

**The  
Hamilton  
Justice  
Collaboratory:  
A Boldness Project**

*Schedule of Events*

**GRAND OPENING**

When: Monday, April 23, 2018  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: The Grand Opening will feature voices of change from the community, musical guests, and refreshments. The Collaboratory will be open and working, with exhibits and proof of possibility stations to explore. Local artists and filmmakers will be highlighted and community members will have the opportunity to preview what they can expect when they enter the Collaboratory in the days and weeks to come!

Be with us as we begin this process and prove that Hamilton is a strong, diverse and united city that is committed to creating a justice community that is truly responsive to the needs of its members. Join us as we journey towards reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Be there as we show the world that THIS is how HAMILTON does it!

**KEEPING YOUTH OUT OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM  
(Criminal Law Focus)**

When: Tuesday, April 24, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: We are creating innovative and bold alternatives to the formal justice system for the youth of our community! Service providers will be coming together to discuss and prototype ideas, and we are excited to have representation from the youth community to help us do this. Local and international proof of possibilities will motivate and inspire us in our work today!

How do we hold youth accountable while at the same time, leaving youth further ahead rather than further behind? How do we find solutions that truly meet the objectives of the criminal justice system (i.e. deterrence, denunciation, rehabilitation, and reintegration), while at the same time, minimizing the contact that youth have with the formal system? Are there ideas from around the globe that might inspire us?

**KEEPING FAMILY DISPUTES OUT OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM –  
COMMUNITY CAFE  
(Family Law Focus)**

When: Wednesday, April 25, 2018  
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: We know that the current structure of the family justice system is not addressing the needs of our families. For many parents and people struggling through relationship breakdowns, the court system is the default 'solution'. By the end of the process, families are often torn further apart and co-parenting seems almost impossible. Let's give couples and parents, no matter what their income, viable alternatives to the court system!

To do this, we need to hear from families that are going through, or have been through, the family justice system! We want to know what kinds of community supports and services could have helped them avoid the formal justice system altogether and what barriers they might face in accessing them. This community conversation will shape and drive the discussion that we will have later in the Collaboratory. Service providers from this city will come together and brainstorm innovative and new ideas about how we can meet

the needs of our community members while simultaneously enabling them to avoid contact with the formal justice system.

**HONOURING OUR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN,  
GIRLS, TRANSGENDER, TWO-SPIRIT PEOPLE  
(Services to the Indigenous Communities Focus)**

When: Thursday, April 26, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: The high rates of violence experienced by Indigenous women, girls, transgender, and two-spirit people, and the staggering numbers of missing and murdered from the Indigenous communities is unacceptable. The systems have failed to protect them. It's time to change those systems!

In the morning, we will be honouring the missing and murdered, and their families. With them in mind, we will spend the afternoon identifying the gaps in the current justice system that allow this crisis in our community to continue. We hope that this discussion and identification of gaps will not only inform, but also shape our conversations about the child protection system and the criminal justice system, which we will be having in the coming weeks.

**NEWLY ARRIVED TO CANADA POTLUCK  
(Services to the Immigrant and Refugee Communities Focus)**

When: Thursday, April 26, 2018  
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: TBD

What: We look forward to meeting and reconnecting with our community members, and having some meaningful and informal conversations about the justice issues that mean the most to all of us. Members of all cultural communities are welcome! We hope that the discussion and the relationships built tonight will not only inform,

but also shape the conversations that we will be having in the coming weeks.

**PUTTING FAMILIES FIRST – CHILD PROTECTION  
(Family Law Focus)**

When: Friday, April 27, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: Families in crisis are involuntarily coming into contact with the formal child protection system on a regular basis. In most cases, it is a system that is reactive to crisis and not proactive to families needing extra community support.

Today, service providers will be coming together to discuss and prototype ideas about how we can address child protection concerns outside of the formal justice system, when possible, on a proactive basis. We will identify key community partnerships that are going to help us ensure that families feel comfortable asking for help without the fear of reproach, and help them receive the supports they need to avoid the moment of crisis. Local and international proof of possibilities will motivate and inspire us in our work today!

**HAMILTON REGIONAL INDIAN CENTRE COMMUNITY SOCIAL AND  
POTLUCK  
(Services to the Indigenous Communities Focus)**

When: Friday, April 27, 2018  
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Hamilton Regional Indian Centre (HRIC)  
33 Ottawa Street North

What: We look forward to meeting and reconnecting with community members! Sharing food, laughs, and ideas with our friends at the

HRIC is the perfect way to close out the first week of our *Hamilton Justice Collaboratory*! All are welcome!

**ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH  
(Criminal Law Focus)**

When: Monday, April 30, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: Science recognizes that the human brain is not fully developed at age 18 just because they are legally considered adults. It's time for the justice system to catch up with science!

Today, we are bringing together service providers and members of the justice system that deal specifically with youth aged 18 to 25. We will develop innovative and bold ways to ensure that transitional aged youth are accessing a system sensitive to their very specific needs. Role-play and simulations will help us focus and models of restorative justice will be our inspiration today!

**A CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM CENTRED ON THE NEEDS OF  
INDIGENOUS FAMILIES IN HAMILTON  
(Services to the Indigenous Communities Focus)**

When: Tuesday, May 1, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: Indigenous families in crisis, or at risk of being in crisis, have needs that the mainstream child protection and justice systems are not addressing appropriately or effectively. Today, service providers, child protection agencies, and those who work with Indigenous families in Hamilton, will work together to identify gaps and failures in the current mainstream systems.

We will hear from some of our Indigenous parents from the community to help us identify what kinds of support they need and want, and also to help us celebrate some of the services that they have found helpful along the way. The insights from these parents will help us focus on a path forward together, and will help us develop our short-term and long-term goals as a justice community that is responsive to the specific needs of the Indigenous families in Hamilton.

**PROTECTING SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FROM FURTHER TRAUMA IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM  
(Family Law Focus)**

When: Wednesday, May 2, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: Survivors of domestic violence often find themselves simultaneously and involuntarily involved with both the family law system and the criminal law system. Survivors are forced to deal with a flurry of emotions and trauma in a very short and pressure-filled timeframe. At times, they are also faced with the looming threat of losing their children to the child protection system. Survivors are often required to relive their abuse through court documents, court appearances, testimony, and court-ordered community programming.

Today, we are taking a focused look at how survivors often experience the feeling of revictimization by our formal family law justice system. Come and stand with us, and work with us, as we brainstorm new and innovative ways to reduce the potential for revictimization of survivors within our justice system!

**SUPPORTING NEWLY ARRIVED TO CANADA YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES**  
**(Services to the Immigrant and Refugee Communities Focus)**

When: Thursday, May 3, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: Youth from immigrant or refugee families who find themselves within either the youth criminal justice system or the child protection system, are often there because our community has not been able to provide them with the proper supports and services. We often miss opportunities to proactively assist families in ways that will help their youth-aged children avoid contact with the justice system in the future.

Service providers and community organizations that work directly with the immigrant and refugee communities will come together to identify innovative ways to help families avoid the formal justice system. Real life examples of vulnerable families will be our motivation, and local and international success stories will be our inspiration today!

**FINDING A PATH TO THE FUTURE: COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS WITH INDIGENOUS YOUTH**  
**(Services to the Indigenous Communities Focus)**

When: Thursday, May 3, 2018  
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: With youth comes enthusiasm, creativity and innovation! We are looking for bold ideas about justice and where better to find them than in conversation with Indigenous youth aged 15 to 23 from our own community!

There will be food, foosball, pool tables, music, and informal discussions about what changes we need to see happen in justice.

Let's look at justice through the eyes of this community's next generation of leaders!

**THE IMPORTANCE OF CITIZENSHIP  
(Services to the Immigrant and Refugee Communities Focus)**

When: Tuesday, May 8, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: We see it often in the formal justice system; grown children of immigrant or refugee families who have lived in Hamilton for most of their lives simply assuming that they have Canadian citizenship. Years after their arrival in Canada, they realize, often after coming into contact with the formal justice system, that their parent or guardian never actually finalized a citizenship application. This leads to further contact with the justice system, and in some case, they will face awful situations like being deported 'back' to a country they have never really called home.

Today, we will come together as service providers and members of the community to identify ways to ensure that children are assisted with the completion of citizenship applications. This is an amazing opportunity for collaboration between the education, medical, and justice sectors!

**REDUCING THE NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE CHARGES  
(Criminal Law Focus)**

When: Tuesday, May 8, 2018  
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: A youth may miss is a curfew. An accused, overwhelmed with their lived reality, may miss a court appearance. With every mistake, comes a new charge and a new or increased punishment. With



every new charge and increased punishment comes more stress and frustration that leads to more mistakes. We must break this cycle!

We will design bold and innovative approaches and solutions, which will lead to a reduction in these charges entering and/or proceeding through the formal justice system. We will approach this by considering various perspectives, including the police (upon charging), the Crown (upon prosecution), the Justice of the Peace (upon imposing release conditions), the Judge (upon sentencing), the lawyer (upon release and sentencing) and the client (compliance with conditions).

**SERVICE PROVIDERS LEADING THE WAY: AVOIDING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM THROUGH SERVICE  
(Family Law Focus)**

When: Thursday, May 10, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: We know that the current structure of the family justice system is not addressing the needs of our families. For many parents and people struggling through relationship breakdowns, the court system is the default 'solution'. By the end of the process, families are often torn further apart and co-parenting seems almost impossible. Let's give couples and parents, no matter what their income, viable alternatives to the court system!

Work with us as we develop an innovative new approach to family law justice in this city! We need an approach centered on the goal of providing people experiencing relationship breakdown with services and supports to meet their needs and keep them out of the formal justice system, no matter what their income.

**CHILD PROTECTION AGENCIES WORKING TOGETHER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF INDIGENOUS FAMILIES IN HAMILTON  
(Services to the Indigenous Communities Focus)**

When: Thursday, May 10, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: Indigenous families in crisis, or at risk of being in crisis, have needs that the mainstream child protection systems are not addressing appropriately or effectively. On May 1, 2018, we had a working session that focused on making sure these families have their needs met in a way that keeps them away from the formal justice system, when possible.

Today, some of the ideas discussed in our previous session will be discussed in depth by our child protection agencies here in the city. Representatives from Ogwadenede, the Children's Aid Society, and the Catholic Children's Aid Society, will sit down to work on forging a path forward together. Let's see how we can work efficiently together to meet the needs of our Indigenous families and children.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM: RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF INDIGENOUS CLIENTS  
(Services to the Indigenous Communities Focus)**

When: Friday, May 11, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: Indigenous people are overrepresented in every aspect of the criminal justice system. Those facing charges are often ordered to live under almost impossible conditions considering their lived reality. Court mandated programs are often one-size-fit-all, while the culturally appropriate alternatives that take into account the history and the trauma endured by the individual and the community are not specifically promoted by the system. Indigenous

individuals continue to find themselves in the criminal justice system without the proper supports needed to address the root causes of their criminal behavior.

Too often, the system itself is failing Indigenous people in this country and in this community. It's time to do something about it! Join us today as we work as a city-wide community on culturally intelligent and innovative ways to address the needs of Indigenous clients who have come, or who are at risk of coming, into contact with the criminal justice system!

### **MAKING HAMILTON A TRUE SANCTUARY CITY (Services to the Immigrant and Refugee Communities Focus)**

When: Monday, May 14, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: On February 12, 2014, after a city council vote, Hamilton declared itself a 'Sanctuary City'. Hamilton was only the second Canadian city to have done so at the time. This declaration was the city's way of publically committing to providing refugees access to municipal services such as emergency shelters, recreation, public transit, libraries, food banks, and law enforcement, without asking questions about a person's status in Canada.

Since this vote in 2014, has Hamilton truly been a sanctuary for the undocumented? Are people able to get the services they need without fear of deportation or punishment? Today, we take a closer look at this notion of being a 'Sanctuary City'. What does and should it mean to us as a community? How can we collectively ensure that a city-wide protocol is in place and consistently followed? Join as us we get inspired by some proof of possibility from around the world!

**SUPPORTING THOSE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH OR  
ADDICTION – COMMUNITY CAFE  
(Family Law Focus)**

When: Monday, May 14, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: Those struggling with mental health and addiction often find themselves in the criminal justice system because they have been unable to obtain and maintain community supports that assist them with managing their lived reality. Unless you have endured these kinds of struggles, it is difficult to identify the specific support, programs and systems that these individuals require to reduce their risk of coming into contact with the formal criminal justice system.

That's why we are inviting members of the public who are or who have experienced these struggles to help us and share their thoughts and concerns. The information and ideas that we gather today will help shape and drive the conversation that we will have with service providers who work in the mental health and addiction fields the following day.

**FINDING ALTERNATIVES FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL  
HEALTH AND ADDICTION  
(Criminal Law Focus)**

When: Tuesday, May 15, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: Our criminal justice system is overflowing with individuals who are struggling with mental health and addiction issues. These vulnerable community members often find themselves involved with the system almost by default; they have been unable to obtain and sustain the community support and services needed to successfully manage their lived reality.

Come and work with us today as we use proof of possibility from around the world and role-play exercises to inspire and motivate ourselves as we seek out new and innovative ways to 'decriminalize' mental health and addiction struggles. This is a true opportunity for city-wide collaboration!

## **A CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR KIM PATE ABOUT JUSTICE REFORM**

**When:** Tuesday, May 15, 2018  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Tim Hortons Field – City Lounge  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

**What:** Senator Kim Pate will be joining us this morning to share some of her experiences in and around the justice system. Senator Pate is a nationally renowned advocate who has spent the last 35 years working in and around the legal and penal systems of Canada, with and on behalf of some of the most marginalized, victimized, criminalized, and institutionalized — particularly imprisoned youth, men and women.

Senator Pate was the Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies (CAEFS) from January 1992 until her appointment to the Senate in November 2016. CAEFS is a federation of local societies providing services and work in partnership with Aboriginal women, women with mental health issues and other disabling conditions, young women, visible minority and immigrant women, poor women, and those isolated and otherwise deprived of potential sources of support. Prior to her time with CAEFS, Senator Pate worked with youth and men in a number of capacities with the local John Howard Society in Calgary, as well as the national office. She has developed and taught courses in prison law, human rights and social justice, and defending battered women on trial at the Faculties of Law at the University of Ottawa, Dalhousie University and the University of Saskatchewan.

**UNNECESSARY MOTIONS TO CHANGE: LET'S AUTOMATICALLY RECALCULATE!  
(Family Law Focus)**

When: Wednesday, May 16, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: Annual incomes fluctuate from year to year. Support amounts in family court orders don't! Because of this, every year we see individuals starting motions to change in court to alter the support amount that was ordered the year before. If we could find a way to have support orders automatically recalculated every year, in an easy and cost-effective way, hundreds of our families in Hamilton could stay away from the formal justice system and still get the desired outcome.

This session will explore the current online recalculation tool and identify ways to improve it, and make it more useful and accessible to Hamilton's families. Join us as we evaluate, adapt, and innovate!

**CREATING COMMUNITY: A 3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT FOR CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE FAMILIES  
(Services to the Immigrant and Refugee Communities Focus)**

When: Wednesday, May 16, 2018  
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: We invite all immigrant and refugee families, with children ages 8 to 12, to join us as we take over the sports field at Tim Hortons Field for a mini 3-on-3 soccer tournament! Kids; get moving and get to know some other kids your age from Hamilton! Parents: enjoy the games and chat with us about some of the ideas we've come up with during the Hamilton Justice Collaboratory! We want your feedback! Come out and share some thoughts, laughs and snacks!

## **THE HAMILTON JUSTICE COLLABORATORY CLOSING: OUR PATH FORWARD**

When: Thursday, May 17, 2018  
12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Tim Hortons Field  
64 Melrose Avenue North (Gate 3)

What: The Collaboratory may be closing, but **The Hamilton Boldness Project** continues!

Come to the Collaboratory to see the work that has been started and what our plan is moving forward! Be witness to what a strong, diverse and united city is able to accomplish when it is committed to creating a justice community that is truly responsive to the needs of its members!

Let's celebrate: THIS is how HAMILTON does it!