

In total, 57 people from 44 organizations participated in this training hosted by Niagara Connects. It advanced the work of: the Niagara Mental Health and Addictions Charter; the United Ways in Niagara region; the Niagara Community Foundation and the #Rethink Niagara initiative.

What You Said:

Partnership Challenges

- One-sidedness
- Time invested may outweigh the value
- Poor communication
- Sustainability
- Confidentiality and privacy

Partnership Opportunities

- Learning from partners with diverse expertise by sharing information
- Share resources to improve efficiency
- Innovation to address complex issues
- Referrals and communication pathways
- Filling gaps in programs and services

What does an engaged partner look like?

- Communicating
- Contributing
- Proactive

What does a disengaged partner look like?

- Absent
- Apathetic
- Not accountable

Ways Partnerships that involve your organization or agency would benefit all in Niagara:

- Increased access to resources for clients
- Sharing resources among agencies
- Working together to address complex issues
- Increasing our collective knowledge

Next Steps:

- Audit existing partnerships and assess ourselves as partners
- Align partnerships with strategic plan priorities
- Build confidence to have conversations about trust
- Create strong partnerships for further learning about putting shared measurement into practice. This will lead to common understanding, a strong base of evidence for planning, and improved access to services

Plans are underway to offer a half-day training session, to focus on YOUR priorities for further learning:

- Partnership Engagement
- Addressing 'the Elephants in the Room'

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