

The Ontario Working Group on Collaborative, Risk-Driven Community Safety (OWG) recently completed a one year research and development effort, producing a community safety planning framework, along with tools and resources to support the implementation of risk-driven, collaborative interventions and strategies. This risk-driven work, set within the context of community safety planning, can have a significant positive impact on a person's life, a family's well-being and the safety of neighbourhoods.

The OWG's report begins with nine very brief essays about the issues and approaches on risk-driven collaboration for community safety and well-being that have emerged over this past year. These are followed by resource papers including information about the framework for community safety planning along with a power point slide deck, ready-made for presentation. Other reports deal with performance measures for community safety and well-being; interpretive guidance for information sharing practices in Ontario; considerations for the mitigation of acutely elevated risk of harm; collaborative analysis for systemic improvements to data collection and analytics; and a report on the activities of the OWG, itself.

The OWG is finding that people, organizations and communities are welcoming these materials. It will certainly take some time for people to review and digest the report and for the word to spread. The OWG welcomes feedback. If you have comments, suggestions or other related materials you would like to share including promising risk-driven, collaborative practices, please email the OWG at SafetyPlanning@ontario.ca.

The OWG would like to take this opportunity to thank all Ontario communities who have expressed their interest in both sharing their early successes and exploring the potential for collaboration. Together, we can make a difference.