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The Steering Committee, Rexdale Community Hub

The 11 Hub service delivery partners include: Albion Neighbourhood Services, Rexdale Community Health Centre, Delta Family Resource Centre, Rexdale Women's Centre, Toronto Employment and Social Services, Dejinta Beesha (Multi Service Centre), Somali Business Development Centre, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto, Rexdale Community Legal Clinic, Community Microskills Development Centre, and Pro-tech Media Centre

A healthy and sustainable community where residents are empowered and engaged.

Mission

Through the strengths of our community, we provide innovative, client-centred, integrated health, social, legal, employment, and cultural services, and a welcoming space for individuals and families.

KEY FEATURES OF THE HUB

- A range of health and social services that specifically respond to needs identified by residents, including: Family resource programs such as parenting, playgroups, parent relief/child-minding, and parent drop-in, Group programs for children and youth including recreation, social, educational, and creative arts programs,

- Primary care (e.g., physician, nurses, chiropody, physiotherapy, dental), and health promotion (e.g., diabetes education),
- congregate dining and healthy cooking,
- Settlement services and programming targeting newcomers such as information/referral, system navigation, assistance with forms completion, citizenship classes, language instruction, seniors programs,
- Employment and entrepreneurship skills development,
- Resident leadership, civic engagement, public legal education,
- Legal services including landlord and tenant, income maintenance, worker's compensation, employment insurance, criminal injuries compensation, system navigation and referrals,
- Housing support such as eviction

prevention, and Arts, music and culture.

- Multi-purpose space designated for use by small and emerging resident groups meeting, program and event space and short-term administrative space. Groups will have access to administrative resources such as internet, photocopying and to the health and social services programming provided by the Hub partners.

BENEFITS TO RESIDENTS

- The Hub creates much needed physical space where residents can: access the services they need, come together and connect with each other, organize, and foster new ideas, take a leadership role in affecting changes in their neighbourhood
- As well, emerging or-

ganizations and grassroots groups will have access to a space where they can develop and grow.

- As the largest and most comprehensive community service hub in the city, the Rexdale Multi-Service Community Hub will ultimately contribute to "A healthy and sustainable community where residents are empowered and engaged." Current funding partners include the City of Toronto, United Way Toronto (UWT). Capital grants have also been committed by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Legal Aid Ontario, Trillium Foundation and Citizenship and Immigration Canada, and ISF funds from the Federal Government