

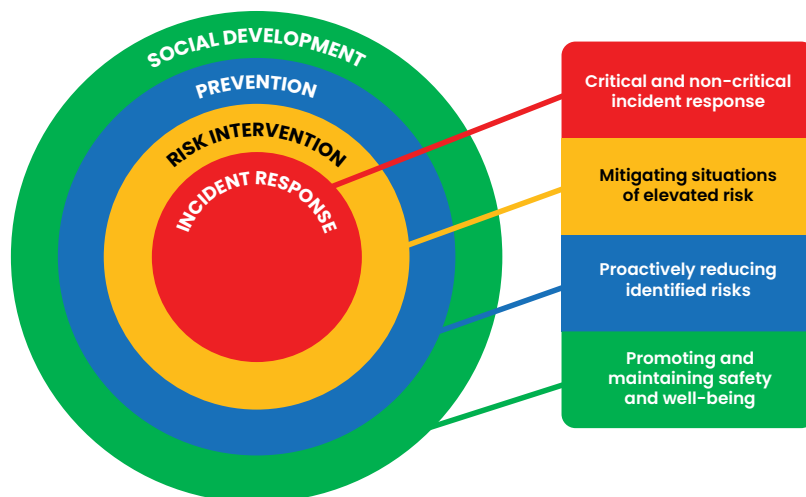
An Executive Summary

Why Develop a Community Safety & Well-Being Plan?

The *Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)*, 2019 mandates that all Ontario municipalities adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan that is reviewed every four years. The Ministry of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN) identified the following benefits of CSWB Plans:

- **Enhanced communication and collaboration amongst sectors;**
- **Increased understanding of and focus on priority risks, populations and/or neighbourhoods;**
- **Increased awareness and access to services; and**
- **New opportunities to share multi-sectoral data and evidence to identify community trends, gaps, priorities and successes.**

SOLGEN developed a CSWB Planning Framework, which forms the foundation of the Plan. Rather than focus on incident response, the framework emphasizes social development, prevention, and risk intervention.



What is Our Plan's Approach to Community Safety & Well-Being?

The 2026-2029 Windsor Essex CSWB Plan builds on successes and lessons learned from the previous Plan and presents an approach that:

- **Is grounded in local data and community voice;**
- **Offers impactful and measurable directions;**
- **Is aligned with, supportive of, and complementary to other regional plans and initiatives, without duplicating efforts; and**
- **Extends available resources for maximal impact while remaining scaled to capacity.**

Who is Leading the Work?

The Plan brings together municipal governments, sector leaders, local service providers, and local community groups and individuals to identify, contextualize and prioritize local and regional risks. A mandated consultative body known as the CSWB Advisory Committee, consisting of community leaders, priority populations, and persons with lived experience throughout Windsor Essex, will oversee the implementation of the Plan.

What is the Vision and Focus of the 2026-2029 Plan?

"A community where everyone feels safe, has a sense of belonging, equitable access to services and opportunities, and can have their needs met across Windsor and Essex County."

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What are the 2026–2029 Plan's Pillars, Goals, and Implementation Activities ?

Through extensive consultations, three key pillars were identified and form the basis of the Plan:

(1) Engaged Communities, (2) Safer Public Spaces, and (3) Coordinated Systems.

Each pillar consists of a goal and at least four implementation activities, all aligned with the CSWB Planning Framework. In total, three goals and 14 implementation activities were established.

Pillar 1: Engaged Communities	
GOAL: Empower residents of all ages and backgrounds to build meaningful connections, foster shared responsibility, and encourage community safety and well-being.	
CSWB Framework Alignment	
Support Development of Framework for Good Neighbour Program	Social Development
Lead a Youth-Crime Prevention Working Group and Advisory Committee	Prevention
Create a Community Safety Small Events Fund	Social Development
Create, Support and Advertise a Community Safety Resource Hub	Social Development
Pillar 2: Safer Public Spaces	
GOAL: Enhance the safety, accessibility, and inclusivity of public spaces by identifying local risks, implementing practical safety solutions, and fostering shared responsibility.	
Support Expansion of Neighbourhood Watch Programming	Social Development
Pilot Regional Community Safety Audits	Prevention
Support Safe Needle Disposal and Wellness-Related Initiatives	Prevention
Support Community Safety Considerations in Planning	Prevention
Support Early Interventions to Reduce Overall Service Need and Crisis Intervention	Risk Intervention
Support Safe and Effective Emergency Response to Those in Crisis	Incident Response
Pillar 3: Coordinated Systems	
GOAL: Strengthen community safety and well-being through coordinated, system-wide approaches that embed equity and collaborative planning into municipal services, community engagement, and frontline response.	
Expand Regional Crime Prevention Council	Social Development
Leverage and Expand Utilization of Trauma-Informed Training	Prevention
Increase Awareness, Training and Capacity Building Related to Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)	Prevention
Support Continued Development of the Situation Table	Risk Intervention

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