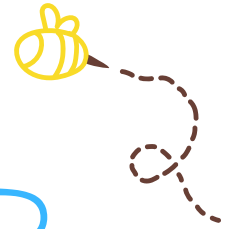
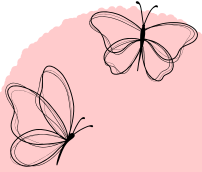




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Kids should **ONLY** have to tell their story ONCE!

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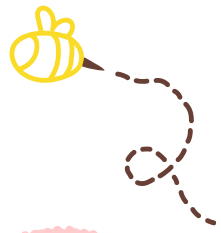
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Farewell Students!

Emma and Monica completed their placements with us in April 2024. Emma graduated from the MSW Program and Monica graduated from the BSW Program from the University of Windsor. Congratulations Monica and Emma!



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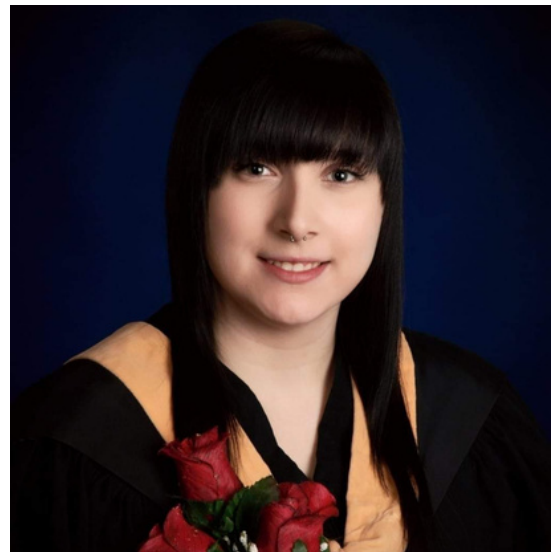


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Welcome New Staff!

Caitlyn and Zeinab began working at WECYAC in March 2024 as our newest Advocates. They both hold a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Windsor.



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Welcome New Staff!



Dominique joined our team in summer 2024 as a Program Development Assistant for Empowering Youth for a Safer Tomorrow Project. Dominique is in the Bachelor of Social Justice & Legal Studies Program.



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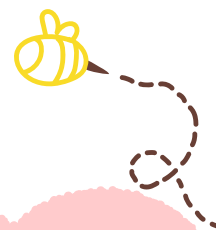
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Welcome Back Emma!



Emma rejoined our team in July 2024
as our Grants and Community
Relations Coordinator!



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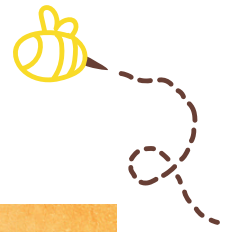
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Victim's Week

MAY 12 TO 18, 2024 IS VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF CRIME WEEK ACROSS CANADA. THIS ANNUAL OBSERVANCE RAISES AWARENESS NATIONWIDE ABOUT THE ISSUES FACING VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF CRIME AND THE SERVICES, PROGRAMS, AND LAWS IN PLACE TO HELP THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES.

IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANT WORK OF VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS AND OTHER CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS WHO ASSIST VICTIMS OF CRIME.



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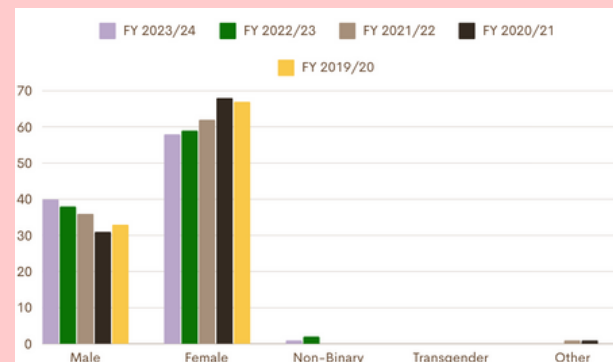
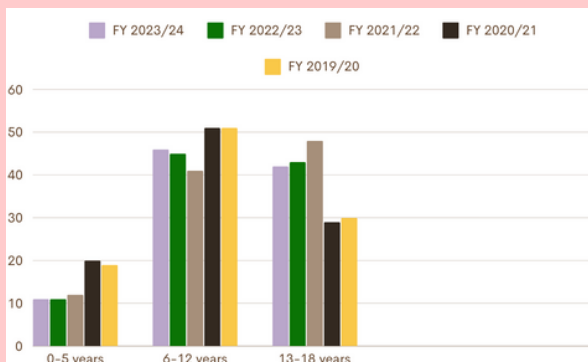
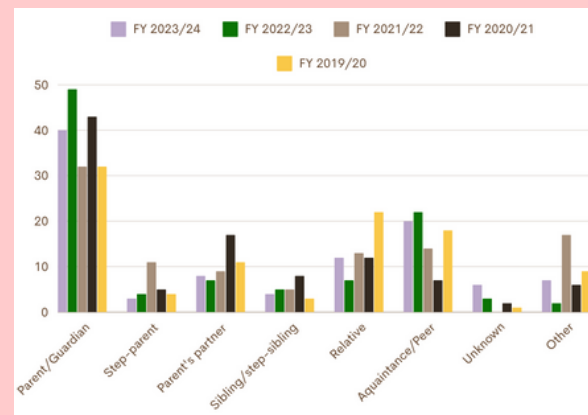
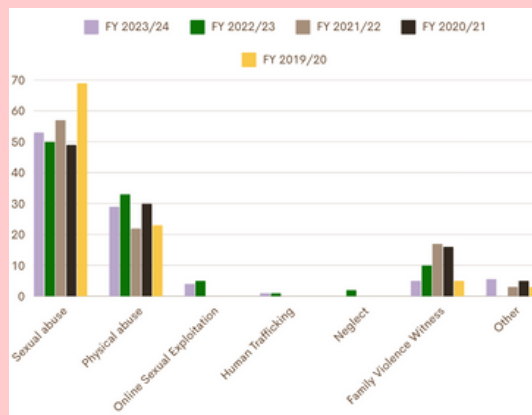
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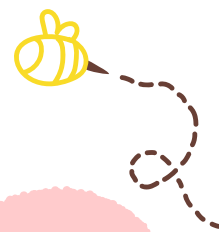


Victim's & Survivors of Crime week





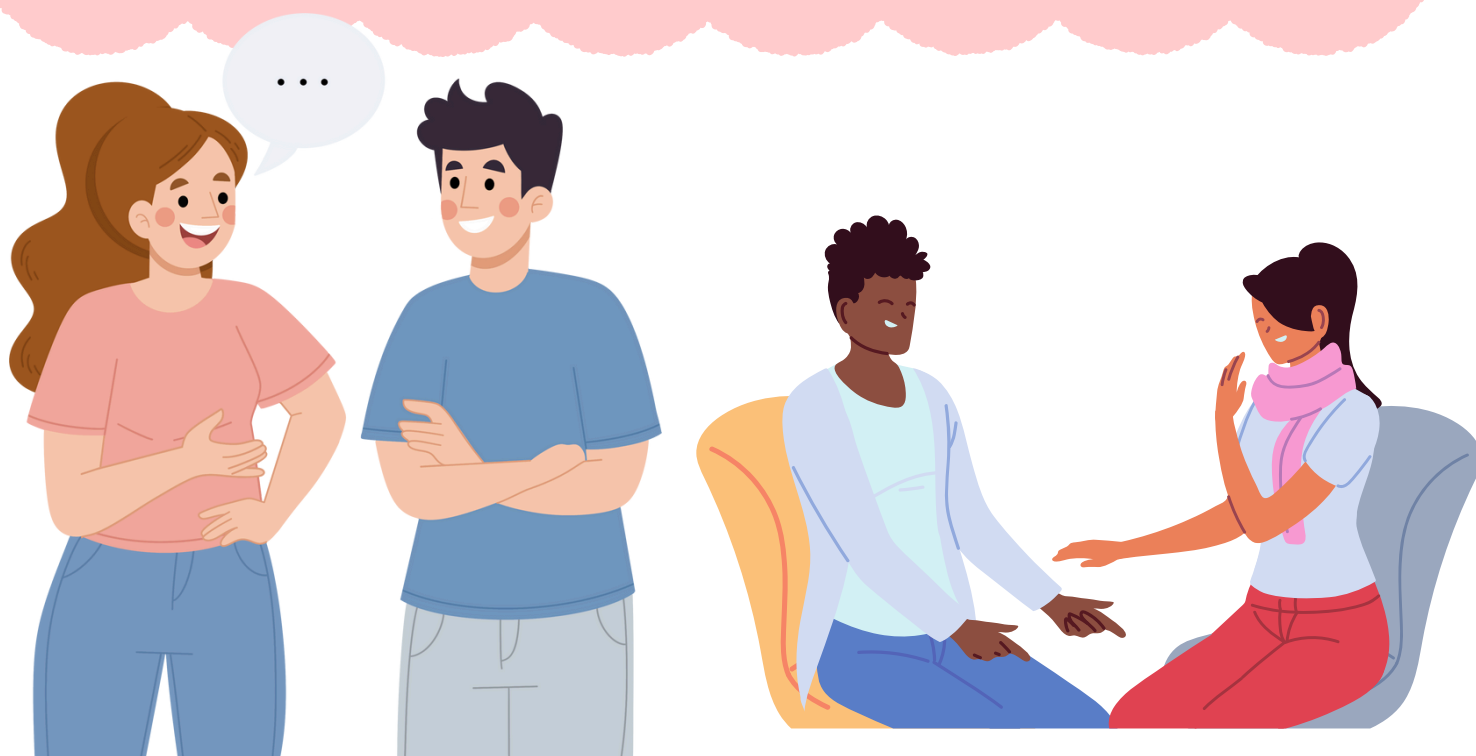
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Creating Space for Open Conversations

Here are some ways to create an environment that feels safe for open conversations

- Actively listen to understand, not to respond
- Avoid giving advice or interrupting
- Accept the experience being shared with you
- Be mindful of your language



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Creating Space for Open Conversations

- Comfortable environments like walks or car rides can help reduce anxiety
- Ensure the environment is distraction-free so the child feels heard.
- Remind them they can share concerns without fear of judgment or blame.
- Let them know you're available whenever they're ready to talk.
- Allow them to express themselves in their own words without interruptions.
- Maintain a calm demeanor; avoid displaying negative emotions to prevent making the child feel worse.
- Ask the child to explain or show details about unfamiliar topics.





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Creating Space for Open Conversations

Here are some supportive phrases for meaningful conversation

- I'm here for you. What's on your mind?
- I can tell you're upset, take your time. Share when you're ready
- I'm not here to judge, I'm here to understand what's making you feel this way...
- What can I do to support you right now?



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Windsor Quilter's Guild

In 1976, Maureen Laporte started an informal group of ladies who were interested in learning to quilt

In 1978, Maureen and 24 other ladies officially started the Windsor Quilter's Guild. The Guild currently has 114 members.

The Guild meets at the Legion Branch 594 at 5030 Howard Avenue on the first Wednesday of each month except July/August



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Windsor Quilter's Guild

“We sew, quilt and distribute quilts in all sizes from baby/lap quilts to full size quilts. Most quilts pass through a few hands before they are completed. Almost all of the fabric used to make these quilts is donated”

Over the years the quilts have been given to several charities and organizations that serve people in need of warmth and comfort, including:

- Windsor Essex Child & Youth Advocacy Centre
- Windsor Essex Children's Aid Society
- Angela Rose House for refugees
- Cardinal Place
- Home Instead
- Journeys Home Hospice
- Child Can
- Up About Downs
- Solcz Family Foundation Respite Services
- Meals on Wheels



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