

# SPARROW LAKE ALLIANCE - CROSSOVER KIDS EXPERT SYMPOSIUM

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## OUTCOME STATEMENT:

*e.g. The number of criminal charges brought against youth living in a group home setting should be dramatically reduced (slow the transfer between the systems).*

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<b>Partner/Agency</b>	<b>Change/Action</b>	<b>Term S.M.L.</b>	<b>Resources Required</b>	<b>Feasibility (1-10)</b>
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**Corrections**

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**Child Welfare**

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**Education**

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**Mental Health**

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**Group Home Operators**

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**Community Agencies**

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**Police**

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**Justice**

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**Funders**

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**Others**

## Key Assumptions:

- There are critical times, circumstances and situations - tipping points - where a different approach, strategy or support could make an important difference for children & youth (and their families),
- There are positive ways to change the behaviors, practices and policies of organizations – in different sectors - that can dramatically improve outcomes for children and youth,
- Improving outcomes for youth necessitates collaborative work and collective resolve – solutions not supported and sustained by others – seldom work,

# Key Assumptions: (cont'd)

- Resources are scarce – the fiscal environment requires creative and cooperative ideas that can realistically, practically and significantly improve outcomes for youth.
- Any single day process is going to be lumpy – all that's needed from this group of experts is the “willing suspension of cynicism”
- Timing is everything – the iron is hot – lets do something good.

# Anticipated Outcomes...

- Three, four or five concrete strategies that could dramatically improve outcomes for youth in Ontario
- Clarity on the actions and changes across systems required to implement, support and sustain these outcomes,
- Some leaders – from different sectors – prepared to participate and assist in the development and implementation process going forward.