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Attachment 1

Attachment 1: Summary of the Stepping Up Framework's common vision, guiding principles and priority outcomes, 2016

The Province of Ontario's *Stepping Up: A Strategic Framework to Help Ontario's Youth Succeed* was released in 2016. It identifies 20 priority outcomes that are important for the positive development of youth ages 12 to 25 in Ontario. These outcomes are intended to inform policy design and program development across all service sectors (i.e. charities, not-for-profits, other levels of government, private sector) involved in supporting Ontario youth. Stepping Up's common vision, guiding principles and priority outcomes are summarized below.

Common Vision: Together, we will support all young people to become healthy, safe, hopeful, engaged, educated and contributing members of their communities and our province.

Guiding Principles:

- A positive, asset-based view of youth
- Targeted support for those who need it
- Collaboration and partnership
- Meaningful youth engagement and leadership
- Diversity
- Evidence- informed choices
- Transparency

| Themes | Priority Outcomes | |
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| Health and Wellness | 1 | Ontario youth are physically healthy. |
| | 2 | Ontario youth feel mentally well. |
| | 3 | Ontario youth make choices that support healthy and safe development. |
| Strong, Supportive Friends and Families | 4 | Ontario youth have families and guardians equipped to help them thrive. |
| | 5 | Ontario youth have at least one consistent, caring adult in their lives. |
| | 6 | Ontario youth form and maintain healthy, close relationships. |
| Education, Training and Apprenticeships | 7 | Ontario youth achieve academic success. |
| | 8 | Ontario youth have educational experiences that respond to their needs and prepare them to lead. |
| | 9 | Ontario youth access diverse training and apprenticeship opportunities. |
| Employment and Entrepreneurship | 10 | Ontario youth have opportunities for meaningful employment experiences. |
| | 11 | Ontario youth have the skills and resources needed to develop a successful career or business. |
| | 12 | Ontario youth are safe and supported at work. |
| Diversity, Social Inclusion and Safety. | 13 | Ontario youth experience social inclusion and value diversity. |

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| | 14 | Ontario youth feel safe at home, at school, online and in their communities. |
| | 15 | Ontario youth respect, and are respected by, the law and justice system. |
| Civic Engagement and Youth Leadership | 16 | Ontario youth play a role in informing the decisions that affect them. |
| | 17 | Ontario youth are engaged in their communities. |
| | 18 | Ontario youth leverage their assets to address social issues. |
| Coordinated and Youth Friendly Communities | 19 | Ontario youth have access to safe spaces to provide quality opportunities for play and recreation. |
| | 20 | Ontario youth know about and easily navigate resources in their communities. |

Source: *Stepping Up: A Strategic Framework to Help Ontario's Youth Succeed*, Province of Ontario, 2016,
<http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/documents/youthopportunities/steppingup/steppingup.pdf>