

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (CYF) SITUATION TABLES

KEY ACTIONS FACT SHEET



HOW IT WORKS

The York Region Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Situation Tables supports the Region's Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan by aiming to reduce crime, victimization and improve community resilience, safety and well-being.

Situation Tables have been established in the following areas of the Regional Municipality of York:

1. Northern Georgina
2. Central Newmarket
3. South-central Markham; and
4. South-central Richmond Hill (including the City of Vaughan)

Service providers rapidly respond and offer wraparound services to individuals and families with diverse needs who find themselves at risk of criminalization, victimization and/or harm.

By bringing together diverse, multi-sector service providers (e.g., mental health, addictions, criminal justice, social services, school boards, hospital partners, etc.), the CYF Situation Tables collaboratively identifies and resolves situations of AER and prevents negative outcomes from occurring. Individuals in complex situations, facing multiple risk factors that cannot be addressed by any single agency on its own, are presented. The most appropriate service provider then takes the lead and interventions are planned.

All CYF Situation Tables meet weekly and discussions strictly adhere to the Four Filter Approach to information sharing to maintain privacy and confidentiality.

Four Filter Approach

1. Internal agency screening
2. De-identified discussion to assess risk
3. De-Identified discussion to identify intervening agencies
4. Collaborative intervention planning among chosen intervening agencies

In **Filter 1**, an agency will refer a situation to the table if they believe the situation meets the threshold for AER and requires a coordinated multi-agency response. In **Filters 2 & 3**, information shared with members at the table is done in a de-identified format and only details related to risk related circumstances are shared. In **Filter 4**, intervening agencies receive and share limited identifying information (i.e., name, date of birth, address) to collaboratively plan a timely intervention.

BENEFITS

- Multi-sectoral collaboration allows for greater efficiencies of service and collective resources
- Chance to access resources and supports one may not have been able to otherwise
- Faster access to necessary and appropriate wraparound services

WHAT IS ACUTELY ELEVATED RISK (AER)?

AER refers to situations where imminent harm is present. Without immediate intervention, these situations will escalate and a negative outcome such as criminalization, victimization and/or harm is likely to occur.