

**Operational status** (as of April 2014) : *in development*

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In September 2012, The Child Witness Centre of Waterloo Region received funding from the Justice Department to conduct a needs assessment and feasibility study. With the commitment of 21 community service providers, a research team from Wilfrid Laurier Faculty of Social Work was hired to complete the research. The findings were reviewed in June 2013 with the community service providers and a Steering Committee involving the leadership from the Core Service providers in the justice process - Police, Crown, Family & Children's Services, and Child Witness Centre. In November 2013 the Steering Committee endorsed the establishment of a Child and Youth Advocacy Centre in Waterloo Region. A Working Group has been established to develop recommendations on Vision, Mission, Scope, Guiding Principles and the most effective model for Waterloo Region. The Community Service Providers met again in January 2014 to provide input to the work of the working group on Vision, Mission and Scope. The Working Group is currently researching the various models that are in place today and doing some site visits as background to recommending a model for Waterloo Region.