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Birth to Six Standing Committee Interprofessional Forum

May 13, 2026



Summary of feedback

Event Overview

On May 13, 2026, Growing Great Generations' Birth to Six Standing Committee held its second annual Interprofessional Forum at Jefferson Elora Community Centre. The Forum featured presentations, networking, interactive sessions and booths sharing information on local services and resources.

Attendees included **111** individuals from a range of organizations supporting children and families across Wellington-Guelph.

84% of attendees (93) completed a feedback form. This feedback will be used to inform the planning of future Forums and events. It will also be shared with the Growing Great Generations Planning Table, the Birth-Six Standing Committee, and their respective working groups, to inform planning and action.



Objectives for the Interprofessional Forum

- Learn about local organizations' roles, referral processes & pathways, local trends and community needs, strategies and best practices to strengthen individual and collective work
- Strengthen professional relationships and cross-agency communication
- Support professionals to connect families to services and guide them through the system
- Increase capacity for cooperation, coordination and collaboration across agencies/sectors to better support children & families

Feedback regarding the 2026 Birth to Six Interprofessional Forum

Figure 1 shows that overall, most participants agreed the Forum provided useful information and ideas; that it was engaging and well-presented; and that they would attend again.

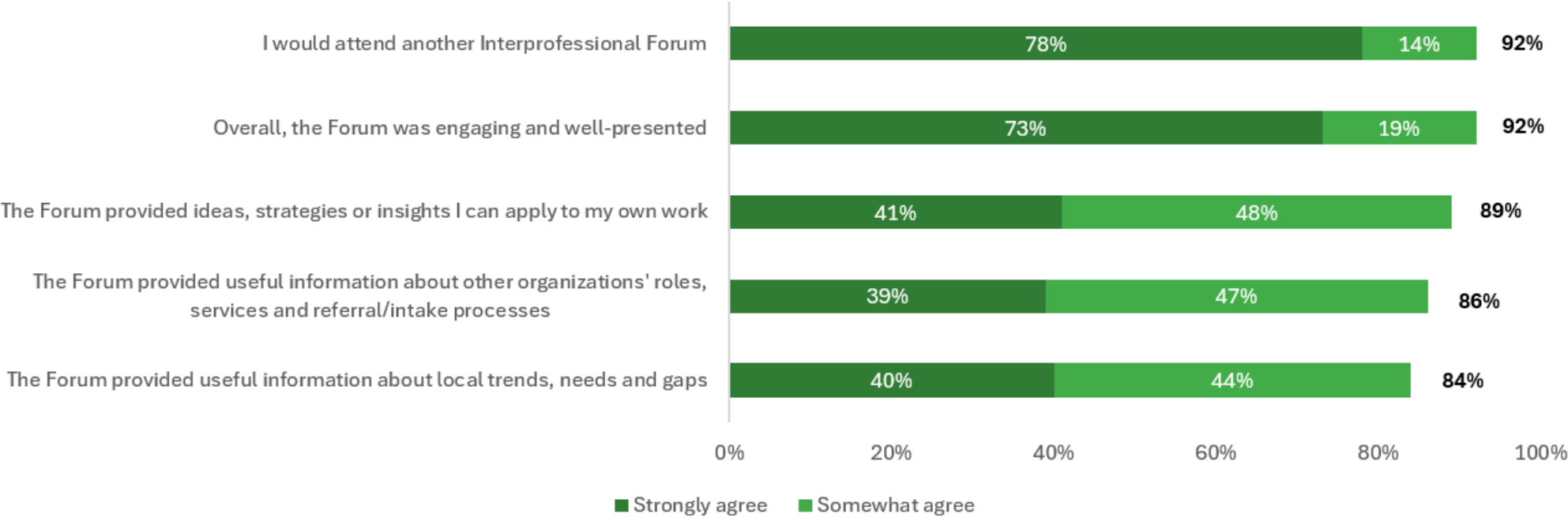
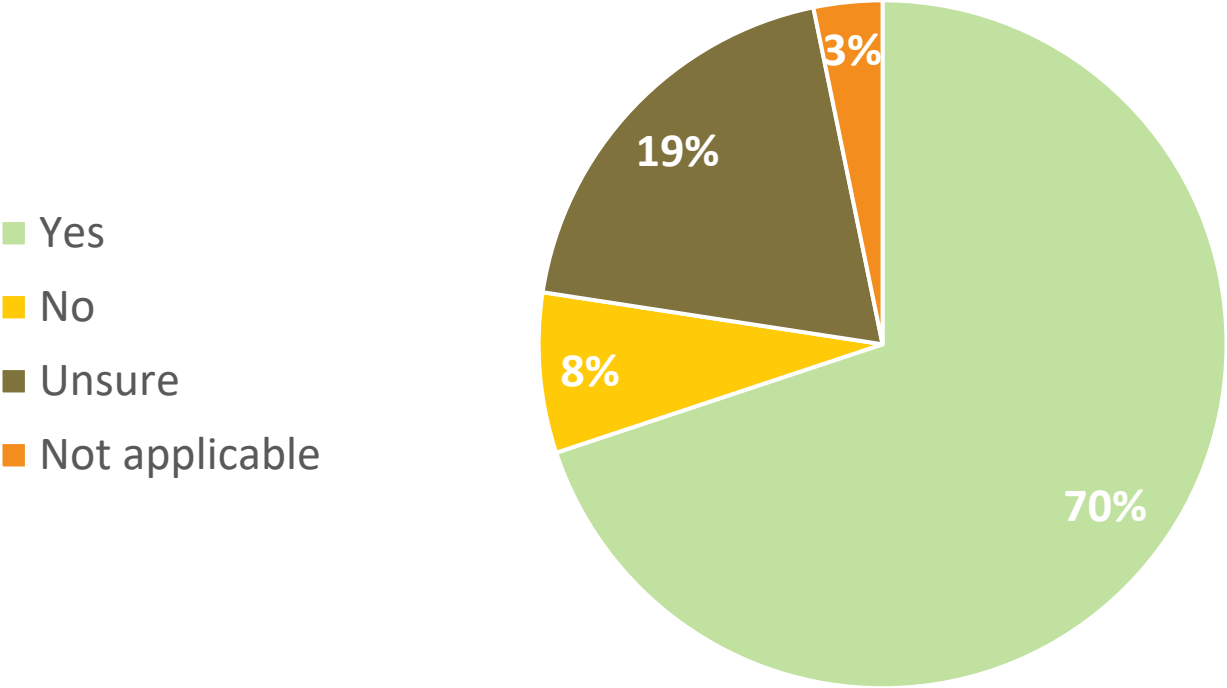


Figure 1: Percentage of respondents who agreed with various statements about the Forum

Service Navigation: Did the Forum better equip you to connect families to appropriate services, support smoother referrals to other organizations, and/or guide families through the system?



“What is the action or results of these? Are we just talking in circles of the issues? How can we move forward”

Figure 2: Percentage of respondents who felt better equipped to connect families to services, support referrals, and guide families through the system.

86%

indicated that networking/collaboration opportunities were the most valuable aspect of the Forum

(e.g., meeting new people, putting names to faces, learning about agencies and services, and sharing resources)

Other valuable aspects of the Forum

Participants mentioned the collaborative activities were valuable, specifically:

Getting to work together to brainstorm, opportunities to share ideas for improvement/reducing gaps & barriers, participatory nature of activities

Data from surveys

Interpreting data in meaningful ways, learning about survey/data

Kindergarten Curriculum

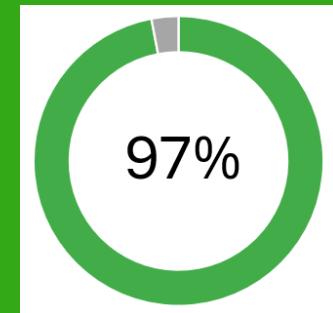
The chance to learn about the changes and discuss transition to school

We are not alone!

Hearing that other agencies face similar barriers & have similar hopes for supporting clients.

The most valuable aspects of the forum were...

In addition...



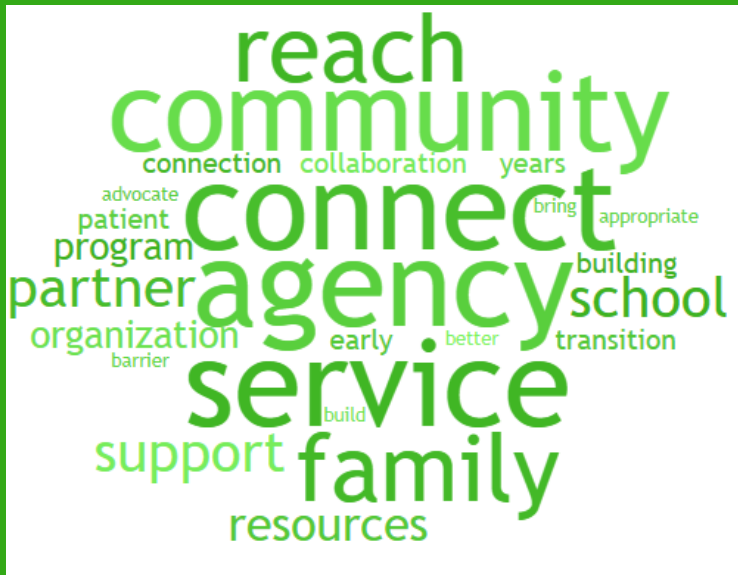
said the Forum supported them in building/strengthening communication and professional relationships with other organizations

Respondents shared the following themes when asked “I would have liked if the Forum had...”



Theme	Examples/Details
More information sharing regarding services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Services available? Services offered by each agency, people served - How can families access them? Referral pathways, waitlist times, eligibility criteria, intake processes - How can we support families? Service navigation, sharing contact information, resources for service navigation - How can we work better together? Opportunities for collaboration within existing structures, resource sharing
Acknowledgment of gaps and barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gaps in services for children prior to school entry - Plans to address gaps - Honest conversations among agencies
Tangible next steps/actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asks from government - Improvement plan for system - Plans for continued/deeper collaboration
More/continued connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More networking time - Avenues for continued connection among agencies after Forum
Learning from others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are other regions doing? - What are we doing in our area that is benefitting families? - What specific scenarios are we facing and what are the successes/challenges within them?
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure data represents the continuum of families in our system - More games, activities and time for movement

When asked
“As a result of the
Forum, I will start...”,
respondents shared
the following
comments:



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Creating more/new connections within the community to continue collaboration & support navigation for clients

Learning more about the existing services/resources and how to navigate them

Accessing more of the existing services/resources while supporting clients

Aligning programming with the Kindergarten curriculum to support children before school-entry

Brainstorming additional supports/outreach that our organization can offer/streamline

Sharing this knowledge back with my team/organization

Advocating for more collaboration opportunities, more streamlined supports, more professional learning

Identifying barriers to collaboration and addressing them where we can

Providing system navigation supports (e.g., transition to school)



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