

Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission
Annual Report
July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Children, youth, and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) includes providing advice, advocacy, and pertinent information to Alexandria City staff, City Council, School Board, and other relevant entities in order to influence policy and decisions that result in better outcomes for children, youth, and families in Alexandria. Within these guidelines, the CYFCC membership completed the following activities during its 2021/22 year.

CYFCC Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- Membership remained steady throughout the year and we filled all vacancies.
- This year, the CYFCC partnered with Alexandria Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP) and the Substance Abuse and Prevention Coalition of Alexandria (SAPCA) to host a Youth Speak Up event focused on lessons learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic from the perspective of Alexandria youth.

CYFCC Member Activities

- Held two retreats on September 2021 and June 2022

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

- Completed a Youth Voice survey that was discussed at the June retreat and will be discussed with recommendations in the upcoming fiscal year

Goals for 2022-2023

- As a result of the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission's (CYFCC) work advancing the Children Youth Community Plan (CYCP) in 2022 – 2023, Alexandria's children, youth, and families will have increased access to and awareness of mental health services; increased awareness of and access to homeless support services; meaningful instruction within our school system on social emotional and academic learning (SEAL); and youth representation across institutions and in policy making throughout the City of Alexandria.

Goal 1: As a result of the advocacy of the CYFCC, city-provided mental health services will be more accessible for all residents of the city of Alexandria.

Goal 2: As a result of the advocacy and action of the CYFCC, homeless youth in the City of Alexandria will be better identified within ACPS structures and represented in aggregate data distributed by the City's Point in Time count (PIT).

Goal 3: As a result of the advocacy and action of the CYFCC, all children in ACPS will receive daily SEAL resources including curriculum instruction time and/or restorative practices approaches.

Goal 4: As a result of the advocacy and actions of the CYFCC, youth-voice will be represented in more official City and ACPS spaces with representation on each City Board or Commission and all ACPS steering committees.

Leadership

- Officers for the upcoming year were elected at the May meeting: Jessica (Jessy) Cuddy will serve as Chair, Catherine Clinger as Chair-Elect.
- List term expirations and new members, with month they were appointed:
 - Catherine Clinger – appointed 9.14.21
 - Jay Falk – appointed 2.8.22
 - Kate Harbor- appointed 3.8.22
 - Zach Lowe – appointed 12.14.21
 - Zahra Rahimi – appointed 3.8.22
 - Christine Raino- appointed 12.14.21
 - Jenny Rivera – appointed 3.8.22
 - Nelsa Tiemtore – appointed 12.14.21
 - J-Lynn Van-Pelt – appointed 12.14.21
 - Nicola Harris -resigned
 - Garrison Hayes – resigned
 - Jamica Littles – resigned
 - Tammy Mann – resigned
 - Annabelle O’Keefe – resigned
 - Kelley Organek – resigned
 - Maile Organek – resigned
 - Dianara Saget – resigned
 - Lou Whiting – resigned
 - Justin Williams - resigned
- During the course of the year, membership included the following individuals:
 - Councilman Canek Aguirre
 - Councilwoman Sarah Bagley
 - Ingrid Bynum
 - Dana Chambers
 - Catherine Clinger
 - Julie Crawford
 - Jessica Cuddy
 - Rose Dawson
 - Laura Durham
 - Jay Falk

- Kate Garvey
- Councilwoman Alyia Gaskins
- Angela Green
- Jacinta Greene
- Kate Harbor
- Nicola Harris
- Garrison Hayes
- Amanda Hazelwood
- J. Glenn Hopkins
- Kurt Huffman
- Jamica Littles
- Zach Lowe
- Mike Mackey
- Tammy Mann
- Annabelle O'Keefe
- Kelley Organek
- Maile Organek
- Zahra Rahimi
- Christine Raino
- Jenny Rievera
- Dianara Saget
- Christina Sherlock
- Heather Thornton
- Nelsa Tiemtore
- J-Lynn Van-Pelt
- Lou Whiting
- Justin Williams

- Noraine Buttar and the Department of Community and Human Services acted as the staff liaison to CYFCC during the course of the 2021/2022 year.

Attachments

1. [Link to CYCP Report Cards](#)
2. Y-VOC Assessment results
3. Budget letter to City Council
4. Budget letter to School Board