

Building a Strong Community

Making Hamilton a Child Friendly Community



Child and Family Welfare

- Supporting and Developing Strategies that...

Make Hamilton
A Child Friendly
Community

- Community Action Program for Children
- Partners in Nutrition
- Family Literacy Project

Make Hamilton
An Inclusive
Community

- Early Years Challenge Fund
- GIS Community Map of Child Family Well-Being

Educate citizens
on Family Issue
s including non-
traditional
families

- Facilitator Training for Cultural Communities
- Multi- Cultural Community Resource
- Strengthening Community Civility

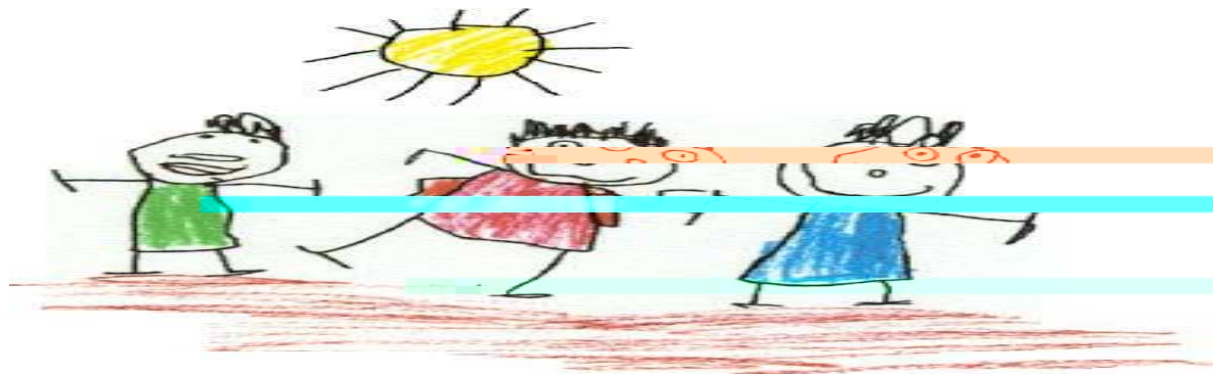
Conditions of Child and Family Well-Being



- adequate income
- effective parenting
- supportive community environments

Community Action Program for Children CAPC

- Improve the health and well-being of children ages 0 -6
 - Addresses issues of poverty, adverse living conditions, unequal access to services, neglect and abuse.
 - Provide programs and supports to parents
 - Involve CAPC families in planning for their community



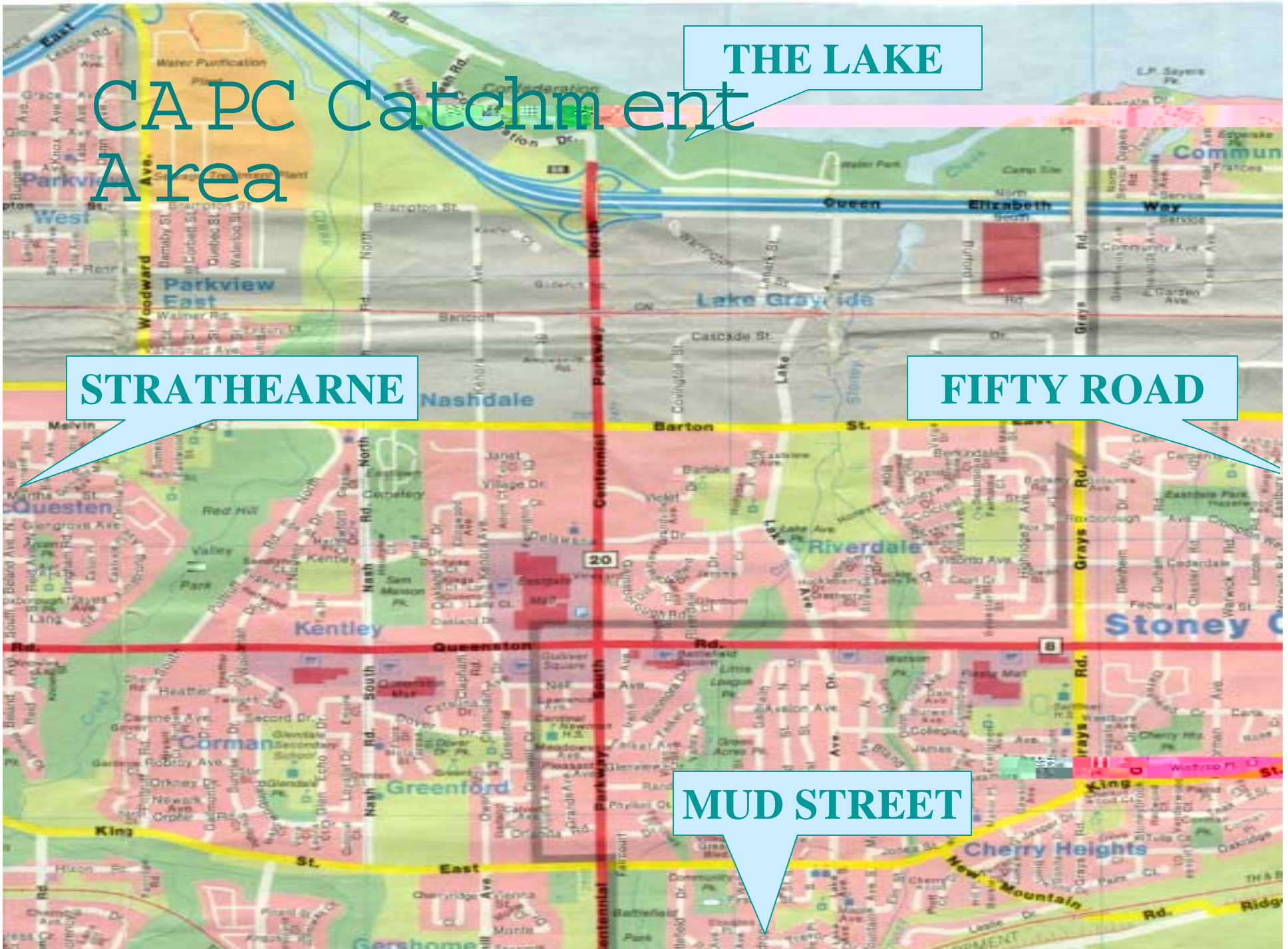
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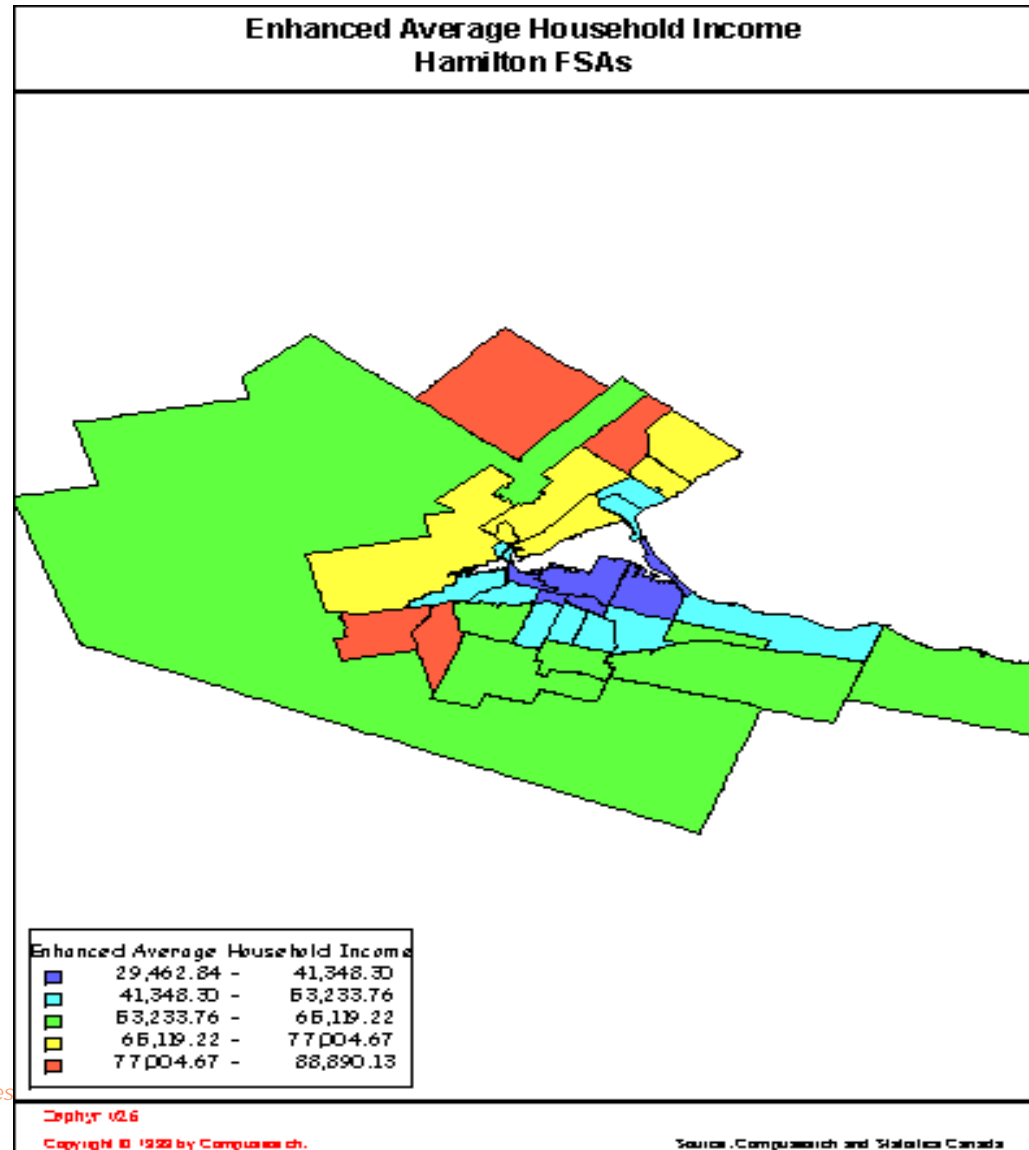
FIFTY ROAD

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Describing the Community

Income Levels





Child Poverty in Hamilton

In 1999, the Social Planning and Research Council estimated that there were approximately

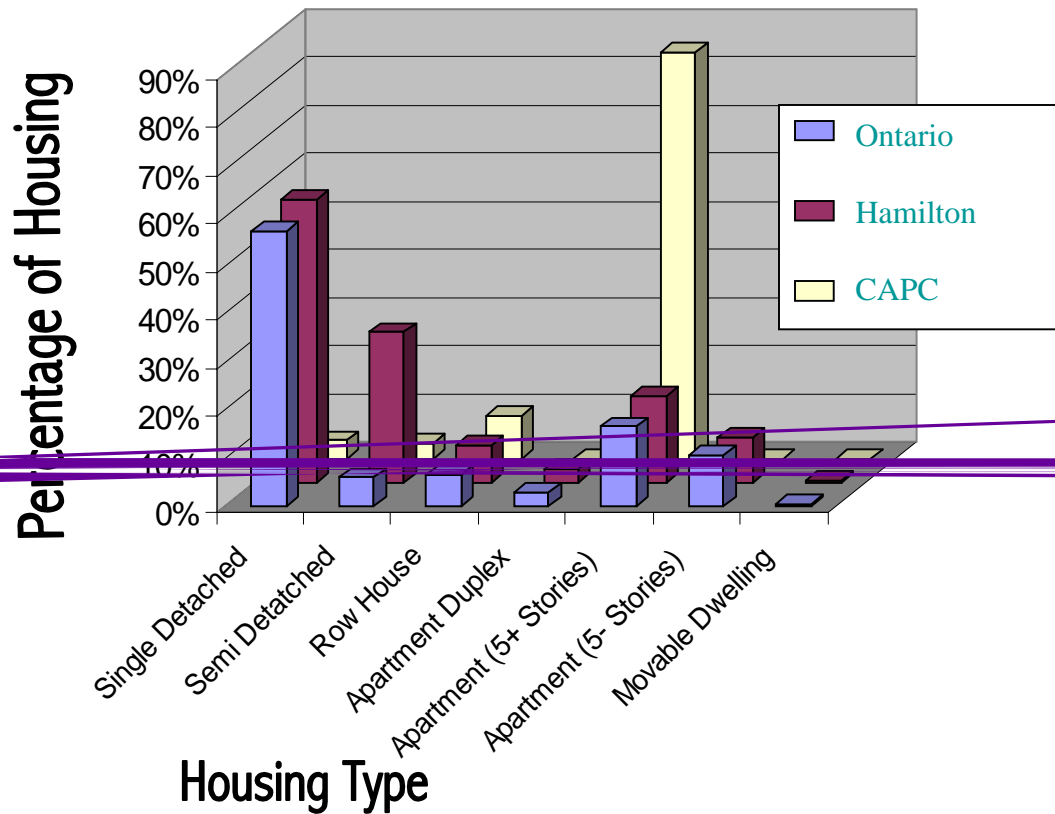
26,800 children living in poverty

in Hamilton-Wentworth

More than 1 in 5 children are living in poverty.

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High Density Housing



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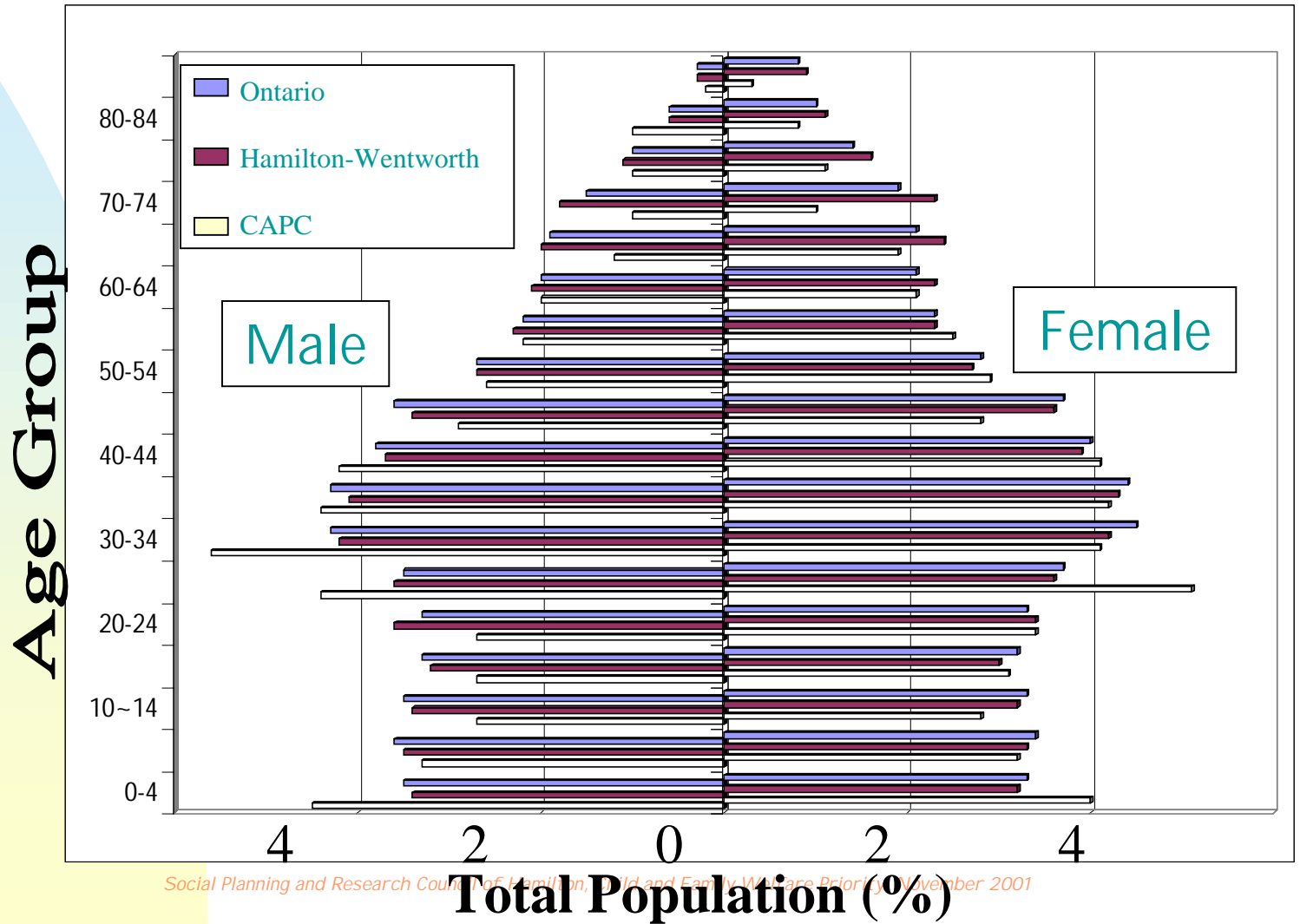
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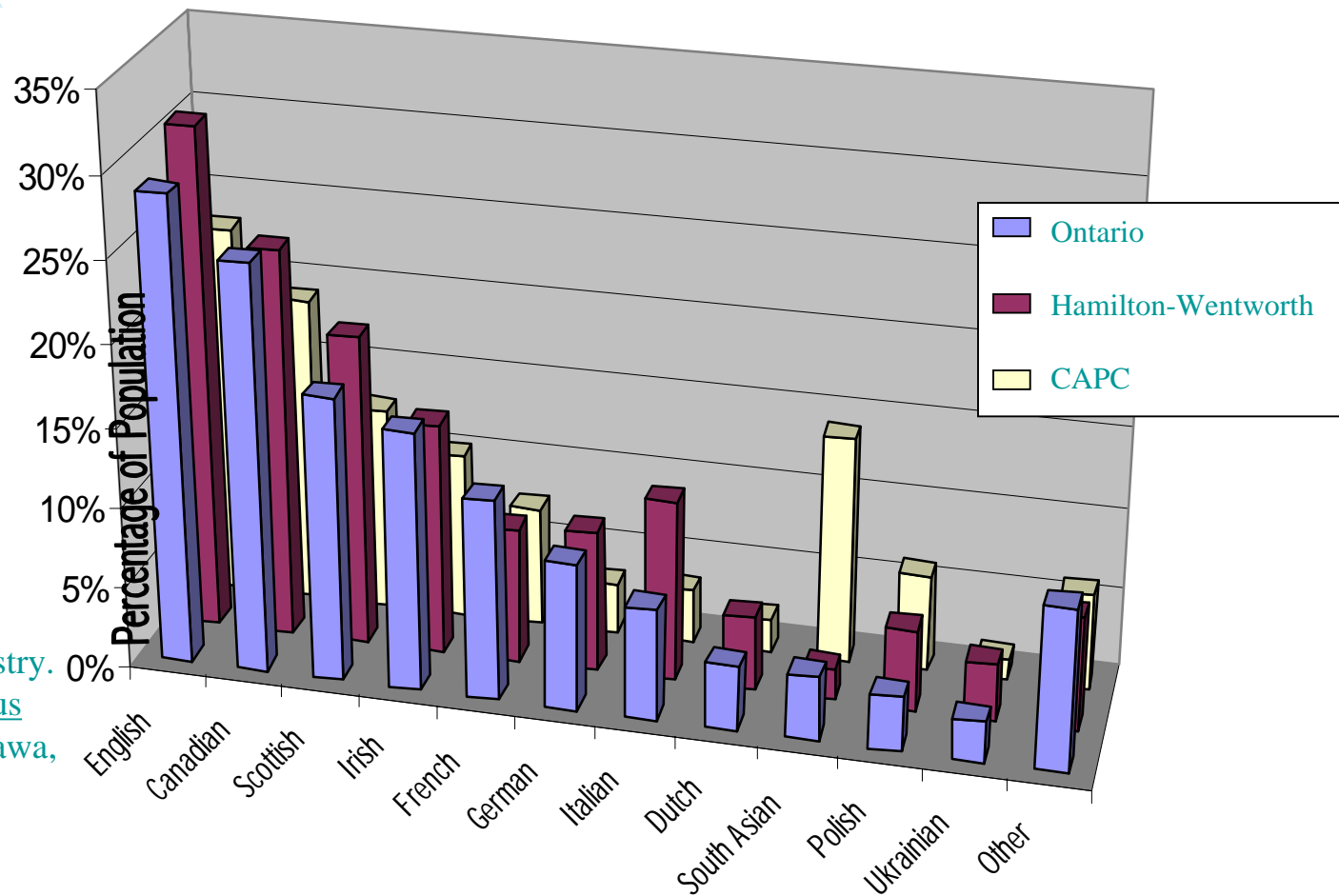
Population Composition



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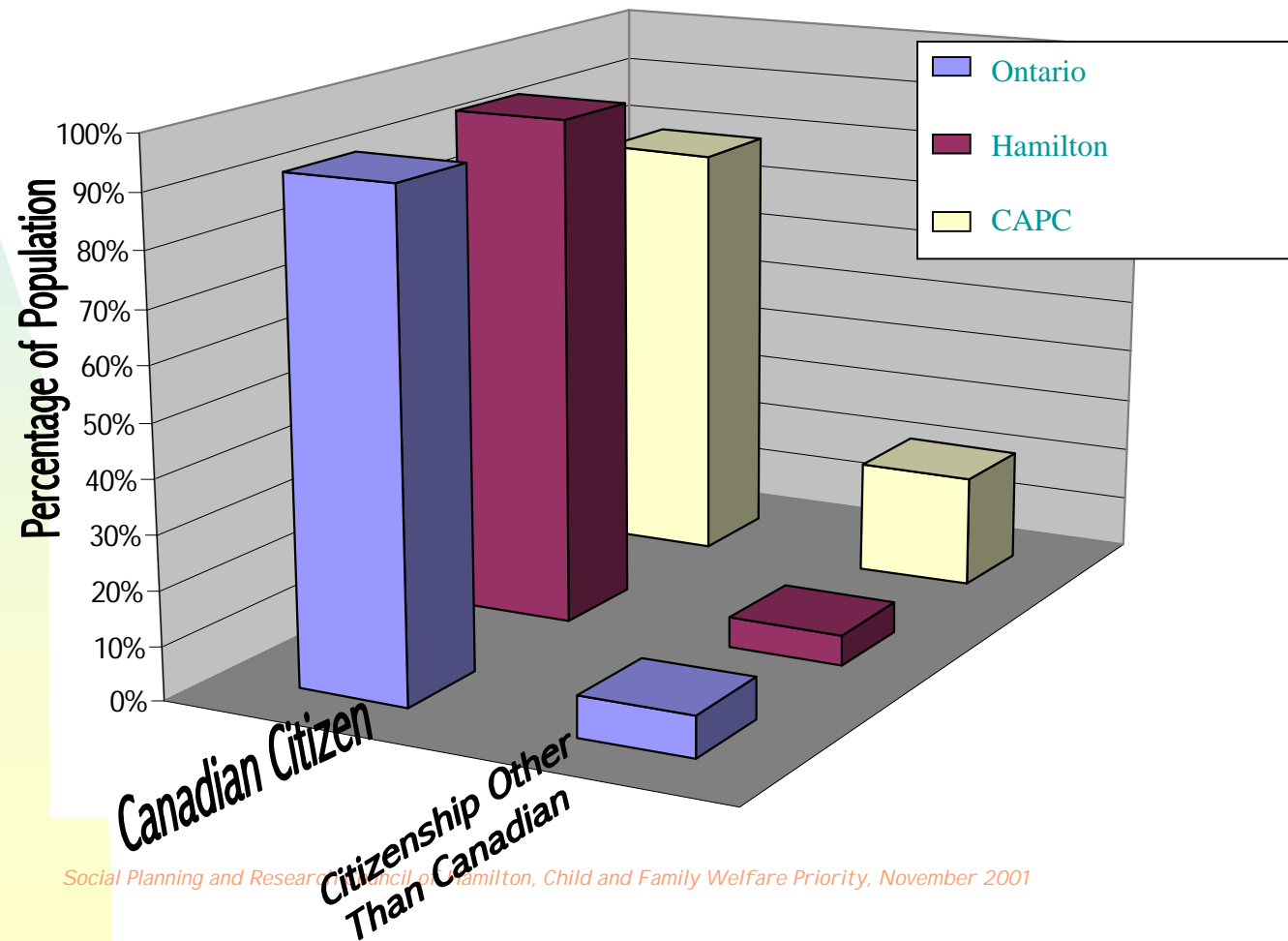
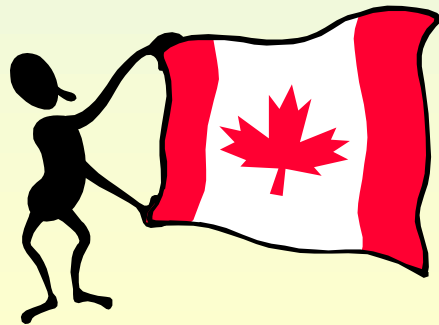
Ethnic Origins



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Describing the Community

Canadian Citizenship



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Describing the CAPC Community

- Low Income
- High Density Housing
- Large population of children 0-4 years of age
- Diverse ethnic makeup
- High percentage of new Canadians



CAPC Programmes

- Community Events
- Nobody's Perfect
- Community Support Worker
 - Baby's Best Start
 - Parenting ABC
 - Community Access to Child Health
 - Skills Through Activities and Recreation (STAR)
 - Parents Helping Parents



Partners in Nutrition

To support and encourage child nutrition programs

- In 1999 approx. 7000 children served by nourishment programs
- North Hamilton Community Centre reports the number of children in their program has more than doubled
- Nutrition Program Coordinator funded by Canadian Living Foundation



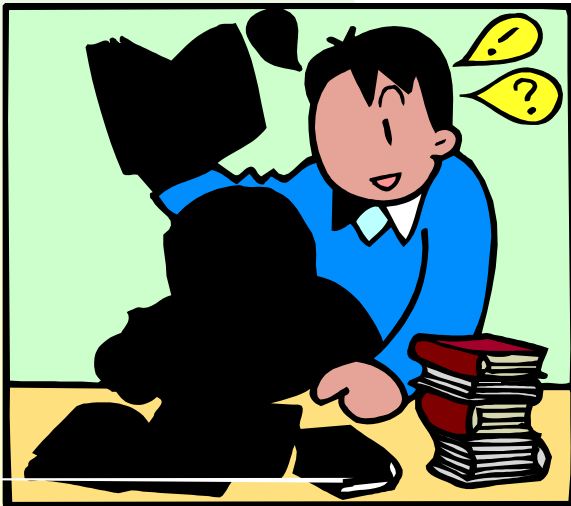
Partners include:

- Hamilton Community Foundation
- Greater Hamilton Food Share
- Hamilton Public & Catholic School Boards
- Social and Public Health

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Family Literacy projects improve skills and development opportunities

- SPRC is a partner in the Families Reading Together project and is trustee for funding from the Hamilton Community Foundation
- The project develops teaching strategies, resources and curriculum outlines for programs which encourage reading in families



Early Years Challenge Fund and the Children's Symposium

- Early Years Challenge Fund provides up to \$800,000 annually over a 3 year period to support community projects that expand and enhance early years programs for parents and young children
- SPRC is assisting groups in developing partnerships to build successful applications
- The Children's Symposium held in January 2001 set the stage for creating a community plan for children in Hamilton
- The Symposium called for more work to integrate services, improve mapping of community resources for children and develop a plan
- SPRC will follow up with a report on community progress on these counts in February 2002



Mapping Community Assets

“The key to neighborhood regeneration is to locate all of the available local assets, to begin connecting them with one another in ways that multiply their power and effectiveness, and to begin harnessing those local institutions that are not yet available for local development purposes.”

(Kretzmann and McKnight, 1993, p4)

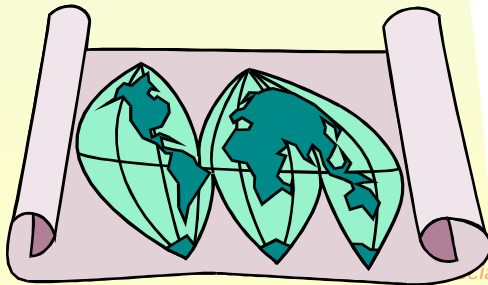


Hamilton Community Map of Child and Family Well-Being

A Geographic Information System that maps indicators of child and family well-being at a neighbourhood level.

An interactive mapping and information system that provides composite, neighbourhood profiles.

Map of community assets that identifies risk and resilience factors at a local level.



Hamilton Community Map

Three important building blocks in creating the Hamilton Community Map.

- I identify and gather data that depict child and family well-being at a neighbourhood level
- Develop and layer the data into a interactive mapping system
- I nsure that the Community Map is accessible and useful to the local community

Mapping Information

Churches



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Hamilton Community Map

Key Partners

- McMaster School of Social Work
- Centre for Studies of Children at Risk
- Community Information Services
- HamiltonConnects

Community Resource Centre

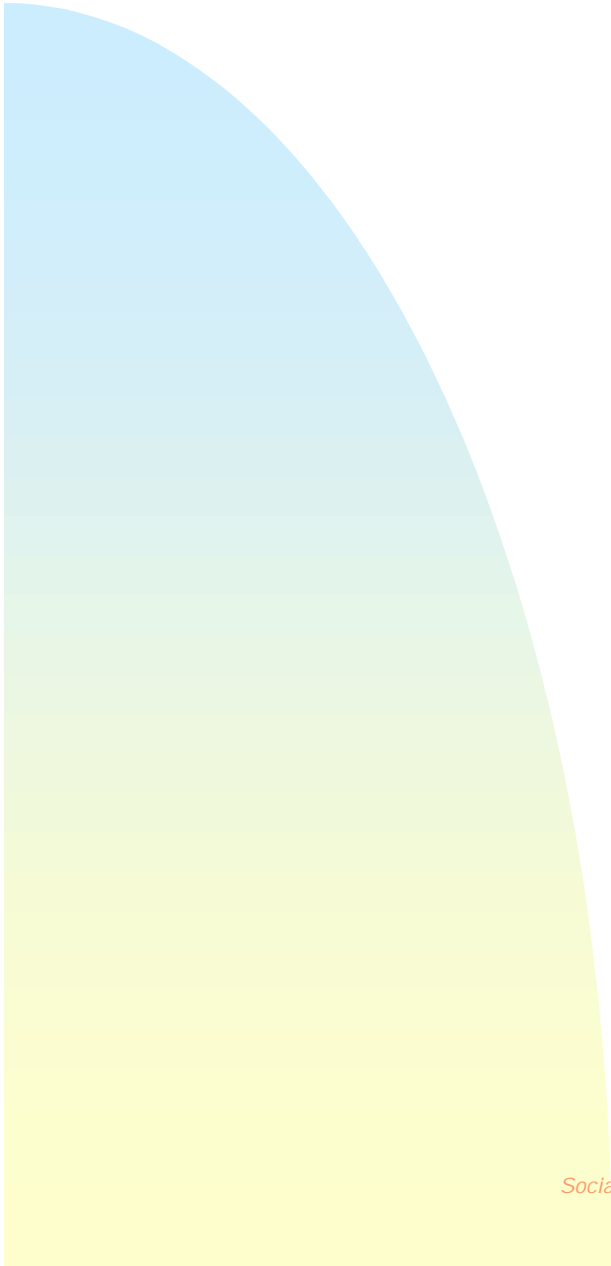
A community has both physical and non-physical elements that contribute to community health.

- A community is *not* a building but rather the events that go on inside these buildings
- Buildings or meeting spaces are places where communities can work for a common goal
- Most importantly, buildings and structures are a source of pride for a community; a physical symbol of community accomplishment and ownership

Community Space

New Recreation Centre







Conduct facilitator training for members of cultural communities

- Proposal has been developed and submitted to Heritage Canada
- The project would recruit and train members of cultural minority communities to serve as facilitators in community planning processes
- This project was developed with the support of Settlement and Integration Services and the United Way of Burlington, Hamilton-Wentworth
- The proposal, submitted in the spring of 2001, is currently under consideration by Heritage Canada



Strengthen community civility and challenge racist activity in Hamilton

- The stimulus for this project was the marked increase of racial incidents of racism, vandalism and acts of hate in Hamilton which increased following the September 11 terrorist attacks.
- The Mayor of Hamilton leads the project. Other institutional leaders are participating: the United Way, Hamilton Community Foundation, **SPRC, HRDC, MCSS, DHC** and others
- The project has assembled a large group of community leaders to develop strategies and actions to address fears and strengthen community response to threats and equitable treatment
- The McConnell Foundation has been provided with a request for funding to support the development of this project.

Community Involvement

- The Hamilton Children's Symposium
- The Square
- Neighbourhood Safety Project
- Student Action Against Violence





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