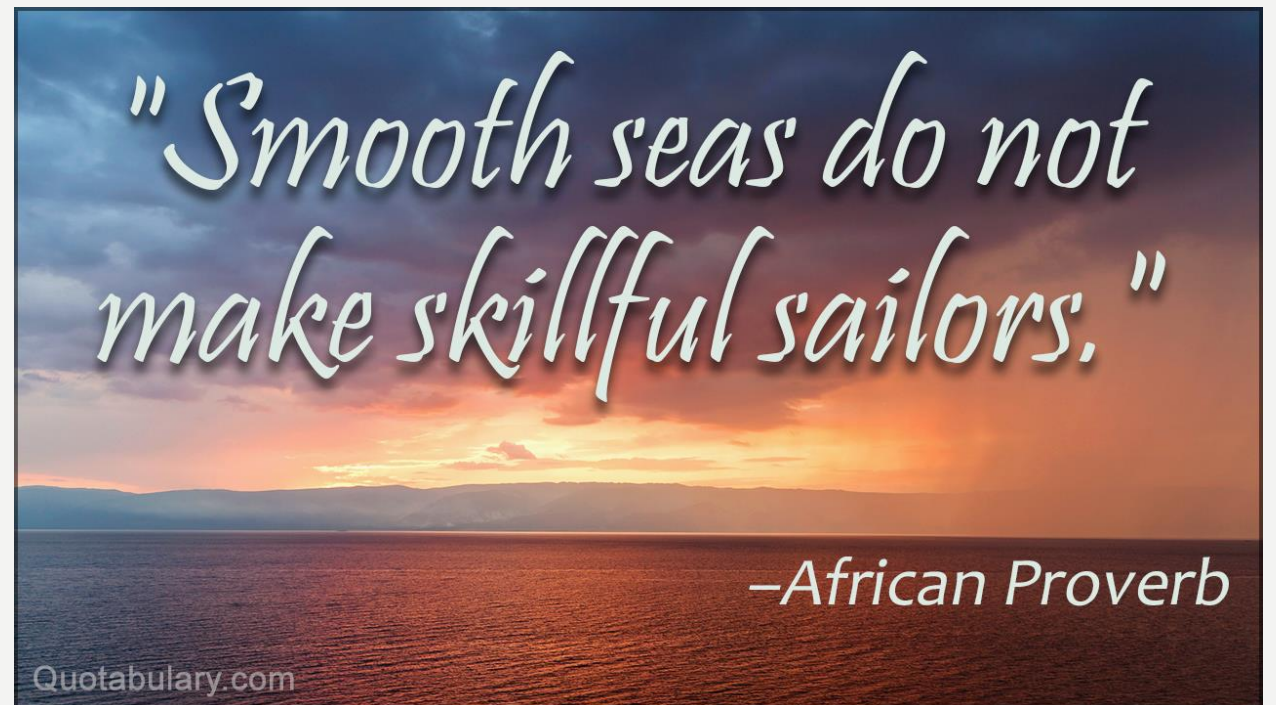
YOUTH RECONNECT AND HAMILTON

- Adapting to a local context
- Duplication of services
- Uptake from community
- Referral Process



CHALLENGES

- School board buy in
- Expectation vs reality of family work
- Housing landscape of Hamilton
- Stigma



ACHIEVEMENTS

- Outcomes
- Community feedback
- Success stories

