

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019



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ABOUT US

The Children's Aid Society (CAS) of Hamilton, in partnership with families and our community, is committed to the safety, protection, and well-being of children and the strengthening of families, while valuing diversity and promoting equity. Established in 1894 as a not-for-profit organization, the agency is mandated under Ontario's Child, Youth and Family Services Act to protect children under 18 years of age from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and harm. The Society is funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

ACTIVE STAFF

275

VOLUNTEERS

193

FOSTER FAMILIES

143

INTAKE SERVICES

Intake Services is the first point of contact at The Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, responding to concerns about children's safety and well-being 24-hours a day, seven days a week. If a person has reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is, or may be in need of protection, they have a duty to report these concerns to the Society.

Number of calls received concerning the safety and well-being of a child

CALLS

5,689

Number of investigations opened

INVESTIGATIONS OPENED

2,831

Total number of referrals linked to community services

COMMUNITY LINK

902

Percentage of cases assessed and provided with short-term intervention

SHORT-TERM INTERVENTION

75%

Calls to After Hours Emergency Services

AFTER HOURS

7,957

Top 3 reasons for investigations:

CAREGIVER WITH ADDICTIONS/MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE

18%

CHILD EXPOSURE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

16%

PHYSICAL HARM

11%

FAMILY SERVICES

Family Services staff work with families to help resolve problems, develop skills for coping with crises, enhance parenting competencies and engage community supports to assist parents in providing their children with a safe and nurturing home environment that promotes the healthy development of children. Families may have children residing in their own home, with extended family/friends (kin), or in short-term foster care. Services are made available to help prevent children from coming into the Society's care and to promote the reintegration of children back into their parents' homes.

Number of families supported through Family Services

FAMILIES SUPPORTED

1,175

Percentage of families receiving ongoing service through a Voluntary Service Plan

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

74%

Top 3 reasons for new Family Services cases

CAREGIVER WITH ADDICTIONS/MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE

25%

CHILD EXPOSURE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

16%

CAREGIVING SKILLS

12%

Average number of children being cared for by kin at any given time

CARED FOR BY KIN

165

Number of families who received services in French

FRENCH SERVICE

58

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Society makes every effort to keep children safe in their own home or with extended family, while providing support and engaging community services to address concerns. However, if the safety and well-being of a child cannot be achieved at home, a child may need to come into the Society's care until a safety plan can be developed or family members can be assessed to provide care. In these circumstances, whenever possible, foster families will provide children with a safe, secure and supportive environment. For children who are in Extended Society Care, permanency through adoption and custody orders will be explored so the agency can support children and youth in having a forever home.

Number of children in the Society's care as of March 31, 2019

IN CARE

476

Top 3 reasons for admission to care

CAREGIVER WITH ADDICTIONS/MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE

43%

LACK OF CAREGIVING SKILLS

12%

NEGLECT

8%

Number of children in Extended Society Care

EXTENDED CARE

204

Youth 18+ aided by Continued Care and Support for Youth (CCSY) Program

YOUTH 18+

97

Age of children and youth in care as of March 31, 2019

AGE

0-5 years - 25%
6-14 years - 35%
15+ years - 40%

Number of children who left care

LEFT CARE

227

Top reasons children left care

RETURNED TO FAMILY (PARENT/KIN)

59%

CONTINUED CARE AND SUPPORT FOR YOUTH (CCSY) PROGRAM ENDED

17%

ADOPTION FINALIZED

14%

Every child is a gift

to be valued,
nurtured and
kept safe.

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2018-2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenue		Overall revenue
Province of Ontario	\$ 46,014,156	92%
Other	4,193,236	8%
	\$ 50,207,392	100%

Expenses		Overall expense
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 27,852,725	53%
Boarding & Client Services	20,958,365	40%
Administration	3,551,006	7%
	\$ 52,362,096	100%

Deficit for the year\$ **-2,154,704**

Auditors: Deloitte LLP
A full audited financial statement for the
year ended March 31, 2019 is available on-line.



DONATIONS

The Society extends sincere thanks to the many individuals, families, businesses and organizations for generously donating to the agency. Donations provided the following opportunities in 2018:

33

Youth were awarded post-secondary bursaries

110

Children attended summer camp

295

Families and youth received a holiday sponsorship

Additional support for children and youth is made available through contributions to the agency's Toy Room, Market 26, Donation Depot, Back to School Drive and the Children's Fund.



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