

### WINDSOR ESSEX CHILD/YOUTH ADVOCACY CENTRE

# NEWSLETTER







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#### Welcome Winter 2023-2024

WECYAC staff and students would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.



For some, though, the holidays and winter months can be a challenging time of stress, adversity, and a difficult trigger of strong emotions, pressures, or traumatic experiences.

The days are shorter, the mornings are darker and many of us want to hibernate. We would like to provide you with some self-help strategies you can use throughout the holiday season and winter months.

It is important that we maintain self-care through the Winter Season.





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**EAT WELL** 



SPEND TIME OUTSIDE

> KNOW YOURSELF

STAY ACTIVE



ENJOY A HOBBY



Start with gently monitoring your sleep schedule to ensure that you are allowing yourself the possibility to receive as much natural light as possible. Ensuring you receive enough natural light will provide your mind with the cues to stay on track with your natural sleep and wake cycles. If the weather allows and you can start your day with sunshine, even

Another great way to engage in self-care is winterizing your exercise routine. Not all winter days are unbearable. There are days you won't be outside for exercise, but stay committed to what you enjoy doing as best as you can. Whether that's walking, running or going to the gym something is always better than nothing

Make sure you stay well connected to others and engage in regular playtime

As winter storms sometimes come without much notice, try to keep healthy snacks on hand during the winter months. Another great way to boost your mental well-being is by ensuring you are getting enough vitamin D.

Lastly, continue to know yourself. Trust yourself, your limits, your boundaries and rest









## **WECYAC STATISTICS: Quarter 3**

### **42 CHARGES LAID**

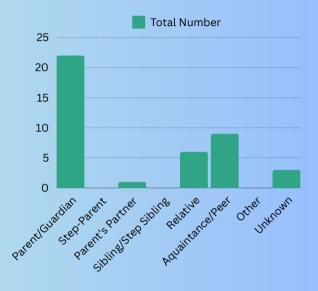
**Total Clients Served: 135** 



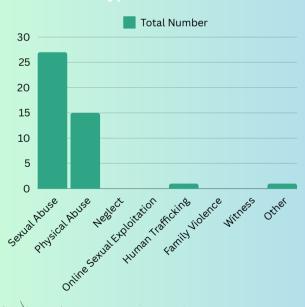
#### **Total Victims: 45**



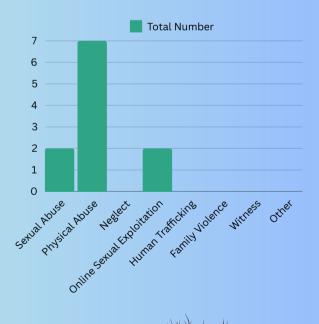
#### Relationship to Accused



#### Type of Abuse



#### **Secondary Type of Abuse**





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#### ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

The Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre would like to extend our sincere gratitude to those who spread the word of our Annual Giving Campaign and to all that donated. Over the course of 28 days, WECYAC was able to raise \$8,750 in funding that will go directly to children/youth and their non-offending caregivers and family members. Your generous donations allow WECYAC to provide wrap around support and care.

On behalf of everyone here at WECYAC, we thank you!



#### **DRESS PURPLE DAY**

Jacqueline, an Advocate at WECYAC, was happy to represent WECYAC at Windsor Children's Aid Society's "Dress Purple Day." WECYAC was thrilled to stand along-side community providers working with children and youth, to discuss building a safer community for youth and families in Windsor-Essex.



Once again, we would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who continue support WECYAC and wishing you all a happy and healthy winter season.

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