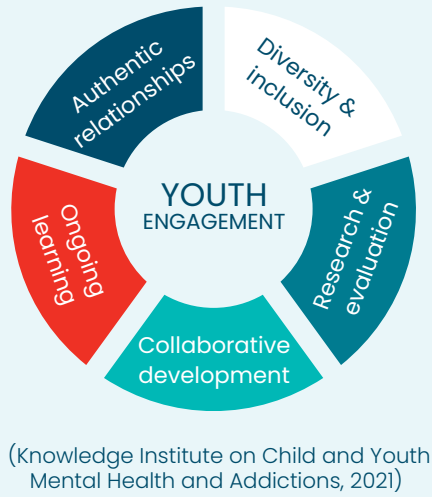


Through a 'by youth, for youth' model youth are engaged in leadership training to impact meaningful change on issues that are important to them



## Quality Standard for Youth Engagement

By aligning with the quality standard for youth engagement, YouthSpeak ensures that youth are involved in decision-making processes and that they are empowered to create positive change in their communities.

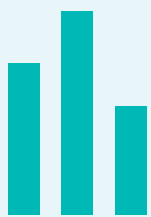


### Youth Engagement

- ✓ Employment space where barriers, special needs and/or circumstances are supported and/or accommodated
- ✓ Lived experiences are respected as an asset to inform programming

### Skill Development

- ✓ Equity-informed and Trauma-informed program content and facilitation
- ✓ Brief Intervention and Safe Talk training
- ✓ Speaking and Facilitation skills training



**OUR IMPACT**  
since 2003

**403K+**  
STUDENTS REACHED

**3700+**  
SPEAKING EVENTS HELD

**128+**  
YOUTH LEADERS TRAINED

## YOUTHsPEAK PROGRAMMING ALIGNS WITH



### ✓ Social Determinants of Health Standards

Meaningful youth employment for youth who have been impacted by a range of inequities to help them to reach their full potential



### ✓ Ontario's Roadmap to Wellness Indicators

- Early identification for early intervention in youth who are aged 10 to 25
- Awareness and/or successful navigation of mental health and addictions services



### ✓ Provincial Mental Health Strategy

- Strength-based mental health promotion
- Parent, caregiver, community connections
- Mental health literacy and stigma reduction

## FOCUS AREAS FOR CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT



Safer spaces for students to talk



Adaptability for specific schools' needs



Accommodations during interactives



Resources for improved training



Ongoing support for staff



School Community Support – caregiver, educator



Data collection and measurement



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