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In the 2004 – 2005 fiscal year the Society continued to seek out ways to develop service options that support the permanency of healthy relationships for children at risk.

The Parental Responsibility Rapid Evaluation Program (PRREP) is a new service the Society created in partnership with Legal Aid Ontario to help achieve this outcome. PRREP uses a range of mediation strategies, tailored to the specific needs of each family, in attempt to avoid adversarial situations, and to engage families and extended families in a collaborative plan to resolve protection concerns. Although the formal evaluation of PRREP will be completed in September 2005, the preliminary results are encouraging.

Another service is the Stream I Differential Response that commenced in the fourth quarter. The Society identified a number of moderate risk referrals involving domestic violence, that are typically closed after the completion of the child protection investigation. A review of these referrals revealed that a safety plan was already in place as a result of the

police response, and that a more appropriate response on the part of the Society would be the support of this plan. Under the Stream I Differential Response the Society joined a coalition of organizations in Peterborough County that are serving these families, and is now redirecting resources from investigation to services.

A third service is the Society's kinship care service. This program, which is in its early stages of development, explores and assesses the extended family network for long term care options when children cannot be maintained in their family of origin. This would then provide children with the support they require while maintaining the continuity of relationships.

The Society also believes that a more effective service is required to resolve the protection concerns of families who are involved with the Society for a number of years. After a review of the research on service models and a visit to Southern Illinois University, the Society decided to pursue the implementation of a model similar to Project 12 Ways. A steering committee has been established to implement the program, and faculty from both Trent University and Southern Illinois University are now supporting the Society in the development of the program.

In the next fiscal year the Society hopes to work with other children's service organizations to develop a Differential Response model in the City of Kawartha Lakes that will address parent-child conflicts and problems related to inappropriate discipline.

With these new services, the Society intends to develop an array of interventions that will support the efforts of our staff, parents and community organizations in resolving issues that present a risk to the well being of children.

A number of initiatives at the governance level will also support the outcomes of the Society. The Board's Accreditation Committee continues to prepare the Society for its accreditation review, scheduled for the next fiscal year.

The Governance and Accreditation Committees jointly developed a new governance model for the Society. This model places a priority on outcome based planning, the ongoing tracking and evaluation of client outcomes, and staff accountability in relation to the outcomes selected by the Board. Implementation of this model will begin in the 2005 – 2006 fiscal year.

The Board Governance Committee is also reviewing Board membership and

structure. The purpose of this review is to seek strategies that will enhance Board decision-making and productivity.

With the support of the Society's staff, foster parents, volunteers and the community, the Society has been successful in meeting the performance goals set by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, and in the development of a service plan that will increase the well being of children at risk. The Society is very grateful for this support, and it will continue to work collaboratively with everyone who is interested in the protection of children to address the needs of children at risk.

The Society also wishes to thank the Ministry of Children and Youth services, not only for their support over the past year, but also for their vision and leadership in improving the quality of services to families and children.

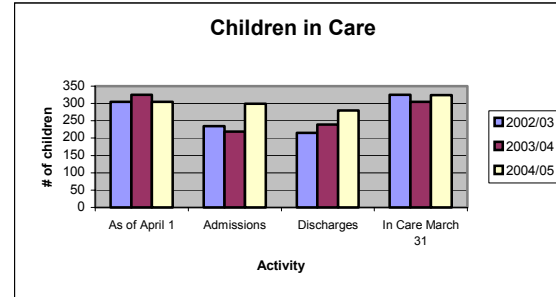
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STATISTICS AT A GLANCE April/04 to March/05

CHILDREN IN CARE	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
As of April 1	305	325	305
Admissions	235	219	299
Discharges	215	239	280
In Care March 31	325	305	324
Total Days Care	94,007	108,141	112,684



Family Services	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Open April 1 - Intake	287	318	266
Open April 1 - Ongoing	272	244	365
Opened during - Intake	3,793	3,967	3,960
Closed during - Intake	3,554	3,683	3,665
Closed during - Ongoing	236	213	236
Families Served	4,352	4,527	4,591
Open March 31 - Intake	316	266	242
Open March 31 - Ongoing	244	365	446

Foster Homes	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Approved as of April 1	122	136	133
Applications/Inquiries	120	149	158
Approved	32	24	27
Closed	18	28	22
Approved as of Mar. 31	136	132	140

Adoption	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Approved During Year	15	19	9
Placements	20	15	23

Volunteer Services	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
Kilometers Driven	645,140	739,436	1,041,161

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