

Igniting Positive Change TOGETHER



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**ANNUAL REPORT
2018-2019**



Windsor Essex
Child/Youth
Advocacy Centre



Our Mission

A community-based response focused on supporting victims of child/youth abuse through investigative and collaborative excellence.

Our Vision

A safe, responsive environment providing advocacy and healing for children/youth victims of abuse.

Who We Are

The Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre (WECYAC) provides a child-centred, safe location for children/youth to disclose their abuse to a specially trained team of professionals. Prior to WECYAC, children/youth subjected to abuse were interviewed in several locations around the community, by multiple different professionals. WECYAC minimizes the number of times children/youth must tell their story, reducing the trauma of disclosure. We believe that kids should only have to tell their story once!

WECYAC is a partnership among key organizations, community leaders and champions, and government. We share a passion for supporting children/youth and families who have been affected by abuse.

WECYAC is also committed to raising public awareness regarding the existence of child/youth abuse in our community.

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Advocate



A Report from the Board President and Executive Director



Lynda Ware,
Board President

There has been a great deal accomplished in the span of one year, thanks to the dedication of the Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre's (WECYAC's) Board of Directors, Advisors, Community and Multi-Sector Partners, and Staff. This past year has been a time of transition for WECYAC's Board of Directors and also a time of foundational development for our organization.

In April 2018, WECYAC was afforded the wonderful opportunity to be housed in the state-of-the-art Anthony P. Toldo Centre for Applied Health Sciences, located on the main campus of St. Clair College. This partnership has provided WECYAC with a solid foundation, which will allow for exponential growth and development as we plan to engage St. Clair College students in unique experiential learning opportunities.

In July 2018, WECYAC launched its website which propelled positive movement forward, providing social media outlets to educate and inform the public of the prevalence of abuse, and the services that WECYAC provides.

In October 2018, WECYAC completed its first phase of renovations, and officially launched the announcement of its opening into the community. WECYAC's newly renovated space allows child/youth victims of abuse to be provided with a safe, comfortable environment where children who have been abused can be heard, valued and protected. WECYAC's renovations included the construction of a child/youth-friendly interview room, and a one-way observation/interview recording room, to perform evidence-based best practice child/youth investigations.

In January 2019, WECYAC worked together with its key partner organizations to address systemic gaps and to standardize the response to child/youth abuse and trauma in accordance with the evidence-based best practices. As WECYAC continues to grow and develop, we plan to continue to enhance our practices with the most up to date peer reviewed literature and practices.

By March 2019, WECYAC hosted eight successful fundraisers with a commitment to providing support services to children/youth victims of abuse and their families, in addition to raising public awareness. WECYAC will continue to explore new avenues through networking with the community and collaborating with other charitable organizations that provide a valuable service to our community. An ongoing challenge will be achieving sustainable funding for WECYAC in the coming years.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude and thanks for the generous support from individuals, families, foundations, corporations and other community partners. With your support, we have provided some of the most vulnerable children/youth and families in our community with the help, hope, support, and resources that they require to make a full recovery from the trauma that they have experienced.

We are igniting positive change together!

Sincerely,

Lynda Ware,
Board President

Michelle Oake,
Executive Director

WECYAC's Statistics

(April 1st 2018 – March 31st 2019)

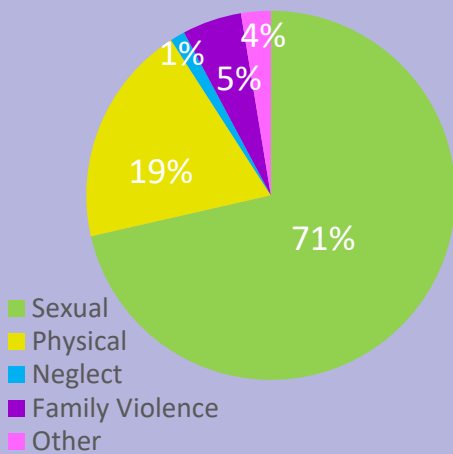
149 clients served (includes adult caregivers & witnesses)

75 cases investigated

60 joint case investigations

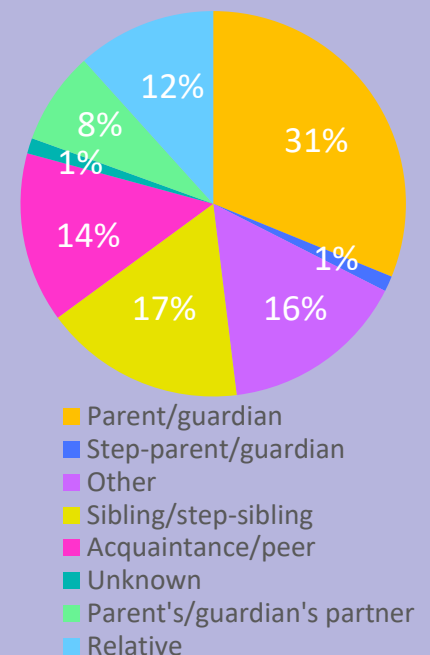
14 child/youth forensic medical examinations

Types of Alleged Abuse



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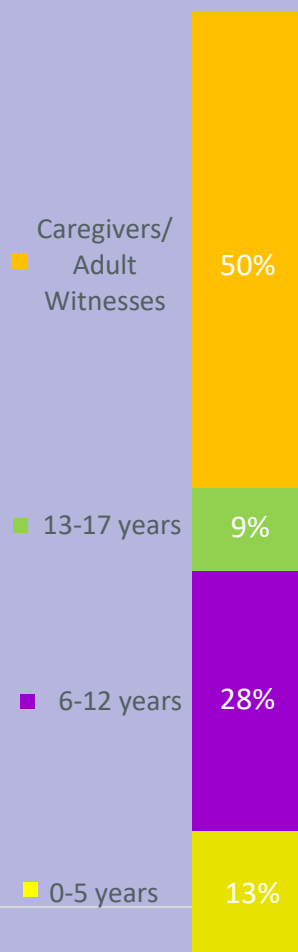
Relationship of Alleged Offender



Sex of Child/Youth Victims Served



Age Range of Clients Served



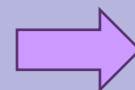
Cases Per Police District

Windsor	65%
LaSalle	12%
Essex OPP	14%
Amherstburg (until Dec. 31 st 2018)	5%
Leamington OPP	4%

Referrals to Community

Sexual Assault Crisis Centre	18
Regional Children's Centre	6
Family Services Windsor Essex	3
Children's First	2
SAFEKids	2
Victim's Services	1
Windsor Islamic Association	1

Number of Charges Laid



26

(since Oct. 24th 2018)

Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2014

REVENUE		
Contributions *	\$	54,375
Department of Justice Canada		205,000
Donations		29,614
Fundraising		12,163
Interest income		60
Other income		17
		<u>301,229</u>
EXPENSES		
Capital assets acquired with revenues *		99,435
Insurance		3,369
Interest and bank charges		28
Office		20,736
Professional fees		5,622
Rent		10,851
Salaries and benefits		99,208
Telephone		1,745
Training		5,281
Travel		2,725
		<u>249,000</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES		52,229
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		-
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	\$	<u>52,229</u>

* NOTES:

CONTRIBUTION REVENUE

Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre received contributed assets at its inception. These assets were recorded as contribution revenue using their fair value on April 1, 2018 as follows:

Cash	\$	10,805
Accounts receivable		9,114
Inventory		672
Accounts payable		(5,966)
Capital assets acquired with revenues		<u>39,750</u>
	\$	<u>54,375</u>

Financial support from Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, has enabled the Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre to achieve much in its first year of development. We are thankful for further financial support from individuals, corporations, foundations, and the government.





An inside look...



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Protect a child

Donate today!

WECYAC depends on grants, partners, and community donors to provide evidence-based, trauma-informed supports and services for children/youth who have experienced abuse.

Ways to give:

- Complete the form below and return it with a cheque made payable to Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre, mailed to 2000 Talbot Road West, Suite #3304, Mailbox #12, Windsor, ON, N9A 6S4
- Call Michelle Oake, Executive Director, at: 519-995-3974
- Name Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre in your will
- Consider making an annual or monthly gift



YES! I would like to donate to WECYAC

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

I want to donate to a great cause. Enclosed is a cheque/money order payable to the **Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre**. I would like to give \$ _____.

Charitable Registration #71130 7926 RR0001

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