



The Corporation of the City of Cornwall
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Department: Social and Housing Services
Division: Social Services
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Subject: Explanatory Note to enter into an agreement between the City of Cornwall and the Corporation of the County of Lambton on behalf of Circles Canada

Purpose

To enter into an agreement between The City of Cornwall and the County of Lambton to provide the Circles Canada program for the residents of Cornwall and SD&G.

Background / Discussion

Circles® is a collaborative committed to the elimination of poverty in our community by utilizing the power of caring communities working together. Circles® is a supportive, intentional, reciprocal, befriending relationship comprised of a Circle Leader, a family working to get out of poverty, and two to four community Allies, middle class people who are willing to befriend the family and support their way out of poverty.

The Circles® Campaign promotes the vision to end poverty by:

- * Building intentional relationships across class and race lines including matching middle-class allies with people living in poverty and working together on a plan to raise the family out of poverty.

- * Identifying barriers that keep people in poverty
 - * Implementing innovative solutions such micro credit loans to meet transportation needs
 - * Creating effective partnerships to help families
 - * Changing the goals of the system to support families and economic change
- Circles® Canada is a poverty alleviation strategy working to build relationships across socio-economic classes to empower people and communities to thrive.

The model focuses on three strategies for people in poverty: crisis management and stabilization; education, job placement and job retention; advancement and economic stability.

Circles® initiatives have three primary goals:

1. Invite the community to join the human service system in helping people out of poverty.
2. Inspire and equip the community to eradicate poverty.
3. Develop genuine and lasting relationships across socioeconomic class lines with an intention to facilitate low-income people moving permanently out of poverty.

The Corporation of the County of Lambton has the rights to the Circles Canada initiative. As the owner of Circles Canada, the County enters into agreements with other Circles communities in Canada and provides training, support services and data systems to Circles initiatives across the country.

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