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2019-2020 Annual Report

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Message from Board Chair and Executive Director

Dear friends and colleagues,

As we reflect on the year that was, we can't help but acknowledge how much the world has shifted in the past few months. The inequities and disparities that we knew existed in Canada have been highlighted once again and risk deepening under the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, the opportunity for meaningful change brings us some hope.

The Child Welfare League of Canada (CWLC) began its 2019-2020 fiscal year on a path to nurture and encourage positive change for children, youth and families. Guided by our strategic priorities, we played to our strengths – we convened, we reimaged, we helped transform. We want to mention two areas of action that we are most proud of.

In collaboration with CWLC's Indigenous Child and Family Committee, the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, Elders and youth mentors, we convened 30 organizations and created a Learning Community on Reconciliation that seeks to drive increased adoption of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. See pages 8-9 to learn more.

In response to the declaration of a worldwide pandemic, CWLC and A Way Home Canada convened youth in care network leaders to issue a joint statement calling on governments and agencies to implement moratoriums on youth transitions out of child welfare and reach out to youth who recently transitioned with offers of help. This call included a need for accessible mental health and cultural supports and a commitment to turning no young person away from housing or service.

Thanks to these collective efforts, thousands of youth have been able to shelter in place and continue to receive services. But temporary moratoriums expire and without fundamental change, young people will resume life transitions under difficult circumstances. And of course, we have not addressed the factors that put families at increased risk of having their children removed and placed in the child welfare system.

The words of Senator Wanda Thomas Bernard come to mind:

*“We must do better’ is not a commitment to change. What we need to hear is **who will take action and how will they do it?**”*

In the coming year, CWLC will use its role as a convenor to host discussions on systemic racism, decolonizing practices and social justice. We will collaborate with sector peers, with researchers and those with lived experience to continue to speak about and advocate for the change we want to see. We will create more small group opportunities for members to learn, question and transform our thinking, our practice and our systems.

CWLC has set ambitious goals and we're grateful to see so many members and partners support and sustain our efforts. We thank you wholeheartedly for believing in this work, for dedicating time to it and for joining in when we convened.

Rhonda Barraclough, Board Chair and Rachel Gouin, Executive Director.

About the Child Welfare League of Canada

The Child Welfare League of Canada (CWLC) is a national, membership-based charitable organization dedicated to promoting the safety and well-being of young people and their families, especially those who are living in vulnerable situations.

CWLC advocates for and promotes legislation, policy, research, programs and services that address the underlying causes of vulnerability and trauma. We convene leaders, organizations, researchers, governments and people with lived experience to learn and improve our practice.

Our member organizations hail from all provinces and territories and include service agencies, Indigenous organizations, community groups, provincial and territorial governments, associations, universities and child advocates. A complete 2019-2020 member listing is provided on pages 16-17.



The change we want to see



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CWLC aspires for all children to thrive, to know that they are loved and to have a sense of belonging. We want to see more children grow up with their family, their kin and their community and be connected to their cultural heritage and language. We also want children and youth who are placed in care to achieve better outcomes and make successful life transitions.

Principles guiding our actions



In all of its actions, the Child Welfare League of Canada will:

- Build **collaborative relationships** with First Nations, Inuit and Métis organizations and leaders that acknowledge past harms and respect the inherent rights and jurisdiction of Indigenous peoples to care for children and families.
- **Promote equity and inclusion** and advocate so that all children and youth – especially those who are most vulnerable – are safe, thriving and able to fulfill their potential.
- **Respect, listen to and honour the resilience** of children, youth, families and Elders with lived experience of residential schools, the 60s Scoop and those who are or have been in care.
- **Be allies** to youth in and from care who are advocating for change and standing up for young people's rights.
- Demonstrate **exemplary leadership** in advocating with and on behalf of vulnerable children, youth and families and align our efforts with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and fundamental human rights.
- **Convene, engage and collaborate** with a strong, diverse coalition of leaders and organizations to **advance social justice**.
- Champion **excellence** in identifying and disseminating practices, standards and research that advance reconciliation, prevention, early intervention, family preservation and cultural safety.
- **Examine** and be **transparent** about our own practices.

Year at a glance

Strategic Plan

In 2019-2020, the CWLC team began to engage with and deliver on a new 4-year strategic plan. Developed in the preceding fiscal year with input from members, partners and allies from across the country, the plan reflects the need for change and responds to calls for national leadership and coordinated efforts to significantly improve outcomes for children and families who are living in vulnerable situations. The plan is framed around four key priorities:

1

Support the self-determination of Indigenous peoples and engage non-Indigenous organizations working with children to move forward with reconciliation, so that First Nations, Inuit and Métis children live in safety, dignity and respect.

2

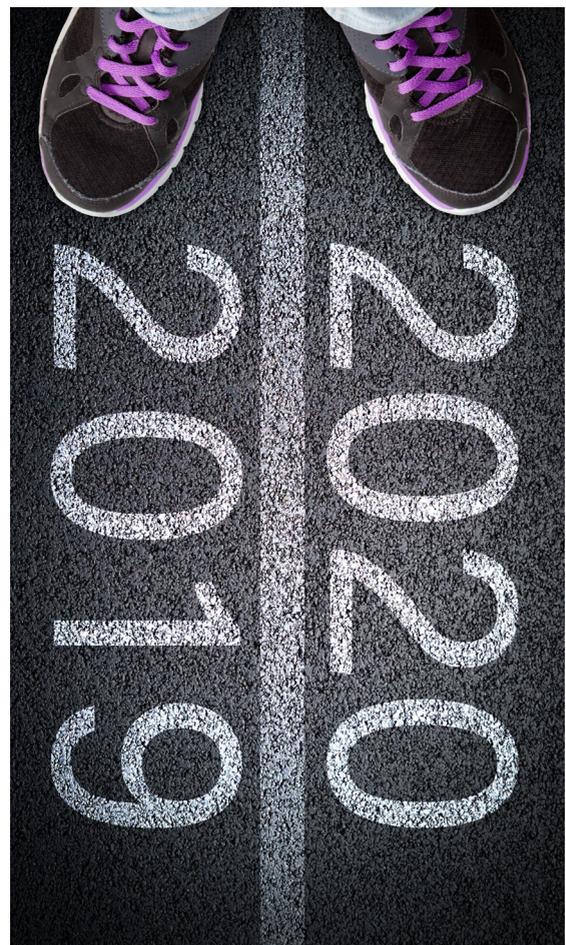
Transform how we respond to and support children, youth and families who are vulnerable and experiencing distress, through prevention and early intervention.

3

Promote positive outcomes for all children and youth in care, with particular attention being given to Indigenous, newcomer, 2SLGBTQ+ and racialized children and youth, as well as young people with disabilities.

4

Strengthen the Child Welfare League of Canada's capacity to pursue its strategic priorities.



For a complete overview of related actions and target outcomes, please visit (pp. 8-11): <https://bit.ly/37Z19Ay>.

Learning Community on Reconciliation

In kicking off work on its top strategic priority, CWLC created and launched a Learning Community on Reconciliation with generous funding from the Muttart Foundation, the McConnell Foundation and Phoenix Youth. First convened in October 2019, the community is rallying with the understanding that implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC's) Calls to Action is happening at a slow pace. As of December 2019, the Yellowhead Institute [reports](#) that 9 of the TRC's 94 Calls to Action have been met, with 0 of 5 complete in the area of child welfare. If reconciliation in Canada is to advance, non-Indigenous people must make strides in contributing meaningful work.

With this purpose in mind, CWLC's initiative is creating opportunities for mainstream child, youth and family serving organizations to:



1

Strengthen their ability to work creatively, respectfully and collaboratively with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

2

Reflect on their practice, learn from peers and experts and prototype and evaluate reconciliation initiatives.

3

Operationalize the TRC's Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in their organization.

The community is composed of over 30 organizations from coast to coast, with a cross-cutting focus in child welfare, housing, health and youth justice. Its work is guided by CWLC's Indigenous Child and Family Committee, Algonquin Traditional Teacher Albert Dumont, the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society and young people with lived experience in child welfare. The group's focus is presently on aiding effective responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. CWLC will be inviting new members to join the Learning Community in the fall of 2020. If you are interested in learning more, email Rachel at rachel@cwlc.ca.



Members of the Learning Community on Reconciliation

- A Way Home Canada
- ALIGN Association of Community Services
- Alta Care Resources
- Aspen Family & Community Network Society
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ottawa
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Calgary
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon
- Canadian Accreditation Council
- Canadian Association of Social Workers
- Canadian Foster Family Association
- Canadian Observatory on Homelessness
- CARF Canada
- Children First Canada
- Children's Aid Foundation of Canada
- Children's Aid Society of Ottawa
- Children's Aid Society of Toronto
- Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver
- Enviros Wilderness School Association
- Government of New Brunswick, Department of Social Development
- Government of Northwest Territories, Department of Family Services
- Key Assets Canada
- Kinship & Foster Family Network of Manitoba
- Muttart Foundation
- Newfoundland and Labrador Foster Families Association
- Phoenix Youth
- Public Health Agency of Canada
- Ranch Ehrlo Society
- Saskatchewan Youth in Care and Custody Network
- UNICEF Canada
- Unlimited Potential Community Services
- Vantage Community Services
- Women's Shelters Canada
- Wood's Homes

Members of CWLC's Indigenous Child and Family Committee

- **Bernadette Spence**, CEO, Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Services Society
- **Jeff Schiffer**, Executive Director, Native Child and Family Services of Toronto
- **Kenn Richard**, Interim Executive Director, Association of Native Child and Family Services Agencies of Ontario
- **Marilyn Birch**, Director of Child and Family Services, Mi'kmaq Confederacy of Prince Edward Island
- **Raymond Shingoose**, Executive Director, Yellow Thunderbird Lodge
- **Rhonda Barraclough**, Executive Director, ALIGN Association of Community Services
- **Richard Rothenburger**, Provincial Outreach Coordinator, Saskatchewan Youth in Care and Custody Network
- **Tara Petti**, Professional Services
- **Billie Schibler**, CEO, Manitoba's Metis Child & Family Services Authority
- **Arijana Haramincic**, Executive Director, Government of Nunavut Family Services

Witnessing the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal case on First Nations child welfare and Jordan's Principle

An important part of CWLC's commitment to reconciliation included witnessing the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) case on First Nations child welfare and Jordan's Principle. On November 25th and 26th 2019, the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society (FNCFS) and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) returned to court as the federal government endeavored to dismiss the compensation order made by the CHRT.

In collaboration with UNICEF, CWLC rallied a coalition of over 20 organizational partners, echoing the FNCFS and AFN's call on government to honour the order and act without delay to compensate the First Nations children, youth and families that Canada has harmed: <https://bit.ly/3eYEhmN>.



Honouring Memories, Planting Dreams and Have a Heart Day

CWLC also participated in the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society's Honouring Memories, Planting Dreams and Have a Heart Day campaigns, bringing members of the Impact Hub Ottawa community together to celebrate and participate in these important reconciliation activities. Learn more about the Caring Society's annual events and campaigns here: <https://fncaringsociety.com/events>.



National Forum on Urban Aboriginal Child and Family Services

CWLC participated in a National Forum on Urban Aboriginal Child and Family Services in September 2019, hosted by Native Child and Family Services of Toronto. The forum convened urban Aboriginal agencies and service providers from across the country to discuss the development of a much-needed national strategy for improving the health and well-being of families and reducing the number of First Nations, Métis and Inuit children in care. CWLC participated in the event as an active listener and supporter, leveraging the learnings to continue to inform its ongoing commitment to reconciliation.



Beyond Neglect: Rethinking services and legislative frameworks for helping families facing mental health issues, substance abuse and addiction, family difficulties and crises in a context of poverty

In turning attention to its second strategic priority, CWLC held a first meeting of advisors for the Beyond Neglect initiative in partnership with the Children's Aid Foundation of Canada and Youth in Care Canada in March 2020, with thanks to start up funding from the Sandbox Project. Beyond Neglect seeks to garner a better understanding of how we can best respond to the conditions that place children at an increased risk of neglect, with a distinct focus on meeting the needs of children and families.

Poverty underlies the experiences of most families involved in the child welfare system by creating an additional burden and toxic stress that reduces their capacity to meet their needs. According to the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect, children are most often removed from their homes when a caregiver experiences domestic violence (46%), has few social supports (39%) or is facing mental health issues (27%).¹ Families who live in poverty are more likely to experience chronic difficulties related to these challenges and exceptional interventions by the state – namely, the removal of their children through the child welfare system.

Lack of supports or limited access to resources can worsen the challenges vulnerable families face, decreasing parents' ability to provide safe and adequate environments for their children.² This is especially true for younger children, who are placed in foster care more frequently in regions with higher rates of absolute poverty.³ Improving environmental circumstances can significantly reduce the risk of children being put into out-of-home placements.⁴

¹ Public Health Agency of Canada. (2008). Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect – 2008: Major Findings.

² Esposito, T. et al. (2017). Out-of-home placement and regional variations in poverty and health and social services spending: A multilevel analysis. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 72, 34-43.

³ Wisconsin Institute for Research on Poverty. (2017). Financial causes and consequences of child maltreatment. *Fast Focus*, 27.

⁴ Esposito, T. et al. (2017).

International Foster Care Organization (IFCO) Conference



Working alongside McGill University's Centre for Research on Children and Families, the Canadian Foster Families Association and Youth in Care Canada, CWLC planned the Close Ties conference in 2019-2020, originally slated for June 25-28, 2020 in Montreal and cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Cutting across CWLC's top three strategic priorities, the multi-day event was set to profile initiatives that help children and youth in care to thrive through a focus on significant relationships and a sense of belonging to family, community and culture. The programming centered on marginalized populations, including First Nations, Inuit and Métis children and families, migrant children, 2SLGBTQ+ youth, children with disabilities and youth transitioning out of care.

In lieu of an in-person gathering, the organizing team developed an online learning program, launching in September 2020. The 8-month program provides a meaningful lens into the Close Ties conference content, delivered via an inspiring series of webinar presentations and journal publications. CWLC is also planning to make a version of the [youth program](#) available for youth in care networks in Canada in 2021. Visit facebook.com/IFCO2020 for more information and updates on the IFCO Learning Programme.



Thank you to our sponsors.

COVID-19 Response

The pandemic has created a high degree of anxiety, stress, grief and loss, reducing access to support networks at a time when families need them most. Public health measures like physical distancing and quarantine may be necessary, but their unwanted consequences – unemployment, financial and food insecurity, mental illness, family violence, interruptions to education and separation from family and culture – undermine child safety and well-being.

CWLC’s pandemic response work is spanning the full range of its strategic priorities, with management addressing requests for research-informed advice for front-line workers and service providers, foster families, kinship caregivers and parents. Beginning in March 2020, CWLC formed a COVID-19 Task Group for its membership community; members continue to meet weekly to share knowledge and best practices and offer peer support as we navigate through this unprecedented public health crisis together. CWLC has also worked closely with youth in care networks and a broad range of partners

in 2019-2020, issuing joint recommendations to governments to support [children and youth wherever they are](#) and [halt youth transitions out of care](#).

The League’s COVID-19 response work is expanding into 2020-2021, as the team continues to co-create and disseminate information on mitigating the impact of the pandemic on children, youth and families.



Coalition Building, Research and Practice

Outside of the priorities highlighted above, CWLC engaged in a number of further coalition building, research and supportive practice activities in 2019-2020 that aimed at strengthening the safety and well-being of young people and families who are vulnerable. Core highlights include:

Another Youthquake? Exploring the concerns, priorities and political engagement of Canadian Youth

Ahead of the [Canada Youth Summit](#), CWLC partnered with Abacus Data and 9 other youth serving agencies to conduct a national survey of young people across the country aged 15-30. Survey respondents were asked about their views on their own life, their priorities and their opinions about Canada’s political system. The findings indicate that only 1 in 5 young people are politically engaged, calling on us to do more for those who are left out of critical discussions impacting their future. Access the full report here: <https://abacusdata.ca/another-youthquake/>.

Violence Evidence Guidance and Action (VEGA) Project: Recognizing and responding safely to family violence

The VEGA Project was the first project funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) under the Canadian Government's 10-year, [\\$100 million investment to support victims of violence and their children](#). As a member of the project's National Guidance and Implementation Committee, CWLC helped to guide the ongoing development of pan-Canadian public health information, tools and curriculum for health and social service providers, alongside 21 Canadian partner organizations. For a complete project overview, visit: <https://vegaproject.mcmaster.ca/>. As VEGA moves forward in 2019-2020, CWLC is planning to assist with both testing and mobilizing project products through its members. This process is being facilitated through RISE: Researching the Impact of Service Provider Education. RISE is a three year project funded by PHAC that began in November 2019 to evaluate VEGA's Family Violence Education Resources. As part of RISE's core Implementation Team, CWLC will offer ongoing feedback on the most effective and appropriate resources for the successful implementation and uptake of VEGA among its membership.



VIOLENCE EVIDENCE GUIDANCE ACTION



Youth Transitions out of Care and Family Preservation: Researching current and best practices in a Canadian context

In September 2019, CWLC was engaged by the provincial and territorial Directors of Child Welfare (DCW) to conduct an inter-jurisdictional scan of child welfare programs and policies across the country that focus on family preservation and youth transitions out of care. Scan data was collected from each province and territory, assessed in the context of best-practice research and presented to the DCW with a series of policy recommendations to improve national outcomes for children, youth and families.

Canadian Consortium on Child and Youth Trauma

The Canadian Consortium on Child and Youth Trauma unites 18 collaborators and 43 partner organizations from across the country – including CWLC and several of its members – to improve the quality of life and trajectories of trauma-impacted children and youth. Led by Dr. Delphine Collin-Vézina at McGill University's Centre for Research on Children and Families, the initiative is expanding social responses to child trauma across jurisdictions, linguistic services and sectors, disciplines and mandates. In 2019-2020, CWLC attended a face-to-face meeting of the Consortium, supporting initial planning efforts that led to the recent award of a \$2.5 million [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council \(SSHRC\) Partnership grant](#). CWLC looks forward to continuing work with the Consortium as the project formally launches in 2020-2021.

Campaign 2000

CWLC was an active partner in Campaign 2000 in 2019-2020, serving as the coalition’s French media representative. Campaign 2000 is a cross-country public education movement to build awareness and support for ending child poverty in Canada. Made up of over 120 national, provincial and community partners, Campaign 2000 publishes research on the indicators of child poverty and develops corresponding public education resources. Key 2019-2020 publications include an overview of [child poverty by federal riding](#) and an annual national [Report Card on Child and Family Poverty in Canada](#). CWLC now sits on Campaign 2000’s Steering Committee.

E-news, Briefings and Webinars to Support your Work

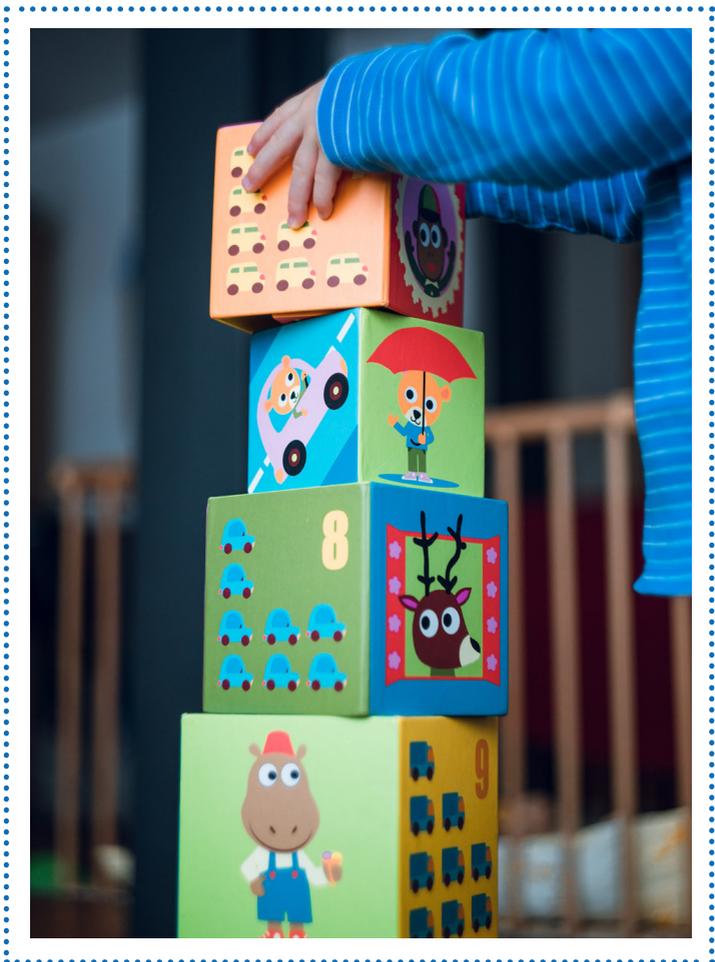
In 2019-2020, CWLC continued its commitment to keeping its members informed of research, practice and policy happenings across the country. Our bi-weekly offering included an overview of jurisdictional news and lobbying efforts; an ongoing summary of policy developments, such as the federal Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families; links to sector-related toolkits, resources and reports; and a view to pertinent events, activities and job opportunities.

Our 2019-2020 webinar offering included access to over ten learning events, engaging over 2,000 participants. The topics covered were wide-ranging, from cultural safety in Indigenous healthcare, to strengthening and empowering newcomer communities and doing better for 2SLGBTQ+ communities in health and social services.

We welcome your feedback on how we can continue to improve this important work moving forward! Contact cara@cwlc.ca and be sure to follow-us on social media: Twitter, Facebook.

Communities Building Youth Futures

Finally, in March 2020, CWLC participated in the inaugural gathering of the [Communities Building Youth Futures initiative](#), a five-year strategy to develop systems-wide solutions for young people as they build and act upon plans for their future. As a national youth serving organization, CWLC provided input into the design of a National Collaborative, a core project network aimed at identifying opportunities for shifting policies and systems to foster improved outcomes for underrepresented youth. The National Collaborative will also provide best-practices, resources and support for youth facing barriers at the community level.



Our people: 2019-2020 members

Canadian national organizations

- A Way Home Canada
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada
- Campaign 2000
- Canadian Accreditation Council
- Canadian Association of Social Workers
- Canadian Foster Family Association
- CARF Canada
- Children's Aid Foundation of Canada
- Child Welfare League of America
- Child Witness Court Preparation Program
- International Social Service
- Public Health Agency of Canada
- UNICEF Canada
- Youth in Care Canada



In Alberta

- Alberta Foster Kinship Association
- ALIGN Association of Community Services
- Aspen Family & Community Network Society
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary
- Calgary & Area Child Advocacy Centre
- CASA Foundation
- Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary
- The Family Centre of Northern Alberta
- McMan Youth, Family and Community Services Association of Edmonton & Area

- Ministry of Children's Services, Government of Alberta*
- Mountain Plains Community Services
- PolicyWise
- Vantage Community Services
- Wood's Homes*

In British Columbia

- BC Federation of Foster Parents Associations
- The Bridge Youth & Family Services Society
- Burnaby Family Life
- The Children's Foundation
- Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver
- Family Services of Greater Vancouver
- Ministry of Children and Family Development, Government of British Columbia
- Pacific Community Resources Society
- The Representative for Children and Youth (BC)
- School of Social Work and Human Services, University of the Fraser Valley
- School of Social Work, University of British Columbia
- Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Services Society

In Manitoba

- Child and Family Services of Western Manitoba
- Jewish Child & Family Service
- The Kinship & Foster Family Network of Manitoba
- Manitoba Government, Child and Family Services, Child Protection Branch
- Métis Child and Family Services Authority
- Southern First Nations Network of Care
- VOICES: Manitoba's Youth in Care

In New Brunswick

- Government of New Brunswick, Department of Social Development

In Newfoundland and Labrador

- Aurelia
- Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Key Assets Newfoundland and Labrador Inc.
- School of Social Work, Memorial University
- Newfoundland and Labrador Foster Families Association

In Nova Scotia

- Department of Community Services, Government of Nova Scotia
- Federation of Foster Families of Nova Scotia
- HomeBridge Youth Society
- Phoenix Youth
- Savoury Consulting Ltd.
- Strongest Families Institute

In Northwest Territories

- Department of Health and Social Services, Government of Northwest Territories
- Foster Family Coalition of the Northwest Territories

In Nunavut

- Department of Family Services, Government of Nunavut

In Ontario

- Boost Child & Youth Advocacy Centre
- Brant Family and Children's Services*
- Children's Aid Society of Ottawa
- Children's Aid Society of Toronto*
- Covenant House Toronto
- Durham Children's Aid Society
- Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto
- Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County
- Key Assets Canada Ltd.
- London Family Court Clinic
- Marvin Bernstein
- Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Ontario*

- Native Child and Family Services of Toronto*
- Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies*
- Peel Children's Aid Society
- Peel Children's Centre*
- Ron Ensom
- Stepping Stones Foster Care Inc.
- Valoris for Children and Adults of Prescott-Russell

In Prince Edward Island

- Department of Family and Human Services, Prince Edward Island
- Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI

In Quebec

- Centre for Research on Children and Families, McGill University
- CIUSSS de L'Ouest de l'île de Montréal*
- CIUSSS Centre-Sud-de-l'île-de Montréal*
- Lesley Hill

In Saskatchewan

- Lac La Ronge Indian Child and Family Services Agency
- Ministry of Social Services, Government of Saskatchewan
- Ranch Ehrlo Society*
- Saskatchewan First Nations Family and Community Institute
- Saskatchewan Foster Families Association
- Saskatchewan Youth in Care and Custody Network
- Yellow Thunderbird Lodge

In Yukon

- Department of Health and Social Services, Government of Yukon

To all our valued 2019-2020 members and sustaining* members, thank you for your support and engagement!
Visit [cwlc.ca/cwlc-members](https://www.cwlc.ca/cwlc-members) for a list of current members.

Our people: 2019-2020 Board of Directors

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Executive Committee Member

Executive Director, ALIGN Association of Community Services (AB)

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Executive Committee Member

Child Welfare Consultant and Trainer (ON)

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Our people: 2019-2020 team



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Financials

1. Statement of Financial Position

	2020	2019
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 347,826	\$ 313,978
Accounts receivable	4,892	7,914
Government sales taxes receivable	3,313	12,263
Prepaid expenses	29,224	5,212
	<u>\$ 385,255</u>	<u>\$ 339,367</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 28,637	\$ 23,096
Deferred revenue (note 2)	119,278	56,335
	<u>147,915</u>	<u>79,431</u>
NET ASSETS		
Internal restricted to		
Contingency fund (note 4)	237,340	259,936
Unrestricted	-	-
	<u>237,340</u>	<u>259,936</u>
	<u>\$ 385,255</u>	<u>\$ 339,367</u>

2. Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	2020	2019
INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
CONTINGENCY FUND (note 4)		
Balance - beginning of year	\$ 259,936	\$ 300,000
Transfer to unrestricted net assets	(22,596)	(40,064)
Balance - end of year	<u>\$ 237,340</u>	<u>\$ 259,936</u>
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Balance - beginning of year	\$ -	\$ 45,834
Transfer from internally restricted net assets	22,596	40,064
Net revenue (expenditure) for the year	(22,596)	(85,898)
Balance - end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>





3. Statement of Operations

	2020	2019
REVENUE		
Membership fees - regular	187,762	174,509
Membership fees - sustaining	27,916	33,000
Service fees	85,397	-
Other	21,070	8,958
Conference	31,288	-
Projects	49,472	10,350
Donation	-	10,360
	402,905	237,177
EXPENDITURE		
Office and general	29,190	46,113
Personnel	152,321	150,015
Professional support	164,880	105,154
Publication and printing	4,360	2,514
Travel, accommodation and meetings	43,462	19,279
Conference (note 8)	31,288	-
	425,501	323,075
NET REVENUE (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR	\$ (22,596)	\$ (85,898)

To download a full copy of our
 2019-2020 financial statements,
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