TOWARD COMMON GROUND: METADATA DOCUMENT
PROJECT SUMMARY

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DESCRIPTION

Toward Common Ground (TCG) is a collaborative initiative in Guelph-Wellington that champions and supports strategic action in the social and health service sector. Toward Common Ground is comprised of 14 partners from the social and health services sector.

The current project was completed by graduate student interns at the Research Shop from September 2016 until April 2017 as part of a broader effort to present indicators and measures of wellbeing for individuals in Guelph and Wellington. TCG approached the Research Shop to assist in creating a single document that outlines vital and relevant information about key indicators of wellbeing. This document will serve as a comprehensive source of information about indicators of wellbeing.

To create this document, Research Shop interns first searched numerous websites and databases for credible information and data for these indicators and measures of wellbeing. Specifically, we searched for definitions of indicators and measures, rationales for including each measure, alignment of each measure with other well-known indicators, as well as data sources, data availability, data reference population, data geography, and any limitations of the measure or data. This
information was simultaneously synthesized and added to the metadata document. Finally, all information was cited and referenced using APA style formatting.

KEY RESULTS

The final product is a metadata document that is over 90 pages long including references. This document outlines all of Toward Common Ground’s selected indicators and measures of wellbeing for individuals in Guelph and Wellington. Each measure is accompanied by: a definition, a rationale (i.e., importance), a list of other well-known indicators it aligns with, a data source, the data availability, a reference population for the data, and the geography of the data.

IMPACT

This metadata document is a comprehensive resource that will be referenced and used for future TCG initiatives and projects. This project will contribute to a broader effort to create a common understanding of the wellbeing of people in Guelph and Wellington.

For more information on this project, please contact the Research Shop at cesi@uoguelph.ca.