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Improving How We Serve Youth and Young Adults in Our Community

Mississauga – Peel Children's Centre (PCC), Rapport Youth & Family Services (Rapport) and Nexus Youth Services (NYS) are excited to announce two joint initiatives designed to improve and simplify services for youth and young adults in Peel Region.

Welcoming ECLYPSE to Central Mississauga

Effective April 1, 2020, the Nexus Youth Centre, historically operated by NYS and located within the Mississauga Central Library, will transfer to Rapport and become known as the ECLYPSE Youth Centre – Central Mississauga.

Since 1969, Rapport has been committed to serving youth and young adults in Peel Region. Rapport provides multimedia and arts programming, employment services, after school programs and volunteer opportunities for youth and young adults through nine locations in Peel, including two ECLYPSE Youth Centres in Brampton, and looks forward to building on the Nexus Youth Centre's strong legacy of making a difference for young people in Mississauga.

"We are delighted to welcome the Nexus Youth Centre to our Rapport family as we expand our renowned youth drop-in services to Central Mississauga," said David Clement, Rapport's Executive Director. "Currently, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are focused on offering virtual supports to youth and young adults, and we look forward to resuming our drop-in programs and services when it is safe to do so."

Simplifying Counselling Services for Youth and Young Adults

Also on April 1, 2020, PCC will assume responsibility for counselling services previously offered by Rapport and NYS. The joint decision to re-align services between the three agencies simplifies how youth and young adults in Peel Region receive counselling services.

"Since 1985, PCC has been committed to helping young people with mental health challenges," said PCC and NYS CEO Humphrey Mitchell. "While our offices are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are using modern technology in new and innovative ways in order to continue delivering high quality mental health services to the youth and young adults who need our help."

About the Partners

Rapport Youth & Family Services' mission is to strengthen the social and emotional well-being of youth. The agency's vision is "Happier Youth, Healthier Communities", as Rapport believes that assisting young persons with their challenges has a direct impact on their own well-being and the overall health of their community. For more information about Rapport, visit www.rapportyouth.com

Nexus Youth Services is an accredited, community-based, publicly funded, mental health agency that has served more than 2,000 youth and young adults annually through its community counselling program and youth centre.

Peel Children's Centre is one of Canada's largest child and youth mental health service providers, helping more than 4,300 children, youth and their families every year through a range of high quality programs and services. In 2019, PCC and NYS announced their decision to amalgamate into a unified agency that will be known as EveryMind. For more information about PCC and NYS' amalgamation journey, visit www.peelcc.org/en/news

For more information about free and confidential community-based mental health services in Peel Region, please visit www.WhereToStart.ca or call 905-451-4655 to request an intake appointment.

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