

ANNUAL REPORT

2017/2018



Children's Aid Society
La Société d'aide à l'enfance
NIPISSING & PARRY SOUND

Moving Forward Together



Message from the Board President and Executive Director

We are so very proud of the accomplishments that we, together with our community have been able to achieve over the past year. To name a few:

- 27 children and youth realized permanency through adoption and 17 are in placements awaiting finalization
- 116 children and youth were placed with family (kin) or with someone they have a close connection to

Please see our calendar where many more accomplishments are highlighted.

We strongly believe that providing effective services and programs to children, youth and families is the key to long term sustainable success. We are always seeking partnerships to ensure that happens.

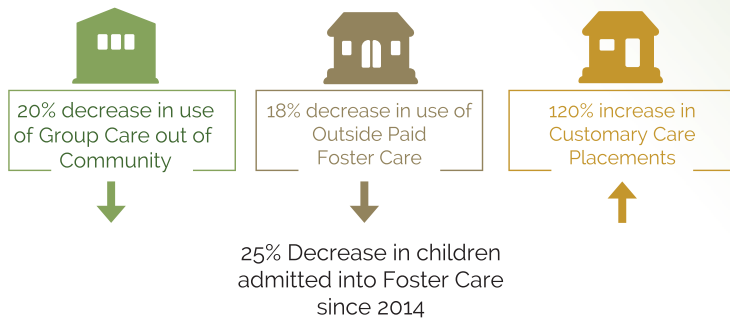
We wish to extend our gratitude to the Rotary Club, the Near North District School Board, the Near North Media Lab, the Community Counselling Center, One Kids Place and the Health Unit for their ongoing support and collaboration.

We also want to extend our deepest gratitude to Steven Beauchamp and his family for their very generous donation and ongoing support of the newly created Beauchamp Hub. Youth now have a space, their own space to learn, to connect, to grow and to just "be". The Hub is also accessed for programming by other community groups.

One of the most exciting initiatives this year has been our ongoing work with The Waabnoong Bemjiwang Association of First Nations as they evolve towards designation of a child well-being organization. We are constantly humbled by their teachings and wisdom. We recognize that we must do better by Indigenous children, youth and families, we are fully committed to doing just that. We look forward to our ongoing work.

Thank you to the Board, the staff, foster parents, volunteers and to the community as we move forward together to ensure that children, youth and families remain safe, nurtured and strong.

*Darlene Vanderlee, Board President
Gisèle Hébert, Executive Director*



2017/2018 Service Data Highlights



116 children placed with Kin, maintaining biological family connections



Decrease in the number of youth requiring secure custody

19% Increase in Kin Home Studies



75 Women served through Mothercare Prenatal Nutrition



300+ Children and Families Served through Early Intervention and CAPC Services



30% Increase in Community Services for Youth Justice Clients



27 children achieved permanency through Adoption

An additional 17 children are on their way to finalizing their adoption

1524 Investigations Completed



576 Families Served at Ongoing Protection

As of March 31, 2018 the Society reached over 80% compliance among 14 of the 19 provincial Quality Improvement Plan indicators related to the child welfare standards, 9 of which reached 100% compliance.

The Society achieved compliance ratings above the provincial average among 13 of the 19 indicators, scoring on average 17% higher than the provincial average for Child Welfare Standards.

The Society has achieved 100% compliance consistently for the last 3 quarters on 12 hour and 7 day response times for Investigations, Completed Investigations, and Completed Safety Assessments.

QIP QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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BEAUCHAMP HUB

The Beauchamp Hub-Is a youth focused hub for child and youth created thanks to the generous donation of the Beauchamp family. The Hub provides access to programs, groups and the Agency school all in one setting.

Thank you to the Beauchamp family for their donation in opening and maintaining this hub. Through partnerships with the Near North District School Board and Near North Media Lab we provide services to our youth that focus on digital art including stop motion art, photography and graphic design.

Independence Programs such as:

- RÉSUMÉ WRITING
- INTERNET SAFETY
- DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS
- HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS
- BUDGETING
- TAX PREPARATION
- APARTMENT HUNTING
- DRIVING LESSONS
- COOKING CLASSES AND
- LANDLORD/TENANT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

 VISITORS ↑ **143**
JUNE 2018



FEBRUARY 2019

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S.T.E.P.S. PROGRAM

The S.T.E.P.S. program (Supervised Teaching of Effective Parenting Skills) is an intensive supervised access program. The program is offered in a home based environment, providing a realistic setting for parents and children. Children in foster care attend the home with their parents for an eight week period for a total of twenty-five hours per week.

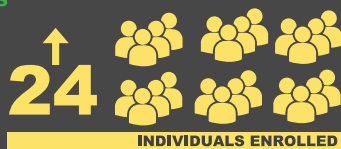
The goals of the S.T.E.P.S. program include:

Assessing Skills

Developing New Parenting Skills

Providing Opportunities to Experience and Build Connections

Outings With Their Children



MARCH 2019

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

THANKING OUR VOLUNTEERS

Helen Keller once said,
"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." This is certainly true of our volunteers here at the agency. We have four main areas of volunteers within our agency: volunteer drivers, special friends, tutors, and special events volunteers.

There is no doubt that volunteers are invaluable members of the team.


**+5200
 DRIVES**

**25+
 VOLUNTEER
 DRIVERS**



**122
 ACTIVE
 VOLUNTEERS**



Interested in becoming a volunteer or volunteer driver? Visit our website to learn more about this rewarding opportunity!



**THANK YOU TO ALL
 OUR VOLUNTEERS!**



APRIL 2019

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CHILD AND YOUTH IN CARE DAY / YAC

Youth Advisory Committee is an active growing group of 8 young adults. This amazing group of young people voice their ideas and opinions on a range of matters within the agency and they provide recommendations that help shape better outcomes for children and youth in care.

The YAC presents annually to the Continuous Quality Assurance committee as well as the Crown Ward Education Team.

The strength, bravery, and resilience shown by these children and youth in the face of adversity is inspiring.

Last year over 40 youth attended Child and Youth in Care Day!



MAY 2019

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CHILD
AND
YOUTH
IN CARE
DAY

FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION

All of our parents attend PRIDE training, the standardized educational program and SAFE, the home study assessment tool (SAFE), which are applied together to prepare all applicant families to foster or adopt children.

An average of 60 caregivers opened their door as foster homes

Thank you to all of our Foster Parents!

Interested in being a foster parent?
Please visit our website for more information.



JUNE 2019

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YOUTH JUSTICE

The Near North Youth Centre (NNYC) is a ten-bed gender-specific female program serving young females aged 12-17 years who have become involved with the law.

The Centre provides secure custody and detention services that contribute to safe communities and provide young people with rehabilitative and re-integration programs and services

The Community Support Team (CST) provides support and guidance to high risk youth between 12 and 17 years of age at the time of the offence. The program works in collaboration with our community partners to ensure that every youth has the best opportunity to succeed and reach his/her potential.



JULY 2019

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WELLNESS COMMITTEE – COMMUNITY PROJECTS

“Soup! There it is”

A staff soup cook off and fundraiser was held and over 50 bowls of soup were purchased. This event raised over \$250 for a Youth Pantry.

A Diaper Drive was organized. Agency staff donated a total of 190 lbs or 3072 diapers to the North Bay Food Bank which was the largest single donation of diapers they had ever received!

Mother's Day Bake Sale –
Raised over \$300 and donated a heaping box of hygiene items to the Nipissing Transition House.

Father's Day BBQ –
Agency staff hosted a BBQ supporting the Hope Awaits Ministries Men's Shelter.



WE GIVE BACK!



AUGUST 2019

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EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

The Society offers three distinct family based services to the community of Nipissing through funding with the Public Health Agency of Canada (Community Action Program for Children and the Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program) and the Ministry of Child and Youth Services (Infant and Child Development Services).

The Community Action Program for Children provides professional home visiting support and

resources to parents under the age of 22 that focuses on prenatal care, child development, health, nutrition, education, and family well-being.

The Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program is referred to in our community as Mothercare. Programs for women who are expecting as a platform for learning about prenatal care and nutrition while having access to a registered nurse and social worker.



SEPTEMBER 2019

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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

In October, the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS), Children's Aid Societies (CAS), and key partners marked Child Abuse Prevention Month with a provincial GO PURPLE DAY to raise awareness about how it takes a community working together to prevent child abuse.

Make sure to use hashtags #iBREAKthesilence and #SpeakUpforKids to see the enthusiasm with which this day was embraced across the province.

This year we estimate that over ten thousand people showed their support for child abuse prevention by dressing in purple including many schools across the province participating in awareness activities.

#BREAKthesilence
#SpeakUpforKids

**SPEAK UP
FOR KIDS**

OCTOBER 2019

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ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

November is National Adoption Awareness Month. While all adoption-related issues are important, the particular focus of this month is to raise awareness about the significance of life-long relationships for children and youth in foster care.

A community adoption support group, "Cherished Memories" meets monthly. The support group plans to develop a youth support group in the months ahead.

Our agency hosts a Wendy's Wonderful Kids Adoption Recruiter; The WWK recruiter implements the Foundation's proactive Child-Focused Recruitment Model targeted exclusively on moving our longest-waiting youth from foster care into adoptive families.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH ADOPTED



NOVEMBER 2019

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CHRISTMAS SMILES CAMPAIGN

The Christmas Smiles campaign is an opportunity for generous community partners to sponsor families and youth in care and bring some joy to those in need during the Holiday Season. Individuals are matched with a youth or a family, a wish list is provided, and sponsors are encouraged to shop for a youth/and or family.

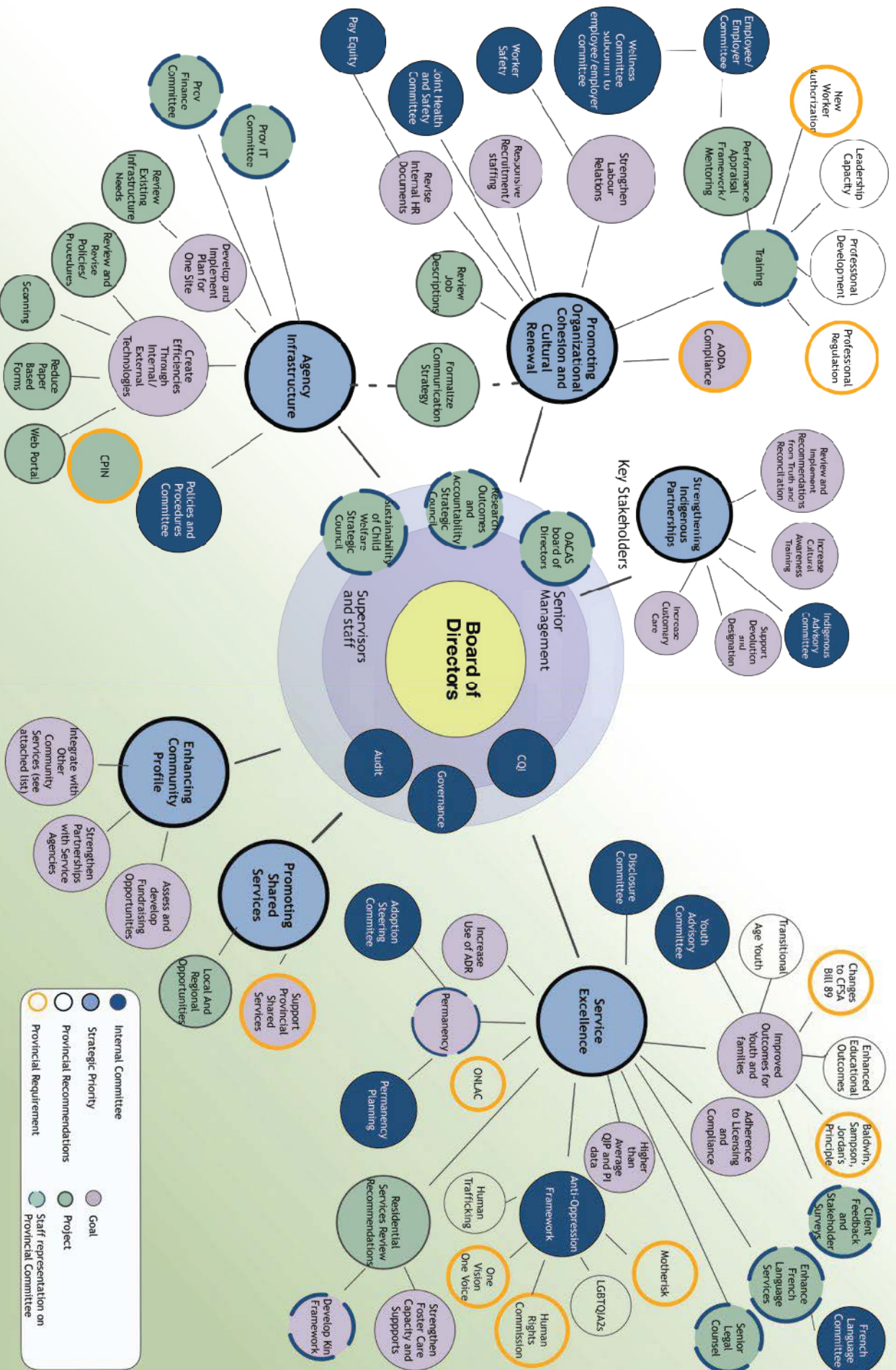
This is a great opportunity for local businesses to gather and support those in need.

All donations remain local and are dropped off to sponsored families before Christmas morning.



DECEMBER 2019

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Board Members

Join Our Team!

Bring your knowledge, skills, and experience to work with other service minded volunteers to make a difference in your community as a member of the Board of Directors of the Children's Aid Society of the District of Nipissing and Parry Sound. The Children's Aid Society provides services that support families, ensures the safety of children, youth and the family, and establishes partnerships with other community services. As a member of the Board of Directors you will help promote the well-being and protection of children and youth in our area.

Please visit our website for more information on becoming a Board Member!



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