

Maternal Matters in Saint John

Building momentum for a comprehensive community strategy, Saint John is focusing on supporting pregnant and parenting young women.

With help from the Public Health Agency of Canada, the Business Community Anti-Poverty Initiative (BCAPI) created *Developing Healthy Public Policies for Pregnant and Parenting Young Women* – a project focused on young women under the age of 24.

The initiative establishes five priority areas for action, which include affordable childcare, high school completion and enhanced prevention.

These priorities aim to help not only the development of children and their young mothers, but to prevent teenage pregnancies from occurring in the future.

Already, the project has demonstrated positive outcomes. The Greater Saint John Community Foundation is supporting a mentoring initiative, a pilot for an Alternative School for Young Mothers was established, and community interest has increased.

With help from members of the community, Saint John is well on its way to providing assistance for young mothers and their children.



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