
ANNUAL REPORT

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The past year has been a very productive and active period for Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society.

Over the year the Society has been actively involved in developing new programs and services. These include:

Integrated Adoption Model

Northumberland CAS, Hastings CAS, Prince Edward CAS and Kawartha-Haliburton CAS decided to pool its adoption resources, so that it could benefit from economies of scale and increase adoption placements and post adoption supports.

The four society model was approved by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and recruitment plans are currently underway for the program's new manager. The new program will commence operation in August 2006.

Differential Response Programs

A collaboration of Peterborough County agencies involved in the area of domestic violence have partnered with Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society to divert low risk referrals from the investigative process and increase the level of services to these families.

Partnering agencies in the City of Kawartha Lakes have jointly developed a wide range of services to resolve issues related to inappropriate discipline and parent-child conflict. Low and medium risk cases are now being diverted from the intensive investigative stream to these services.

Through Differential Response, Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society intends to prevent or resolve more child concerns through a stronger community response. Planning is also underway to expand the City of Kawartha Lakes model to Peterborough County.

12 Ways Canada

In partnership with Southern Illinois University (SIU) and Trent University, Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society is replicating SIU's very successful Project 12 Ways, in Canada.

12 Ways Canada started taking referrals in December 2005. This program provides very intensive home based skill training to core child protection families in order to keep children in their families and return children in care to their homes.

Parental Responsibility and Rapid Evaluation Program (PRREP)

After a successful evaluation of their one year pilot, Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society decided to make PRREP a regular part of its service delivery and to increase referrals to PRREP in the Peterborough area. PRREP has been effective in developing a collaborative

solution to child protection issues and averting lengthy trials.

Review of Supervised Access Services

Under the leadership of Sonya Vellenga, Manager of Transitional Initiatives, the Society completed a review of its supervised access services. The purpose of the review was to identify strategies that would lead to a stronger integration of supervised access with the family's case plan. The review proposes a number of changes to supervised access. These changes will be implemented in the next fiscal year.

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The Society has also been active at the Board level. The Accreditation Committee is now in the final stages of preparations for Accreditation under the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS), this will take place in November 2006.

In May 2005 the Governance Committee completed a literature review on board size and structure and developed a terms of reference for the development of a restructuring plan that was approved by the Board in September 2006. This task was assigned to the Executive Committee which presented a plan for Board restructuring in February 2006. We anticipate approval of the plan in the fall of 2006. It calls for a smaller "strategic board", with members selected based on the competence requirements of the

strategic plan rather than the current model of constituency based representation.

With the assistance of Alan Fotheringham from Stony Lake Management Consulting, the Board developed a new strategic plan. The plan calls for the redirection of resources to family based services and the reduction of the number of children in care through the development of more "permanency" options.

The 2005-2006 fiscal year has also been a land mark year for the Society, not only because of the new programs and services that came on line, but also because this has been the first year in recent history in which the Society ended the year with a small financial surplus. Being in a surplus position gave management more time to focus solely on program and board outcomes.

As we enter the 2006-2007 fiscal year we expect to continue with our current directions and to see the impact of the initiatives.

We would like to thank our Board, staff, foster parents, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and community partners for their support and commitment through the fiscal year.

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PROGRAM UPDATE

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In addition to the casework client services provided by our intake, family service and children in care teams, programs are delivered either by our geographically based service teams in Peterborough, City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton, or by specialized programs available on an agency wide basis.

Here is an update of some of the programs delivered during the 2005 –2006.

Lindsay-Haliburton Protection Unit:

- Differential Response: Parent-Adolescent Conflict Worker - A partnership with community agencies to provide assistance in conflict resolution, counseling support for youth
- Parent Mutual Aid Support Network
- Teen Anger Management Group
- Parent Teen Forum (April 05)
- Father's Initiative with Health Canada
- A Family Fun Day in summer 05
- Various presentations related Child Abuse Awareness Month October
- March Break - parent education support program

Peterborough Protection Unit:

- High Risk Nurse
- Differential Response: Domestic Violence Worker
- Nobody's Perfect Parenting Groups
- Addictions Issues: collaboration with 4CAST and training
- Collaboration with the Peterborough Regional Health Centre's Family & Youth Clinic for clinical case reviews

Residential Services Unit (Adoption, Foster Care, and Children-in-Care):

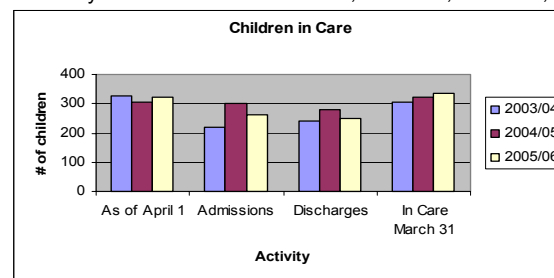
- Approved Foster Homes increased to 169

- Developed the Regional Adoption Plan to be implemented in 2006
- 21 Adoption Finalizations
- Partnerships with Youth Emergency Shelter to provide housing and programming for adolescents
- Receiving Foster Home Program
- Crown Ward Review Achieved Over 90% on this Ministry Audit of Compliance to service Standards
- Increased use of an Outcomes Based Assessment/Service plan Document
- ONLAC
- Wrap Around Process established to provide specialized support and services to foster homes for the purposes of retaining and supporting placements
- Reduced number of children in Outside Purchased Foster care from 31 to 26
- Kinship Assessments

I am grateful to the dedicated group of staff, foster parents and volunteers that work along with community partners to better service the children of our area to make these programs/services available to the children of our area.

STATISTICS AT A GLANCE April/05 to March/06

CHILDREN IN CARE	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
As of April 1	325	305	324
Admissions	219	299	261
Discharges	239	280	250
In Care March 31	305	324	335
Total Days Care	108,141	112,684	118,945



Family Services	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Open April 1 - Intake	318	266	242
Open April 1 - Ongoing	244	365	446
Opened during - Intake	3,967	3,960	3979
Closed during - Intake	3,683	3,665	3668
Closed during - Ongoing	213	236	291
Families Served	4,527	4,591	4667
Open March 31 - Intake	266	242	282
Open March 31 - Ongoing	365	446	420

Foster Homes	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Approved as of April 1	136	133	140
Applications/Inquiries	149	158	174
Approved	24	27	50
Closed	28	22	21
Approved as of Mar. 31	132	140	169

Adoption	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Approved During Year	19	9	25
Placements	15	23	15

Volunteer Services	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Kilometers Driven	739,436	1,041,161	679,312

Copies of the audited Financial Statements are available at the Peterborough office.

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