

PROGRESS REPORT: WERC SWB PLAN & NEXT STEPS

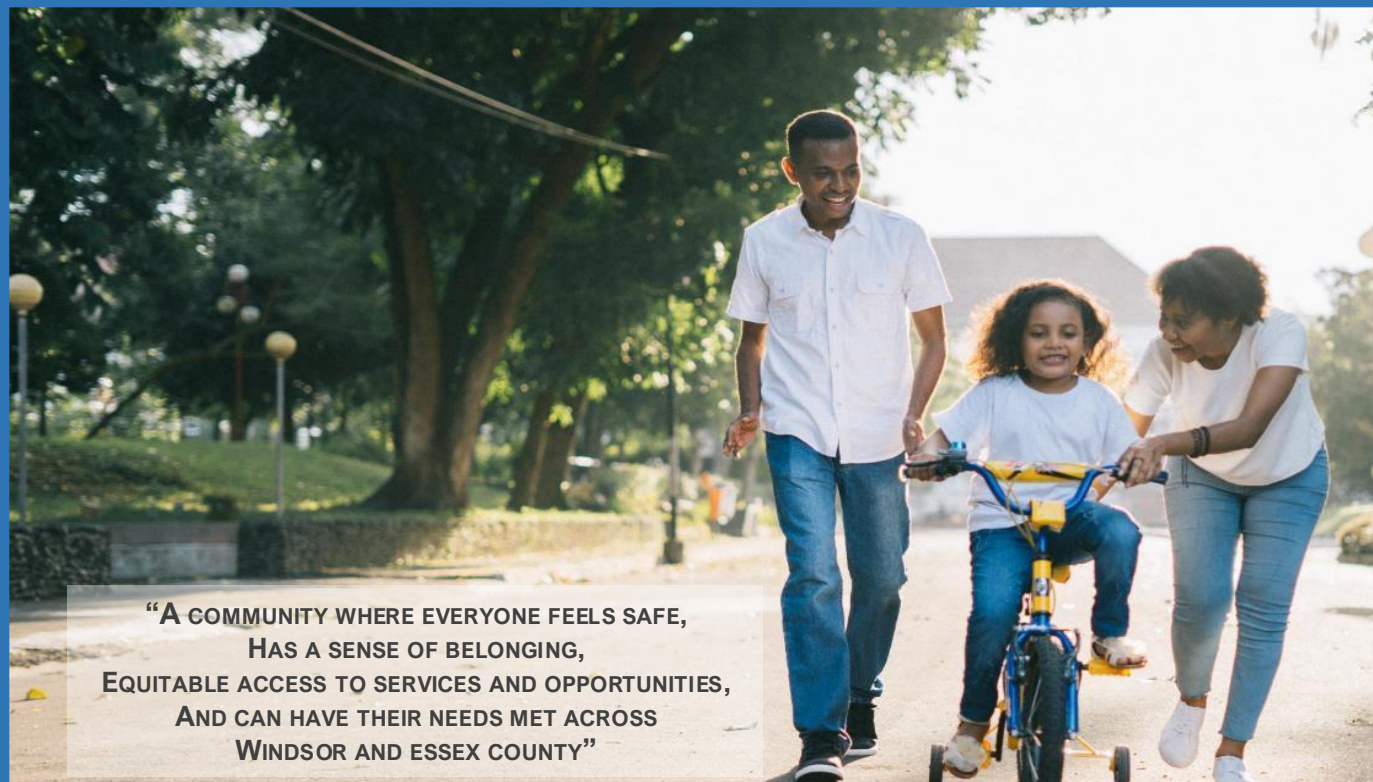
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Presentation Overview

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 - Current Funding Model
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History & Legislative Framework

- The Ministry of the Solicitor General developed the Provincial CSWB Planning Framework to help guide municipalities in their planning efforts.



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2022-2026 Plan & Priority Areas



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Cost Benefit & Return on Investment

CSWB Plans that are *proactive* and focused on *social development* and *prevention* reduce financial burden of crime.



Preventing a single career criminal can save society over **\$2 million**¹.



\$1 invested now in crime prevention and early intervention **saves \$7** spent on incarceration, victim services, and other future associated criminal justice costs².



The economic impact of a chronic young offender into adult criminal life include³

- Total cost of criminal path without interventions (up until age 30): **\$1.4 million**
- Costs averted with strategies that address acutely elevated risks: **\$0.89 million**
- Costs averted by early intervention strategies: **\$1.2 million**

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Current Funding Model

\$50,000 County of Essex

+ **\$50,000** City of Windsor

+ Collaboration & Partnership

Foundation for **\$ Millions**



Developing strategic and supportive partnerships across municipalities and sectors



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Highlights: 2022-2026 Plan Accomplishments

Priority	Implementation Activities and Collaborative Partnerships
<div>Good Governance & Data</div> <div></div>	<p>Development of a Regional System’s Leadership Table (RSLT) that meets legislative requirements and improves representation and inclusion of priority populations in collaborative decision-making processes.</p> <div><div></div><div>RSLT Purpose<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fulfill provincial mandate to institutionalize cross-sectoral collaboration to address systemic and specific service delivery opportunities• Act as a consultative body for implementation initiatives• Partnership and funding opportunities• Assist in connecting Project Team to information, data, or community partners</div></div>



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<div>Engaged & Safe Communities</div> <div></div>	<p>Promote safe, healthy, and connected neighborhoods and communities.</p> <div> \$2.9 Million</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 Youth Gun and Gang Prevention Programs with Building Safer Communities Fund• 20+ Partners represented on Regional Crime Prevention Council• 3 Youth Symposiums• 9 Neighbourhood Safety & Crime Prevention Walks• 1 Neighbourhood Safety & Crime Prevention Walk Toolkit Launched• 1000+ Community Engagements through Crime Prevention Week• 250+ Affordable Housing and Homelessness Resources Distributed

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<div>Mental Health & Substance Use Supports</div> <div></div>	<p>Increase early interventions to reduce overall service need and crisis intervention.</p> <div><div> Substance Supports. Neighbourhood Resources. Community Partnerships.</div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div><div></div><div><h2>Application for Approx. \$500,000</h2><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop Community Safety Plans• Facilitate education and training opportunities• Collect and safely dispose of needle bins• Host youth-focused community engagement events• Implement traffic management initiatives• Expand MCERT and YCRT</div></div>

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<div>Financial Security & Economic Equity</div> <div></div>	<div>Identify existing gaps in the social safety for vulnerable people; Expand or develop new programs to promote employment, training and apprenticeship opportunities.</div> <div></div> <div><div><div>WINDSOR ESSEX REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING PLAN (WERCSWB) SOCIAL SERVICE REVIEW ACTION PLAN</div><div>Data Current State Assessment</div><div>Trauma-Informed Training</div><div>System Coordination Dialogue</div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Better Jobs Ontario Program provides eligible unemployed individuals with up to \$28,000 in financial support for short-term training.Development and publication of quarterly Labour Market Insights Report, Apprenticeship Guide, Better Jobs Ontario Guide and Literacy and Basic Skills GuideDevelopment and launch of comprehensive training program for Employment Ontario staff.</div></div>

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2026-2029 Plan Revision Strategy: Engagement Path




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2026-2029 Plan Revision Strategy: Important Timelines



- **Spring & Summer 2025:** Community Engagement for Plan Revision
- **Fall 2025:** Revised WERCSWB Plan drafted and presented for approval
- **Winter 2025:** Publish 2026-2029 Plan and submit to Ministry

A photograph of three wind turbines silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky with orange, red, and purple hues. Bare trees are visible in the foreground.

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