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OKN announces its new Executive Director

Halton Region, Ontario - Our Kids Network (OKN), a Halton-wide partnership of organizations serving children, youth, and families, announced today that Elisabeth Wells has accepted the position of OKN's Executive Director, effective November 30, 2022.

As interim director, Elisabeth provided strong leadership in continuing to advance the vision and strategic goals of the network. Elisabeth has worked effectively to build and maintain collaborative relationships with community partners to increase engagement and advance OKN's vision that 'all children and youth thrive'.

Elisabeth first joined OKN in 2012 and has worked with OKN partners to strengthen the community's ability to improve life for children and youth. She holds a PhD in Applied Social Psychology from the University of Guelph. Elisabeth brings comprehensive knowledge of OKN, extensive experience in research and knowledge translation, and a collaborative leadership approach. She is passionate about collective impact and moving research and data into action.

Elisabeth is looking forward to guiding the next phase of OKN's growth through ongoing implementation of the strategic plan and advancing the vision and goals of OKN in support of Halton's children and youth.

An integral part of OKN is centering equity in its work. "I strongly believe that our network of caring professionals will bring diverse people together to align efforts and actions towards the wellbeing of children and youth." Elisabeth said. "I am excited about continuing to build collaborative partnerships and working together to extend OKN's reach in the community."

Our Kids Network conducts and shares research and brings organizations, agencies, and professionals together to share knowledge, building the community's capacity to support children, youth, and families. For more information, visit ourkidsnetwork.ca, Twitter & LinkedIn: [@OurKidsNetwork](https://www.instagram.com/OurKidsNetwork).