# 2022-2023 Annual Report





Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre



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# President and Executive Director's Message



President, Board of Directors, WECYAC



Dr. Nila Das Executive Director, WECYAC

"Every child and family seeking solace within our centre serves as a poignant reminder of the work that lies ahead. Together, we hold the power to shape a future where every child's voice resonates, their rights are protected, and their dreams are nurtured."

Dear Supporters, Partners, and Friends,

We are thrilled to present the Annual Report of the Windsor Essex Child Youth Advocacy Centre (WECYAC), showcasing the remarkable achievements and progress we have made over the past year. It is a testament to the unwavering dedication and collective effort of our staff, Board of Directors, and community supporters.

This year, we have worked diligently to develop our first strategic plan, which serves as a compass for our future endeavors. Our strategic plan (2023-2026) outlines our key priorities, including achieving funding sustainability, fostering strategic alliances, and raising community awareness about the critical issues faced by children and youth who have experienced sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, sexual exploitation and are witnesses of domestic violence or abuse.





We undertook an extensive process that included community consultations, individual and community interviews, and comprehensive data analysis to inform the crafting of our strategic plan. The input and insights gathered from these sources were crucial in ensuring that our plan was comprehensive, data-driven, and aligned with the needs of the community we serve.

Furthermore, we have made significant strides through our Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization (EDID) initiative. We are firmly committed to cultivating an inclusive and equitable environment where every individual feels valued and respected. By embracing diversity and challenging systemic barriers, we strive to foster a community where every child and youth can thrive.

Within this Annual Report, you will find inspiring phrases of resilience, impactful statistics, and a comprehensive overview of our financials. It showcases the outcomes we have achieved and the lives we have positively influenced throughout the year. None of our accomplishments would be possible without the generous support and partnership of our community. We are immensely grateful for your ongoing support, and we eagerly anticipate continued collaboration in the years to come.

Thank you for your dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the Windsor Essex Child Youth Advocacy Centre. Together, we are creating a brighter future for our community's children and youth.

Warm regards,

Sharon Pyke and Nila Das



# **About WECYAC**



The Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre (WECYAC) is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to serving the diverse population of 422,630 individuals residing in Windsor and Essex County. Our main focus is to establish a secure and nurturing environment where children and youth, aged 0 to 18 years, can safely share their experiences of abuse and provide statements to our dedicated team of professionals.

At WECYAC, we believe in the importance of ensuring that children and youth who have suffered sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or sexual exploitation and are witnesses of domestic violence or abuse, only have to tell their story once. We understand that healing and recovery require a comprehensive approach, which is why we collaborate with professionals specializing in child abuse investigation, intervention, and treatment to achieve the most efficient and accurate outcomes.

Community engagement is at the core of our mission. We actively raise public awareness about child and youth abuse in our region because we firmly believe that by shining a light on this issue, we can drive prevention and early intervention efforts. Through our advocacy work, we aim to create a society where every child's rights are protected, and their voices are heard and respected.

#### **VISION**

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

#### MISSION

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



# Meet Our Board of Directors and Advisors



Dr. Sharon Pyke President & Director



Rick Derus Vice President & Director



Carol Branget Chair of Operations & Director



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Shannon Campbell Treasurer & Director



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# Our Committee Members



# **Operations Committee**

Al Gibson, LPS
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Bradie Cox, WRH
Carol Branget, Chair, SACC
David Polachok, WPS
Nila Das, WECYAC
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Susan Porto, WRH
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# **Public Relations Committee**

Deidra Watson, WECYAC Mary Kay Morand, WECYAC Dr. Nila Das, WECYAC Dr. Shobha Karnik, WECYAC



# Meet Our Staff and Students





Dr. Nila Das Executive Director, WECYAC



Alysha Geyer Advocate, WECYAC



McKenna Sarafin Advocate, WECYAC



Camillia Dipasquale Advocate, WECYAC



Casey Clingo- Robert Student, St. Clair College



Sierra Bergeron Student, St. Clair College



Teacup Advocate, WECYAC



#### Strategic Plan 2023-2026



Priority 1: Develop, implement, and monitor a robust funding plan for sustainability and stability.

**Goal 1: Obtain Annualized Core Funding** 

Goal 2: Develop an Engaged and Committed Fund Development Team

Goal 3: Develop a Diversified Funding Portfolio

**Goal 4: Identify and Cultivate Major Donor Relationships** 

#### Priority 2: Strengthen key partnerships and building strategic alliances.

Goal 1: Strengthening Existing Partnerships and Alliances

Goal 2: Identifying and Developing Potential Partnerships

Goal 3: Establishing WECYAC as a Child Abuse Professional Training Resource

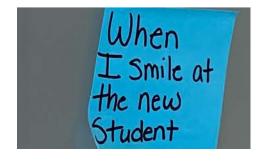
#### Priority 3: Building a communication strategy to increase and promote targeted community awareness

Goal 1: Increase Public Awareness of Child Abuse

Goal 2: Engage Youth to Promote Organizational Awareness

Goal 3: Strengthen Relationships with Community Partners

**Goal 4: Outreach to Diverse Community Groups** 







# One Year Review: FY 2022-2023

#### **Observations - Compared to Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

24.1% increase in total clients served

4.6% increase in male children

11% increase in children aged 6-12 years

50.1% increase in parent/guardian as the alleged offender

55.3% increase in acquaintance /peer as the alleged offender

45.8% increase in physical abuse

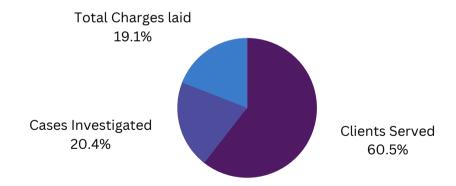
8.8% decrease in children aged 13-18 years

35.4% decrease in charges laid

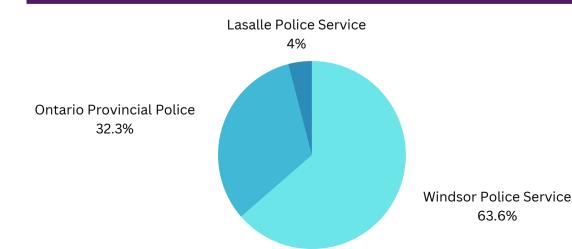
67.2% decrease in step-parent as the alleged offender

**20.1%** decrease in parent's partner as the alleged offender

43.4% decrease in witness to family violence

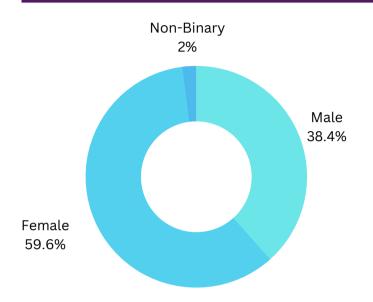


#### % of Cases Per Police District

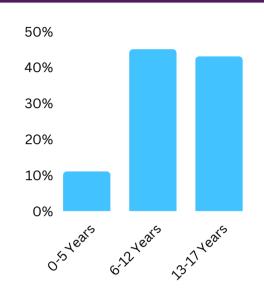


## One Year Review: FY 2022-2023

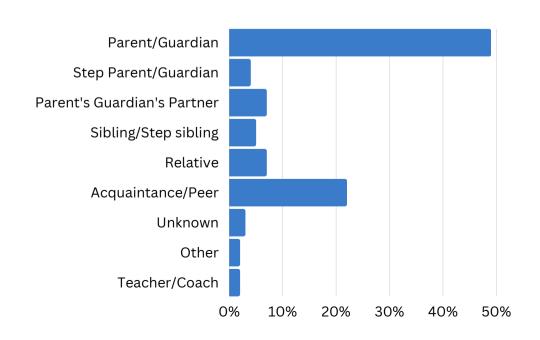
#### Sex of Clients Served



#### **Age of Clients Served**



#### **Relationship to Alleged Offender**



# One Year Review: FY 2022-2023

# Types of Abuse Sexual Abuse Physical Abuse Family Violence (Witness) Online Sexual Exploitation Human Trafficking

# Demographics of Clients Served

10%

20%

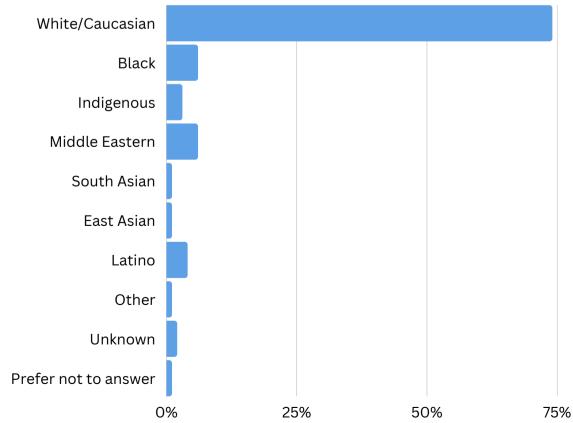
40%

30%

50%

Neglect

0%



## **Financial Report**

\$ 2023 180,000 65,132 24,640	\$	<b>2022</b> 140,000
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24,640		61,854
		21,490
-		1,298
352		253
3,051		50,798
273,175		275,693
7.450		109
-,		5,171
		130
,		12,388
, -		8,232
,		5,197
4,570		4,317
-		94
		55
167,237		155,577
216,075		191,270
57,100		84,423
279,507		195,084
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Statement of **Operations & Net** Assets ending March 31 2023

Statement of **Financial Position** ending March 31 2023

ASSETS	2023	2022
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 356,720	\$ 272,423
Grant receivable	18,000	16,500
Government remittances receivable	3,928	2,301
Expenses chargeable to the next year	16,519	8,656
	\$ 395,167	\$ 299,880
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 2,953	\$ 3,527
Deferred contributions (Note 3)	55,607	16,846
	58,560	20,373
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	281,000	276,937
Restricted	55,607	2,570

Statement of Changes in Net **Assets ending** March 31 2023

	Restricted		Unrestricted			2023 Total		2022 Total	
Balance, beginning									
of year	\$ 2,	570	\$	276,937	\$	279,507	\$	195,084	
Excess of revenues over	er								
expenses	(2,	570)		59,670		57,100		84,423	
Externally restricted	55,	607 <sup>°</sup>		(55,607)		-		-	
Balance, end of year	\$ 55,	607	\$	281,000	\$	336,607	\$	279,507	





Windsor Essex Child /Youth Advocacy Centre depends on financial support from grants and community donations to provide services and support to children and youth of Windsor Essex area. Your contribution, no matter the amount, will have a significant impact on the lives of children and youth who depend on our services.

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