



AGM 2025: A Year in Review

It Takes a Village



🌟 Welcome to the 2025 Annual General Meeting 🌟

Child & Youth Advocacy Centre Simcoe Muskoka

Good evening everyone — we are so glad you're here!

Tonight, we celebrate our Board of Directors for their vision and governance, our staff team for their tireless dedication, and our community partners for standing with us every step of the way.

Together, we've built momentum.

We've expanded programs, deepened partnerships, and reached more children and youth than ever before.

🌟 We are the village of support that ensures every child and youth is heard, protected, and supported on their path to healing. 🌟





Vision

All children & youth feel safe, heard, and empowered in a community of hope.

Mission

The CYAC provides a safe space and specialized care team for children, youth, and their families who have been impacted by abuse. This team is grounded in a trauma-informed approach, which works with investigative partners, and collaborative community supports, to advocate for and facilitate healing.

🌟 Progress Highlights 2024–25 🌟

More Children & Youth Reached

Record number of clients supported across Simcoe & Muskoka

New Programs & Services Launched

Expanded Common Ground, Bridging Supports, and Court Support

Stronger Partnerships Built

Deepened collaboration with police, schools, healthcare, and community agencies





Our Team



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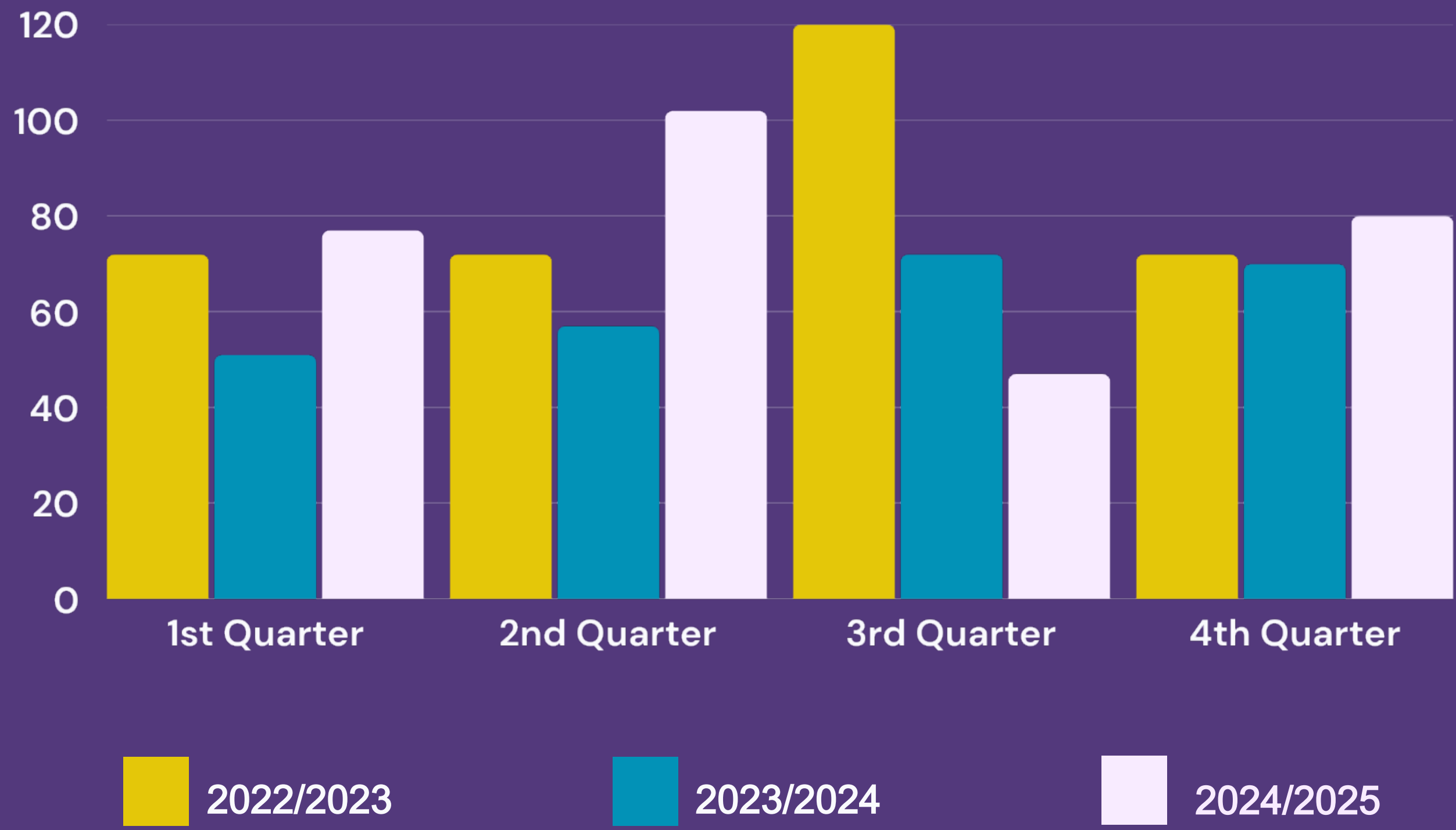


Key Achievements at a Glance

Fiscal Year: 2023 - 2024				
Investigations and Interviews Quarterly Report				
Quarter	Month	Investigations	Interviews	
	April	14	15	
	May	11	18	
	June	15	18	
Q1 Totals:		40	51	
	July	19	25	
	August	14	19	
	September	11	13	
Q2 Totals:		44	57	
	October	5	10	
	November	8	39	
	December	8	23	
Q3 Totals:		21	72	
	January	13	25	
	February	6	20	
	March	21	25	
Q4 Totals:		40	70	
Year End Totals:		145	250	

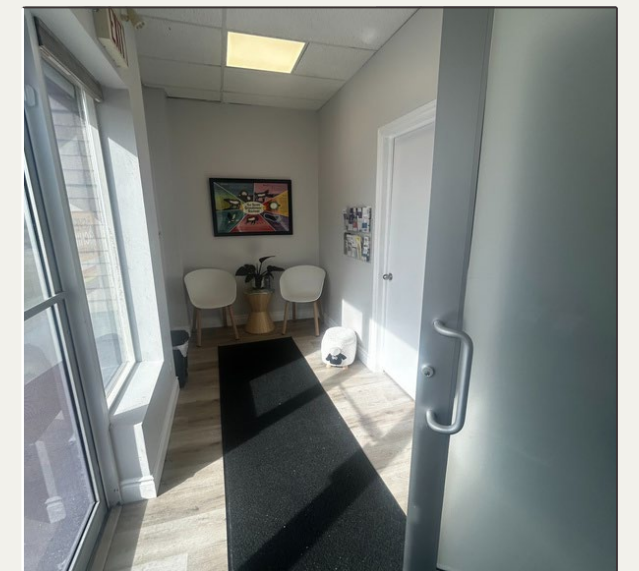
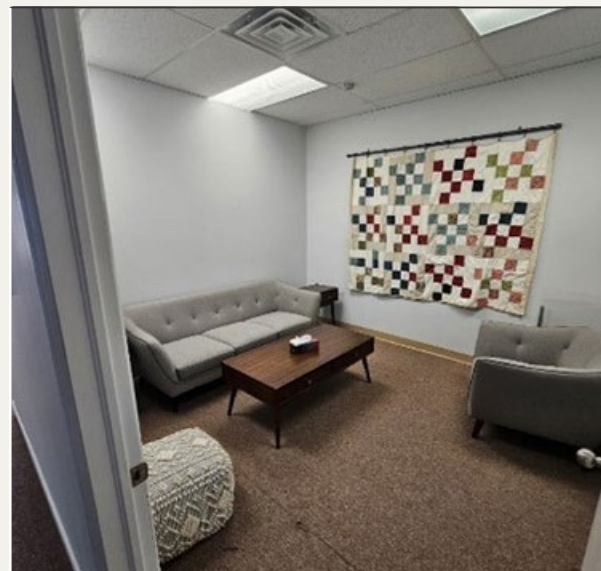
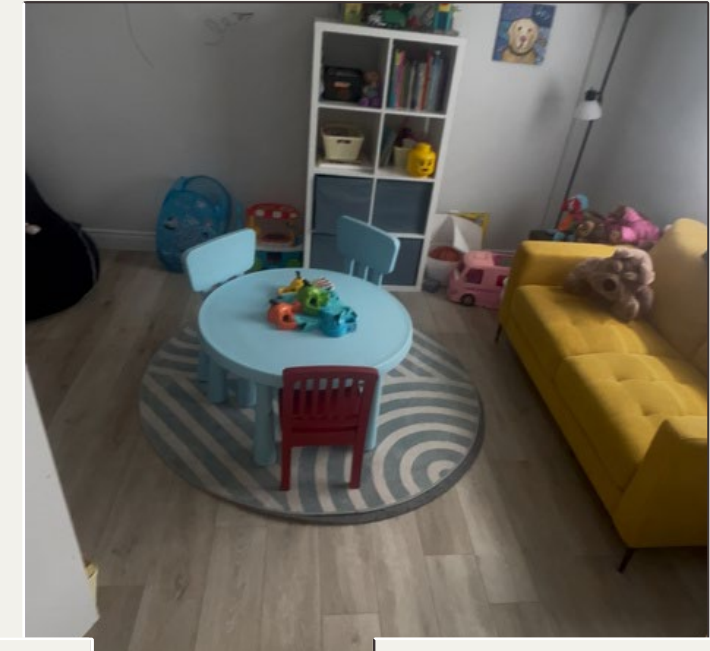
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Investigations and Interviews Quarterly Report				
Quarter	Month	Investigations	Interviews	
	April	17	23	
	May	15	18	
	June	22	36	
Q1 Totals:		54	77	
	July	20	31	
	August	28	37	
	September	23	34	
Q2 Totals:		71	102	
	October	14	17	
	November	7	8	
	December	15	22	
Q3 Totals:		36	47	
	January	24	33	
	February	28	27	
	March	23	19	
Q4 Totals:		75	79	
Year End Totals:		236	305	

FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS: 3-YEAR COMPARISON





OTF Capital Grant Renovations



Child Victim Witness Support Program

Program d'aide aux enfants victimes et témoins



About the Program

The court process can be a confusing and frightening experience for a child or youth. Every child or youth has the right to be thoroughly prepared for his/her role as a witness in court.

The Child Victim Witness Support Program (CVWSP) offers a range of services to assist children, youth and their caregivers in preparation for a court appearance. Any child or youth subpoenaed to court is eligible for service from the program.



Individual court preparation for children and youth (3-17 years), and their caregivers;



Court Accompaniment for child and youth witnesses; and



Post court follow-up for children, youth and their caregivers.

 All referrals are made by the Victim Witness Assistance Program

Court Preparation

During individual sessions, Child Witness Advocates will:



Discuss fears, concerns and questions about going to court;



Discuss strategies to mitigate these fears and concerns;



Provide information and answer questions about the criminal justice system; and



Explain the court process and everybody's role in it.



Facilitate and attend meetings between the witness and the Crown Attorney.

Child Victim Witness Support Program staff have flexible schedules to accommodate families' needs.

Court Accompaniment



Child Witness Advocates can attend court with children or youth, if requested.



Child Witness Advocates can act as Designated Support Person for child or youth witnesses.

Post-Court Support



Debrief meetings following court;



Understanding the judge's decision and what happens after court;



Assistance completing Victim Impact Statements; and



Referrals to other services/agencies, if required.

Community Events, Outreach and Training



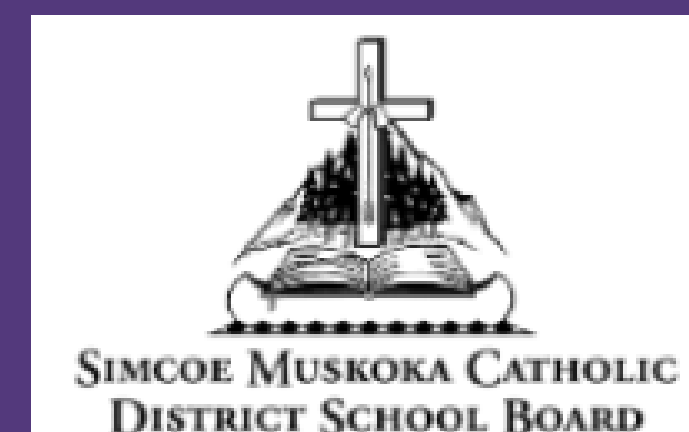
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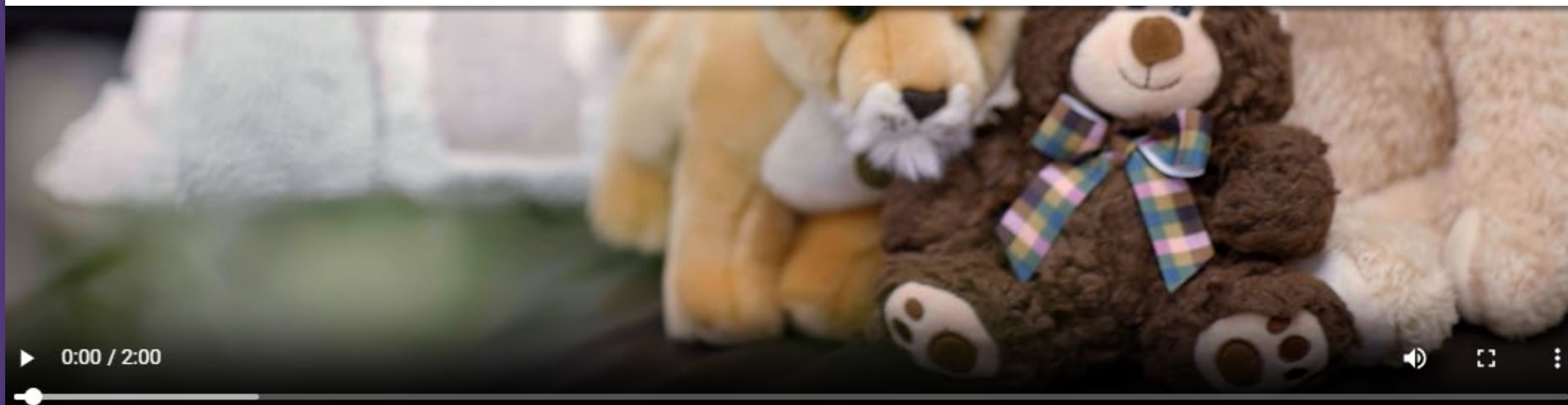
INTERNET CHILD EXPLOITATION

Summer Drop-in Week One





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Programs & Services

Bridging
Supports to
Wellness

Pilot complete, Full
Program Evaluation and
ReLaunch



130 +
Counselling
Sessions

35+ Clients
Served



Programs & Services

Common
Ground Youth
Group

Five 7-Week
Groups

40+ Clients
Served



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COMMON GROUND

A 7-Week Youth Group for female identifying folx ages 12-18 who have witnessed, experienced or are at an increased risk of experiencing gender-based violence.

UPCOMING DATES:

- BARRIE SEPT 11 - OCT 23 5-7PM
- ORILLIA NOV 6 - DEC 18 5-7PM
- BARRIE JAN 8 - FEB 19 5-7PM
- ORILLIA MAR 12 - APR 23 5-7PM
- BARRIE MAY 14 - JUNE 2 5-7PM

WEEKLY TOPICS INCLUDE:

Consent & Boundaries, Social Media, Gender Based & Dating Violence, Healthy Relationships, Human Trafficking, Safety Planning, and Self Care.



Enjoy Dinner and Weekly Gift Cards Each Week You Attend

For questions or to
register:

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Youth Ambassador and Youth Advisory Team Launched

Programs & Services

Youth Ambassador



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The CYAC Youth Ambassador Program is designed to engage and empower survivors of abuse by incorporating their voices in the creation, facilitation, and evaluation of our programs, procedures, and policies. By becoming Youth Ambassadors, survivors will not only contribute to shaping CYAC's initiatives but will also emerge as community leaders advocating for issues important to young people.

Findings from a report by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection highlight the transformative effects of public advocacy for survivors of child sexual abuse, including increased self-esteem, confidence, and quality of life. This program aims to replicate these positive outcomes by training Youth Ambassadors to represent CYAC at community events, co-facilitate youth groups, provide strategic input, and attend quarterly meetings.



YOUTH ADVISORY TEAM



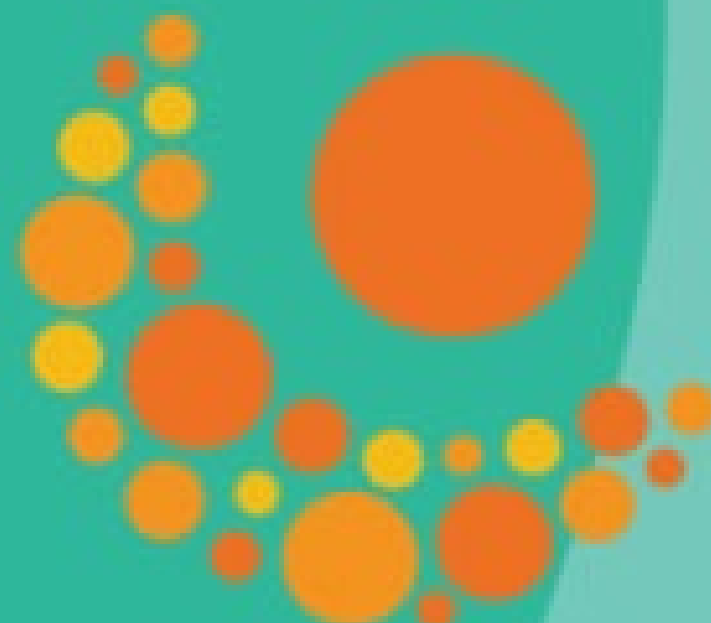
Partnerships



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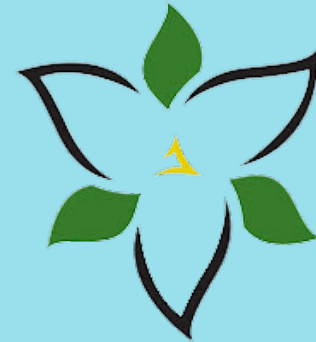
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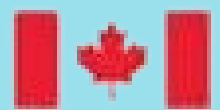
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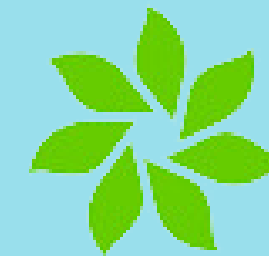


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Looking Ahead (2025–2026)

Barrie expansion completion (interview room & remote testimony site)

Expand prevention/outreach (#GoBlue campaign, Common Ground, ImagineART, Prevention Education for Boys)

Grow donor & municipal support

Strengthen CVWP staffing & funding

**GOOD
THINGS
AHEAD**



💛 Thank You & Closing

We are deeply grateful to all who make our work possible:

Staff – for your tireless dedication and compassion

Board of Directors – for your vision and leadership

Multidisciplinary Team Partners – for standing with us to protect children
and youth

Donors & Community – for your generosity and belief in our mission

Together, we are the village of support ensuring every child's voice is heard
and every family finds hope and healing.

