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DESCRIPTION:

The Child Witness Centre is the lead agency in establishing the CYAC and provides oversight of the CYAC, coordinates the governance and has implemented the new Child and Youth Advocate Program.

In May 2016, we ‘soft launched’ the Waterloo Region CYAC at the Waterloo Regional Police - North Division, where the core partners – Waterloo Regional Police, Family and Children’s Services (CAS) and the Child Witness Centre (Advocates) co-located 16 staff (6 police and sergeant, 4 child protection workers and a supervisor and 3 Advocates and an Advocate Manager). In January 2017 the CYAC team moved to newly renovated, jointly leased space that is confidential, comforting, child and youth friendly, trauma-informed and supports the multidisciplinary approach. The CYAC team supported over 500 investigations involving more than 700 children, youth and their families in the first 12 months.

In addition to the three core partners, we have leadership and operational involvement with the counselling agencies, the Crown’s office and the medical community through our local Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centre and McMaster Hospital. Our core partners

ensure that young victims, witnesses and their family have the benefit of a wraparound approach involving the broader MDT as needed. For more information

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vlccx4eCjw>

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT) includes:

- Waterloo Regional Police
- Family and Children's Services (CAS)
- Child Witness Centre