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and policies for vulnerable children
and youth and their families*

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1. Director's Message

As I enter my tenth and final year as Director of the *Centre for Research on Children and Families* I am pleased to report that the Centre has become a leading Canadian social research centre with established partnerships with local, provincial and national child and family support services and advocacy organizations. Originally established in 1985 through an endowment from the Alva Foundation as the *Centre for Study of Services to Vulnerable Families*¹, the Centre's name and mandate were re-focused in 2005 with the mission to "conduct and disseminate research on effective programs and policies for vulnerable children and youth and their families". The CRCF now hosts over 30 research projects supported by an annual average of one million dollars in funds brought in by a core group of a dozen faculty; a more than tenfold return on the Alva endowment income. The CRCF brings together a thriving academic community with over forty students involved in Centre activities as research assistants and trainees, participating in research seminars, journal clubs and research methods workshops. I look forward to continuing to be involved as a member of the CRCF and participating in the Centre's sustained development under the leadership of a new Director.

This report covers research, training and dissemination activities from January 2013 to December 2013, and financial reports covering the 2012-13 fiscal year (May 1 2012 to April 30 2013). Thirty-two² research projects were run through the Centre in 2013 supported by over a million dollars in research grants and contracts, including a seven-year SSHRC Partnership Development grant in partnership with First Nations and mainstream Youth Protection service organizations. Funding for the CRCF core infrastructure is supported by an endowment provided by the Alva Foundation (see Appendix A). Support for community research projects and operating the Children's Service Data Lab is provided through a Royal Bank of Canada gift for the RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program.

Centre researchers have been working with many local service providers including the Old Brewery Mission, Kahnawake Shaktiia'takenhas Community Services, the African Canadian Development & Prevention Network, Batshaw Youth and Family Services, the St Justine and Montreal Children's Hospitals, provincial organizations including the Ministry of health and Social Services, the Association des centre jeunesse du Québec and the First Nations Health and Social Services Commission of Quebec and Labrador, and national organizations ranging from Public Health Agency of Canada, the Assembly of First Nations, the First Nations Child and Family caring society and the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

Our activities range from assisting agencies with program development and program evaluation activities, to conducting clinical studies, to providing governments with policy advice, to leading provincial and national epidemiological studies. The Centre houses the most important collection of child welfare research datasets in Canada, including the three national cycles of the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect, and a Québec-wide administrative data base

¹ The Centre's name was subsequently changed to the *Centre for Applied Family Studies* until it was renamed in 2005 the *Centre for Research on Children and Families*.

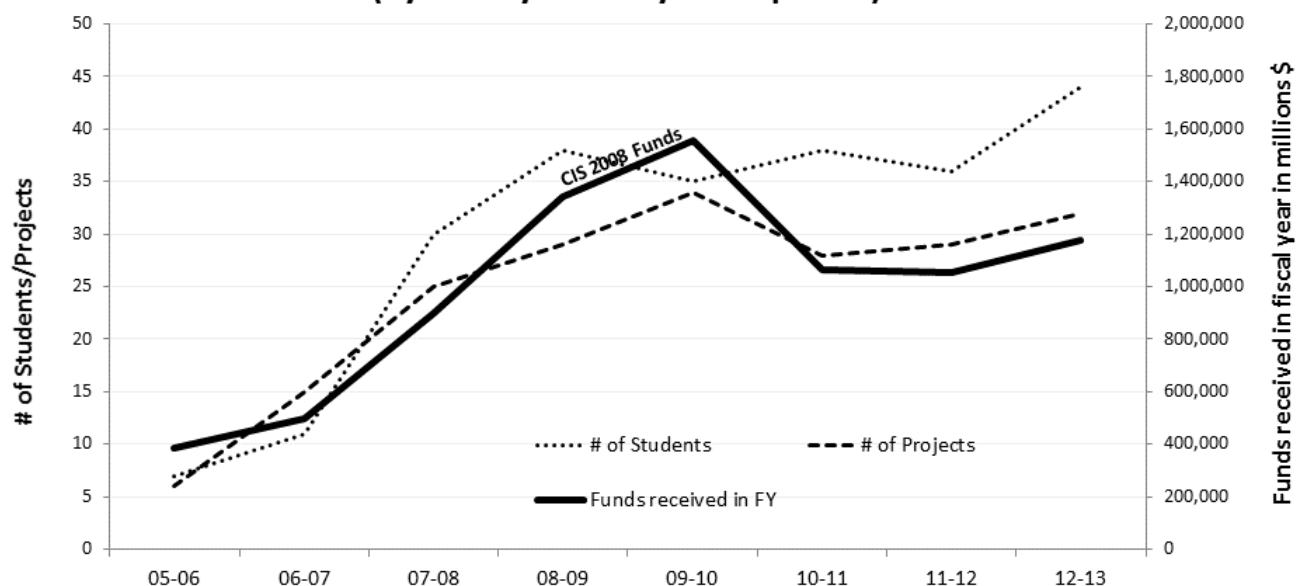
² This count of 32 projects includes the 26 research projects listed in section 3 plus the research initiatives with the 6 Building Research Capacity community partners listed on section 3.3.

tracking over 400,000 children who have received Youth Protection services over the last twenty years. Research activities have had program and policy impact at all levels, from local agencies, to departments of social services in several provinces, to Federal agencies and NGOs.

The Centre's dissemination and knowledge mobilization activities include a monthly research seminar series, two monthly journal clubs (child welfare and children's disabilities) as well as a range of research training workshops. The Centre's reach across Canada and internationally is supported by the Canadian Child Welfare Research Portal (cwrp.ca), Canada's most extensive child welfare research and policy clearinghouse. The Centre's membership counts over 45 student and community members, 15 professors, and four research labs. Centre members published 59 articles in peer reviewed journals, 2 books, 10 book chapters and 19 reports in 2013.

The CRCF activities chart tracks projects, new funds received in the fiscal year as well as the number of students involved with Centre projects. Funds tracked include all funds managed by the Centre that were received in the fiscal year. These do not include funds from the Centre's endowment (see Appendix A) nor do they include funds that Centre researchers have access to as collaborators or co-investigators on projects run outside of the Centre.

Research & training activities: 2005-2013
(by fiscal year: May 1 to April 30)



Project funds	383,406	494,734	896,151	1,194,485	1,406,394	913,658	904,506	1,026,112
RBC Funds				150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Total received in FY	383,406	494,734	896,151	1,344,485	1,556,394	1,063,658	1,054,506	1,176,112



2. Mission and Mandate

Mission Statement

The Centre's mission is to *conduct and disseminate research on effective programs and policies for vulnerable children and youth and their families.*

Vulnerability is broadly defined to include social, family, emotional, cognitive and health related problems that place children and youth at risk of developing serious psycho-social problems and not being able to achieve their full developmental potential. These can include a range of problems such as poverty, family violence, youth violence, mental health problems and disabilities. *Programs and policies* include prevention and intervention programs to support vulnerable children and their families that have been developed in a range of settings, including but not limited to child welfare, children's mental health, education, recreation, and health care.

Mandate

The Centre Mandate is to:

- i. **conduct research** on effective prevention and intervention programs for vulnerable children and their families, including (i) research to understand risk and protective factors, (ii) efficacy and cost-effectiveness of prevention and intervention programs, (iii) analysis of administrative datasets to describe services and track outcomes, and (iv) in-depth studies to explore process and contextual factors that effect program implementation;
- ii. **develop partnerships** between researchers, service providers and policy makers, with a specific focus on (i) promoting research in partnership with Batshaw Youth and Family Centres and other child and youth health and social service agencies in Montreal and across Québec, particularly organizations serving the Anglophone community, and (ii) providing a bridge between Quebec's extensive network of francophone community-university child and family research groups and other McGill, Canadian and international research groups focusing on vulnerable children and youth;
- iii. **provide research training** for graduate and post-graduate students, as well as supporting the development of research capacity in child and family service agencies;
- iv. **ensure timely dissemination** of Centre-based research in a manner that is accessible and relevant to policy makers and service providers.

3. Research

This section describes the research projects³ that were being run out of the Centre in 2013. Two new research grants or contracts were successfully obtained, in addition to 20 continuing grants or contracts and 4 projects funded through Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) funds. Funding sources included federal research granting agencies, such as the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) and the Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and the Canada Research Chair program; provincial granting agencies, such as the Fonds de recherche sur la société et la culture (FRSSC); grants and contracts from Federal and Provincial governments, including Health Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada, Association des Centres Jeunesses du Québec, Alberta Human Services, and the British Columbia Ministry of Children and Families and the Québec Ministry of health and social services; matching grant support from McGill (Social Work, Arts & Medicine); a gift from the RBC Foundation; grants and contracts from community groups, such as the National Crime Prevention Centre/Côte des Neiges Black Community Association, Old Brewery Mission and sub-grants from larger network grants, such as the Network for Aboriginal Mental Health Research.

New Grants

1. Transformation des services en santé mentale dans les Centres jeunesse: Implantation d'un programme d'intervention en trauma pour les parents de familles d'accueil

Principal Investigator: Delphine Collin-Vezina
 Co-Investigators: I. Daigneault, M. Hébert, N. Lanctôt, T. Milot, N. Trocmé
 Funding Source: McGill Internal Funds – SSHRC to CIHR Transition Fund
 Period: 2013-2015
 Award: \$14,430 (\$14,430 allocated 2012-2013)

Youth in foster care often present with psychological and behavioral issues that pose challenges for their foster parents. The problems exhibited by youth in out-of-home care represent, or are the symptoms of, deeper traumatic issues that deserve to be recognized and treated, a role that youth protection workers can fulfill in their associated role with foster families. This project, which emerges out of a close collaboration between workers from Centres jeunesse de Lanaudière (psychologists and psycho-educators), and researchers and students from McGill and other universities, seeks to evaluate the implementation of a 12-week group intervention for foster parents. The group intervention is based on the premise of a recognized and evidence-based intervention programme, the Attachment, Regulation and Competency (ARC) model. In order to evaluate the relevance of the ARC model in relation to the needs of placed youth and their foster parents, a program evaluation was implemented. Results from the first cohort of foster parents are highly promising and demonstrate that the foster parents reported: (1) that youth placed in their care are affected by important problems, such as internalized symptoms, behavioral issues, hyperactivity and attention deficits, relational problems

³ To simplify tracking across annual reports, projects are classified by fund number, and funding information is credited to the year that the funds were planned for in the original grant proposal. Projects with no funds attributed to the current year are ones that are operating on unspent funds from a previous year.

with peers and a lack of pro-social behaviors, and (2) that the group intervention was beneficial in helping them deal with the issues reported above by offering support, which reduces their isolation, provides a better understanding of the role of traumas in the current problems, and assists in learning new strategies to better interact with the youth in their care.

2. Poverty and Ethnocultural Diversity as the Context for Parenting and Service Access for Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Montreal, Quebec

Principal Investigator: Lucyna Lach

Co-Investigators: David Rothwell, Cecile Rousseau, Sebastien Breau, Monica Ruiz-Casares, Dana Anaby, Daniel Amar, Peter Rosenbaum, Dafna Kohen, David Nicholas.

Funding Source: McGill University

Period: 2012-2014

Award: \$40,000 (\$19,345 allocated 2013-2013)

The objective of this proposal is twofold: to engage members of The CIHR Team in Parenting Matters! who have been studying parenting of children with NDDs with researchers studying ethnocultural diversity, poverty, and spatial inequality, to better understand the link between parenting in the context of ethnocultural diversity and poverty, and access to and delivery of health and social care services in Quebec. A range of collaborating disciplines are represented on the research team—social work, psychiatry, educational counselling and psychology, occupational therapy, geography, law, epidemiology, and paediatrics, and 4 key questions will be addressed in this pilot work:

(1) How are ethnocultural diversity, socioeconomic disadvantage, and neighbourhoods currently addressed in the literature on access to health and social services?

(2) What is the feasibility of using existing administrative and population-based data to describe ethnoculturally diverse parents of children with NDD and the support that they and their child currently receive across the continuum of care?

(3) What do health and social care providers think are the main issues for parents caring for a child with NDD who are immigrants/newcomers?

(4) What are the key research questions and methods for this proposed program of research?

Ongoing Grants

3. Building Research Capacity with First Nations Mainstream Youth Protection Services in Québec

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé

Co-investigators: Collin-Vezina, D., Fallon, B., Lach, L., Rothwell, D., Blackstock, C., Dufour, S., Ellenbogen, S., Goyette, M., Turcotte, D., Shlonsky, A., Thomson, W., Bouchard, E., Coughlin, L., Montgomery, H., Rosebush, N., Sinclair, S., Thompson, J., Udy, M., Wells, S.

Funding Source: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Period: 2012-2018

Award: \$1,560,352 (\$230,350 allocated for 2012-2013)

Funding Source: RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program

Period: 2012-2017

Award:	\$100,000 (\$20,000 allocated for 2012-2013, reported under RBC funds)
Funding Source:	Office of the Vice Principal of Research
Period:	2012-2017
Award:	\$100,000 (\$20,000 allocated for 2012-2013)
Funding Source:	McGill Faculty of Arts
Period:	2012-2017
Award:	\$7,500 (\$0 allocated for 2012-2013)
Funding Source:	Canadian Foundation for Innovation
Period:	2012-2015
Award:	\$133,234 (\$133,234 reported in 2012-2013)

The Building Research Capacity with First Nations and Mainstream Youth Protection Services in Quebec (BRC) is a SSHRC Partnership Grant developed to address the following objectives: (1) understand the dynamics and outcomes of child protection services delivered to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children; (2) support FN and YP organizations' capacity to analyze clinical, administrative and appropriate population statistics to support them in planning and evaluating their programs and services; and (3) train researchers in longitudinal and ecological methods using administrative data within a participatory research approach.

Ten to twelve graduate students under the supervision of university researchers have been deployed as "knowledge brokers" in BRC partner agencies – two FN organizations and four YP centres serving FN communities – to provide methodological assistance in collecting and analyzing information on service trajectories and outcomes. Building on a participatory research approach, students are provided with training in a range of research methods, emphasizing statistical analysis of service data.

The following is a list of ongoing and emerging BRC projects.

Analysis of the Trajectories of young First Nations Subject to the Act on the Protection of Youth, First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission (FNQLHSSC). Assist FNQLHSSC to explore and understand child protection service trajectories of FN children in Quebec and to compare FN services with the rest of Quebec and document changes pre-/post-YPA modification in 2007.

Supporting Individuals with Disabilities and their Families: Stakeholder Interviews, Kahnawake Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS). Assist KSCS Assisted Living Services with conducting interviews and to summarize the major themes from the interviews and write a report.

Development of Clinical Outcome Indicators for Kahnawake Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS). Assist KSCS with developing agency specific clinical outcome indicators by assisting in the extraction and analysis of clinical administrative data using their information system.

Education Indicator Development, Association des centres jeunesse du Québec (ACJQ). As part of a province-wide knowledge mobilization initiative entitled "Gestion fondée sur les indicateurs de suivi Clinique," an age-to-grade ratio indicator of academic delay is currently being developed for all children receiving child protection services in the province of Quebec. This indicator provides a useful starting point in understanding how well children perform at school.



Exploring Differential Processes of Service Provision for non-Aboriginal and status First Nations Children, Assembly of First Nations (AFN). This project builds on and extends work AFN has done to document the administrative response to Jordan's Principle across jurisdictions through a document review, key informant interviews, and various publications for communities/advocates.

First Nations Regional Health Survey, First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission (FNQLHSSC). The goal of this project is to assist in the data analysis of the results of the Regional Health Survey to deepen the themes that have been found to date.

In-the-Know, Batshaw Youth and Family Centres (BYFC). The goal of this project is to assist BYFC in contextualizing the results of agency specific analysis on children's service trajectories and publishing an internal infosheet (In-the-Know) designed to make this information available to clinical personnel and partners.

Neglect Program Implementation, Batshaw Youth and Family Centres (BYFC). The goal of this project is to assist with the evaluation of the implementation of a new assessment format for families under the new BYFC Neglect Program. The aim is to assess the consistency and efficacy of new assessment measures. Research activities include a literature review, interviews, file reviews and data analysis.

Project Governance Health and Social Services of Quebec First Nations, First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission (FNQLHSSC). The goal of this project is to conducting a review of the literature on the subject of governance and self-determination in health among indigenous peoples worldwide.

Tracking Clinical Outcome Indicators, Association des centres jeunesse du Québec (ACJQ). Assist ACJQ in the yearly production of reports on clinical outcome indicators. Next steps will be analyzing regional variations in child protection service trajectories using a neighbourhood socioeconomic disadvantage index.

Clinical Integration Group on Sexual Abuse, Batshaw Youth and Family Centres (BYFC). Assist BYFC with integrating clinical and research knowledge on child sexual abuse (CSA) by providing recent empirical studies for review by group members, supporting BYFC CSA research and clinical activities, providing research review workshops, recording and distributing meeting minutes.

Understanding Trajectories of Children in Long-term Care, Batshaw Youth and Family Centres (BYFC). To assist BYFC to understand the trajectories of children in long-term care by comparing BYFC children in long-term care outcomes with provincial children in long-term care outcomes.

Knowledge Integration for Aboriginal Teams, Batshaw Youth and Family Centres (BYFC). Assist BYFC with integrating clinical and research knowledge on Aboriginal issues by providing recent empirical studies for review by group members, supporting BYFC Aboriginal research and clinical activities, providing research review workshops, recording and distributing meeting minutes.

Supporting Program and Policy Decisions Using Administrative Data, Centres jeunesse Outaouais (CJO). Assist in validation COGNOS data. Secondary analysis to understand who is most likely to experience a recurrence of maltreatment.

Service Trajectories for Children 0-5 and Comparison of Services for First Nations and non First Nations Children, Centre de protection et de réadaptation de la Côte-Nord (CPRCN). Assist CPRCN and First nation child welfare agencies in the Côte-Nord region with conducting quantitative data analysis and interpretation regarding clinical administrative data extracted from their information systems.

Comparison of services for First Nations and non First Nations children, Centre jeunesse de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue (CJAT). Assist CJAT and First nation partners with conducting quantitative data analysis and interpretation regarding clinical administrative data extracted from their information systems.

Client Satisfaction, Batshaw Youth and Family Centres (BYFC). Assist BYFC with the development of a survey to measure client satisfaction of child welfare services in order to target areas in which BYFC can improve.

Clinical Integration Group on Sexual Abuse, Centres jeunesse de Outaouais (CJO). Assist CJO with integrating clinical and research knowledge on child sexual abuse (CSA) by providing recent empirical studies for review by group members, supporting CJO CSA research and clinical activities, providing research review workshops, recording and distributing meeting minutes.

Clinical Integration Group on Conjugal Violence, Batshaw Youth and Family Centres (BYFC). Assist BYFC with integrating clinical and research knowledge on intimate partner violence (IPV) by providing recent empirical studies for review by group members, supporting BYFC IPV research and clinical activities, providing research review workshops, recording and distributing meeting minutes.

Examining Batshaw Legal Service and Foster Care Resources, Batshaw Youth and Family Centres (BYFC). Assist BYFC to explore the activity costs associated with foster home support and legal services for children in care, and compare BYFC to the provincial average.

4. Definition and Measurement of Asset Poverty in Canada

Principal Investigator: David Rothwell

Funding Source: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Period: 2011-2013

Award: \$74,413 (\$48,144 allocated for 2012-2013)

Description: Poverty is a most complex social problem with controversial definitions, various measures, and unclear causes. Canadian poverty has been extensively studied from an income-based framework based on relative (the Low Income Cutoffs (LICOs) and the Low Income Measures (LIMs)) or absolute thresholds (the Market Basket Measure (MBM)). Poverty scholars outside Canada have begun to focus on non-income dimensions of economic well-being such as asset ownership. Assets are financial and non-financial stocks of wealth (e.g., saving, investments, home equity, vehicles, business



capital, etc.). The asset-based framework suggests that asset holding positively influences individual, family, and community well-being in ways that income does not (Sherraden, 1991). Furthermore, scholars have estimated asset poverty rates in the US (Haveman & Wolff, 2005). An asset-based perspective is, however, largely absent from poverty discourse in Canada.

This project fills this gap by defining, measuring, and producing the first nationally-representative estimates of asset poverty in Canada. Four questions are addressed: (a) what is the prevalence of asset poverty? (b) how does the prevalence of “asset poverty” compare to the prevalence of “income poverty”? (c) how is asset poverty related to socio-demographic characteristics (ethnicity, age, immigration)?, and (d) what policies might reduce asset poverty? Secondary data from the 2005 Survey of Financial Security and the 2009 Canadian Financial Capability Survey gathered by Statistics Canada contain the variables necessary to analyze asset poverty. Data are being accessed via the Quebec Inter-University Centre for Social Statistics (QICSS) data laboratory at McGill University. Findings will lead to (1) a major contribution to the ways that Canadian scholars and citizens conceptualize poverty; (2) the first Canadian contribution to the international discourse on asset poverty; (3) social policy proposals aimed towards reducing asset poverty and social exclusion; and, (4) a long-term research agenda to understand Canadian poverty from an asset-based perspective.

Activities occurring during the previous fiscal year.

* Student training

* First analysis finished.

* Paper under review. Working paper available online:

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2367057

* Results presented at the following:

Rothwell, D. W. (2013, November 5). Asset poverty in Canada. Asset Building Learning Exchange. University of Calgary, Calgary.

Rothwell, D. W. (2013, October 30). Definition and measurement of asset poverty in Canada. Social Statistics and Population Dynamics Seminar. McGill University, Montreal.

Media coverage in the Montreal Gazette.

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/business/COVER+STORY+Extra/9291918/story.html>

5. Evaluation, Research, and Improvement Project for Transition Services

Principal Investigator: David Rothwell

Funding Source: Old Brewery Mission

Period: 2011–2013

Award: \$27,021 (\$15,440 allocated for 2012–2013)

Description: The McGill-Old Brewery Mission (OBM) collaborative partnership is a 5-year project designed to generate knowledge that will improve the services offered to vulnerable homeless men and women served by the OBM. The primary focus of this study will be two transitional housing programs: Étape and Escal. This project consists of 2 phases. The purpose of the first phase is to build knowledge and organizational capacity for data collection and systematic inquiry. Phase 1 entails developing an understanding of the transition services (i.e., Étape and Escal) and the client trajectories through the Old Brewery Mission. Phase 1 is designed as an exploratory study collecting both qualitative and quantitative data. Upon the completion of the first phase, the second phase will begin with the design and implementation of the transition services program evaluation. More

specifically, it will explore the impact of the Étape and Escalé programs on the reintegration to housing process of the Old Brewery Mission service users. In order to accomplish this, participants will be tracked during their community reintegration process for a period of 12 months. Data will be collected through focus groups and interviews. Through this study, the Old Brewery Mission hopes to determine the value added of each program on the reintegration process of service users and to better understand the different elements that hinder or facilitate this process. Some of the questions to be answered include:

- (1) Where are the clients who have left OBM transition services?
- (2) What is their psychosocial wellbeing after 3 months, 6 months, and 1 year?
- (3) What percentage of clients return to the Old Brewery Mission shelter after going through its services a first time?

The lessons learned during this project will be shared with the network of homeless service providers (e.g., Homeless Hub). Findings will be disseminated in and presented at a variety of peer-reviewed conferences and journals.

Activities occurring during the previous fiscal year.

* Data collection, analysis and reports,

* Student and staff training.

* Results presented at the following:

Rothwell, D. W. & Mott, S. (2013, June 4). Profiles and perceptions: Analysis of treatment first transitional housing clients. Poster presented at the International Homelessness Research Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Mott, S., Spagnolo, J., Rothwell, D. W. (2013). Escalé Program: Focus Group Findings. Montreal: McGill Centre for Research on Children and Families.

6. Pauvreté et inégalité des actifs: Une perspective québécoise et canadienne

Principal Investigator: David Rothwell

Co-Investigators: Hanley, J., Trocmé, N., Esposito, T.

Funding Source: Fonds de recherche sur la société et la culture

Period: 2012–2014

Award: \$37,192 (\$13,200 allocated for 2012-2013)

Description: Define and measure an asset-based poverty threshold for Quebec.

Activities: Student training and preliminary data analysis.

7. Exploring Child Savings Accounts in Indigenous Communities

Principal Investigator: David Rothwell

Co-Investigators: Ives, N., Loft, M., Bonner, A.

Funding Source: McGill Internal Social Sciences and Humanities Development Grant Subcommittee

Period: 2011-2012

Award: \$4,000 (\$0 allocated 2012-2013)

Description: Working with community liaisons and community members, the aim of this research project is to understand how members of the Kahnawake community (Mohawk Territory) perceive educational savings. The project will seek to identify the challenges to increasing educational savings



and the factors that promote savings in the community. This research project builds on an existing partnership between the Centre for Research on Children and Families, the School of Social Work and the Kahnawake community. Specifically, our study partners with Step-by-Step (SBS) Child and Family Centre. Located in the Iroquois Mohawk community of Kahnawake, SBS is an early intervention agency that serves children aged 12 months to 6 years. Data will be collected in three focus groups of parents recruited from a sampling frame of families with children enrolled at SBS. The focus groups will follow the methodological guidelines outlined by Krueger & Casey (2009). Questions to be asked during the focus groups relate to directly to the project's goals. Example questions include: (1) How do families view savings for their children's education? (2) Are there barriers to saving for postsecondary education, and if so, what are they? (3) What do families know about current resources available to encourage savings? (4) How could a parent-child savings program best match the community's resources, traditions, culture and strengths?

Activities occurring during the previous fiscal year:

* Student training.

* Data collection, analysis and writeup of report.

* Results presented at the following:

Rothwell, D. W. (2013, November 5). From family perspectives to policy change. Asset Building Learning Exchange. University of Calgary, Calgary.

8. First Nations Child Welfare: Exploratory Research at the National Level

Principal Investigator: Vandna Sinha

Funding Source: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Period: 2011-2014

Award: \$73,000 (\$27,800 allocated for 2012-2013)

This project involves secondary analysis of data from the First Nations Component of the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect 2008 (FNCIS-2008). The project involves close collaboration between the CIS research team and the FNCIS-2008 First Nations advisory committee. Project goals are to: compare the investigations conducted by Aboriginal child welfare agencies to those conducted by provincial/territorial agencies, to engage representatives of Aboriginal child welfare agencies in the framing and interpretation of these comparisons, to ensure that presentation of these comparisons are contextually grounded, and to facilitate dissemination of findings.

9. Organisation des services pour les victimes d'agression sexuelle au Québec: portrait et pistes d'action

Principal Investigator: Delphine Collin-Vézina

Co-Investigators: J. Dion, M. Hébert

Funding Source: Fonds de recherche du Québec - Société et culture (FRQ-SC)

Period: 2010-2014

Award: \$187,721 (\$0 allocated for 2012-2013)

The present study seeks to make the evaluation of the implementation of services for victims of sexual assault (SA) in the 77 designated centers (DC) in Quebec. More specifically, this study aims to: (1) document the level of implementation fidelity of services in each of the 77 DC through Quebec regarding the medical and social model of intervention developed in eight stages in 2002, (2)



determine the factors that influence the fidelity of implementation of services in each of the DC, such as those related to the organization, the clientele, and stakeholders, (3) establish the congruence between the services available in each DC and the portrait of the victims of SA, (4) document the use of rape kits in each DC. The study combines quantitative and qualitative methods and includes four levels of data: (1) administrative data (completed in 2011), (2) surveys with health and social services providers (completed in 2013), (3) interviews with victims and parents of victims, as well as (4) interviews with regional respondents in sexual abuse and assault services. Each of these steps will bring a greater understanding of the DC and the services user.

10. Parenting for the Promotion of Adolescent Mental Health

Principal Investigator: Monica Ruiz-Casares

Co-Investigators: L. Lach, C. Rousseau, R. Sullivan, N. Carrey, B. Wong

Funding Source: Mental Health Commission of Canada

Period: 2011–2012

Award: \$135,000 (\$0 allocated for 2012-2013)

Our research team is collaborating with and advising the Child and Youth Advisory Committee of the Mental Health Commission of Canada (CYAC-MHCC) in the development of a family-centered framework on parental mental health education and support for parents of adolescents that is relevant to families from diverse ethno-cultural backgrounds. To inform the development of the framework, the research team has conducted an extensive review of domestic and international literature pertaining to parent education, information and support programs as well as an environmental scan of agency practices across Canada, each of which address methods of supporting parents of adolescents; individual interviews with selected stakeholders completed the latter. A draft framework was developed based on this information. Three graduate students at McGill were hired to assist with the literature review and environmental scan. An Advisory Committee was set up across the country.

11. Child Welfare Research Portal

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé

Co-Investigators: A. Shlonsky, B. Fallon

Funding Source: Alberta Centre for Child, Family & Community Research

Period: 2010–2015

Award: \$25,000 / year

Funding Source: University of Toronto, RBC Internship

Period: 2010–2015

Award: \$15,000 / year (Administered at UofT)

The Child Welfare Research Portal (CWRP) (www.cwrp.ca) is Canada's national clearinghouse for child welfare research. Between April 2012 and March 2013 there were 97,446 visits to the CWRP site (an increase of over 15,000 over the last year) and 251,747 page views. The portal is also the site for Research Watch, an inter-university collaboration that uses a monthly journal club format with faculty and graduate students to review research articles published in leading child welfare journals. The most relevant and well-designed international studies as well as all Canadian studies are summarized and disseminated through the CWRP's list of 2,390 direct subscribers and over 5,000 additional recipients to whom the summaries are forwarded through other list serves. Seven



Research Watch meetings were held between April 2012 and March 2013, approximately 400 articles were reviewed, and 34 article summaries were published.

12. National Outcomes Matrix: Phase V

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé
Co-Investigators: A. Shlonsky
Funding Source: BC Ministry of Children and Family Development
Period: 2010-2013
Award: \$20,000 (0\$ allocated 2012-2013)
Funding Source: Alberta Human Services
Period: 2011-2013
Award: \$75,000 (\$45,750 allocated 2012-2013)

The National Child Welfare Outcome Matrix (NOM) was developed in consultation with provincial, territorial, and First Nations service providers as an initiative of the provincial and territorial Directors of Child Welfare (DCW) and Human Resources Development Canada. The NOM provides a framework for tracking outcomes for children and families receiving child welfare services that can be used as a common set of indicators across jurisdictions. A team of researchers from McGill and the University of Toronto has collaborated with the Federal/Provincial/Territorial [FPT] Child Welfare Outcomes Committee to provide support in operationalizing and testing the NOM indicators. Each participating province and territory has contributed significant staff time to support this operationalization and pilot testing phase, in addition to contributing funds to support travel to FPT Child Welfare Outcomes Committee meetings. In order to continue with further testing the indicators, provinces and territories have contributed funding to support the ongoing work required. A total of 8 indicators have been tracked from 2003/04 to 2010/11, with up to 10 jurisdictions providing partial to complete data for each. Further, an inter-jurisdictional glossary has been developed to track differences in terminology and the organization of child welfare service in Canada for the purposes of better comparing data collected.

13. Ethics studies of childhood: Developing an interdisciplinary research program

Principal Investigator: Franco A. Carnevale
Co-Investigators: A. Campbell, D. Collin-Vézina, M. E. Macdonald
Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada
Period: 2010-2013
Award: \$38,532 (\$0 allocated 2012-2013)

This grant supported the development of an innovative and truly inter-disciplinary research team that is articulating a new field of inquiry: Interdisciplinary Studies of Childhood Ethics. In its first year, four research assistants helped the investigators critically examine the literature across a wide range of diverse disciplines, to identify current research priorities in childhood ethics. Moreover, the team has conducted ongoing consultations with an Interdisciplinary Panel of Expert Consultants. The team have two publications from this project.

14. Canadian Child Welfare Data Lab Infrastructure Support

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé



Funding Source: Canadian Foundation for Innovation
Period: 2009-2013
Award: \$34,349 (\$7,266 allocated 2012-2013)

This supplemental CFI grant provides support for maintaining the CFI funded Child Welfare Data Lab infrastructure. It covers salary costs associated with programming and maintenance of the lab.

15. Decline in Sexual Abuse Cases

Principal Investigator: Delphine Collin-Vézina
Co-Investigators: N. Trocmé, C. Walsh
Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada
Period: 2009-2014
Award: \$181,231 (\$0 allocated 2012-2013)

Rates of sexual abuse reported to and substantiated by Child Protection Services (CPS) have dropped by nearly a third in Canada, from 0.89 per 1,000 children in 1998 to 0.62 in 2003 (Trocmé et al., 2001; 2005). Although we would hope that this decline reflects a true diminution of SA perpetrated on children in the population, it is also possible that victims and non-offending parents are less likely than before to disclose abuse to authorities, and/or that changes in the management of sexual abuse cases by CPS could explain this decline. The present study, based on the work of Finkelhor & Jones (2004), seeks to explore various potential sources of explanations for the decline in sexual abuse investigations by CPS in Canada, including: (1) stricter measures to retain sexual abuse cases reported to CPS, (2) a reduction in CPS involvement in some sexual abuse cases and (3) increasing reserve to report sexual abuse to authorities. In the course of the year 2012-2013, qualitative and quantitative data analyses were performed on data collected from 68 survivors of child sexual abuse from two Canadian provinces (Quebec, Ontario), in particular to explore the factors that facilitated or inhibited their disclosure processes.

16. Canadian Research Chair in Child Welfare Research Support Fund

Principal Investigator: Delphine Collin-Vézina
Funding Source: Canadian Research Chair
Period: 2008-2013
Award: \$60,000 (\$12,000 allocated 2012-2013)
Funding Source: RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program
Period: 2012-2013
Award: \$6,000 (\$6,000 allocated 2012-2013)

Dr. Collin-Vézina's CRC program of study consists of three streams that share the common objective of promoting societal recognition of sexual victimization, its associated traumatic outcomes, and the needs of victims. The first stream seeks to document the evolution of sexual abuse rates over time in Canada and to evaluate the impact of the social and organizational factors that potentially influence these rates. The second stream attempts to document sexual abuse rates and mental health outcomes among understudied at-risk populations, including members of First Nations communities located in Quebec, youth in out-of-home care placement, as well as children and youth who suffer from psychiatric disorders. The third stream seeks to evaluate and implement promising practices

regarding the provision of responsible care and intervention for sexual abuse victims, whether in designated centres for sexual assault or within Quebec's child protection out-of-home care.

17. Outcome Trajectories in Children with Epilepsy: What Factors are Important? Quebec Subsample of the Canadian Study of Paediatric Epilepsy Health Outcomes

Principal Investigator: Lucyna Lach

Co-Investigators: M. Shevell, L. Carmant, G. Ronen, M. Boyle, C. Cunningham, P. Rosenbaum & D. Streiner

Funding Source: Ministère de la santé et des services sociaux

Period: 2008-2015

Award: \$55,820 (\$46,048 allocated for 2012-2013)

Funding Source: Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Period: 2009-2014

Award: \$50,430.13 (\$10,000 allocated for 2012-2013 + an additional one-time payment of \$20,430.13)

Funding Source: Fonds de recherche sur la société et la culture & Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire en réadaptation du Montréal

Period: 2009-2014

Award: \$15,000 (\$3,000 allocated for 2012-2013)

Funding Source: McGill Research and International Relations / Faculty of Medicine / Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre

Period: 2009-2015

Award: \$15,000 (\$3,000 allocated for 2012-2013)

Epilepsy is one of the most common neurological disorders in childhood and is increasingly understood as a complex, pervasive, neuro-behavioural and social condition. Health policy is shifting away from physician driven disease management to a Chronic Disease Model where the patient and his family act as the day-to-day managers of the health condition while health care professionals are the coach. Outcomes studies conducted in the treatment of epilepsy typically evaluate success of treatment using medical parameters. Not much is known about other outcomes such as quality of life and participation both of which are at the heart of how children, adolescents, and their caregivers define as important to them. Even less is known about the determinants of quality of life and participation in these children. The primary objective of this longitudinal study is to quantify the relative contributions of biomedical and psychosocial factors to the physical health, functional status, and quality of life outcomes among children with epilepsy. Data is being collected at the Montreal Children's Hospital and at Ste. Justine. Both sites are part of a larger pan-Canadian study funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. The findings will have both policy and service delivery implications.

18. Parenting Matters! The Biopsychosocial Context of Parenting Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Canada

Principal Investigator: Peter Rosenbaum (Nominated)

Co-Principal Investigators: L. Lach, & D. Kohen

Co-Investigators: R. Birnbaum, J. Brehaut, R. Garner, M. McKenzie, T. McNeill, A. Niccols, D. Nicholas & M. Saini

Funding Source: Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Period: 2009-2013
 Award: \$376,566 (\$75,675 allocated for-2012-2013)

Surprisingly little is known about the processes involved in parenting children and adolescents with neurodevelopmental disorders (NDD) given the complex emotional, behavioral and social problems that are either features or correlates of these conditions. The main goal of these studies are to gain a better understanding of the extent to which parenting children with NDD differs from parenting in general, what makes a difference to parenting, the difference that parenting makes to child outcomes, and whether there are ways of understanding parenting that is unique to this population.

Four multi-method projects address these questions: 1) Using an internationally recognized protocol for conducting a systematic review of quantitative and qualitative research, parenting behavior, cognition and style as well as social, family and child correlates of parenting will be established; 2) Secondary data analyses of the Canadian population-based National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth (NLSCY) will quantitatively compare parenting children with NDD to parenting typically developing children; 3) A clinical study will examine predictors and experiences of parenting children with NDD; 4) A review of the legislation as well as a survey of existing policies and programs will be conducted to document those services available to Canadian parents of children with NDD in the areas of income support, respite/alternative care and case management. This will provide a solid basis against which to develop policy and practice recommendations

19. Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect (CIS) 2008

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé
 Co-Investigators: B. Fallon, B. MacLaurin & V. Sinha
 Funding Source: Public Health Agency of Canada
 Period: 2007-2012
 Award: \$1,455,000 (\$0 allocated 2012-2013)

The CIS-2008 is the third cycle of a national survey examining investigations of child maltreatment conducted in Canada. The 2008 cycle gathered data on 15,980 child maltreatment related investigations conducted in a representative sample of 112 child welfare agencies from every Canadian province and territory. The study includes five oversampling provincial sub-studies conducted in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec as well as the first national study of investigations conducted by First Nations service providers. Over the past year the team has released the final three oversampling reports (Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan) and continued to conduct secondary analyses that have been published in leading journals (see publications).

20. Invisible Victims of Sexual Abuse: Study of clinical and at risk children and adolescent Canadian populations

Principal Investigator: Delphine Collin-Vézina
 Funding Source: Canadian Foundation for Innovation
 Period: 2008-2013
 Award: \$116,722 (\$0 allocated for 2012-2013)
 Funding Source: McGill Faculty of Arts
 Period: 2008-2013

Award:	\$39,582 (\$0 allocated for 2012-2013)
Funding Source:	Government of Quebec
Period:	2008-2013
Award:	\$116,723 (\$0 allocated for 2012-2013)
Funding Source:	In Kind
Period:	2008-2013
Award:	\$18,784

This fund ensures the development of the SAT Lab, a data lab on sexual abuse and trauma. The goal of this lab is to access a representative population of abused children and adolescents. A unique Canadian dataset will be created through data collection from various locations, such as the Montreal Children's Hospital and Batshaw Youth and Family Centres, and through collaborations, such as with the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission in order to target First Nations communities. In addition, data from the CIS (1998, 2003 and 2008) will be analyzed to grasp the extent of child sexual abuse incidence in Canada.

21. Strengthening Black Families Program Evaluation

Principal Investigator:	Nico Trocmé
Co-Investigator:	Vandna Sinha
Funding Source:	National Crime Prevention Centre/Black Community Association
Period:	2011-2016
Award:	\$50,000 (\$10,000 allocated 2012-2013)

The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) was initially developed and evaluated by Dr Kumpfer and her team in the United States and has since been adapted for Black families. The National Crime Prevention Centre (NCPC) has agreed to fund the Cote des Neiges Black Community Association (CDNBCA) a 5-year process evaluation on the implementation of the Black SFP model in two high-need communities in Montreal. The process evaluation aims to monitor how well the program is being implemented as it changes and adapts against expectations. An outcome evaluation, involving pre-post results on a range of parent-completed questions will also be completed. Since 2012, SFP has successfully implemented two cycles of programming targeting at-risk youth ages 7-13. Interim reports on the evolution of the program will be submitted annually with a final report to be submitted to NCPC in 2017.

22. Gestion fondée sur les indicateurs de suivi clinique en protection de la jeunesse

Principal Investigator:	Nico Trocmé
Co-investigator:	Tonino Esposito
Funding Source:	RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program
Period:	2010-2013
Award:	\$180,000 (\$40,000 allocated for 2012-2013)
Funding Source:	Association des Centres Jeunesses du Québec
Period:	2010-2013
Award:	\$174,000 (\$96,000 allocated for 2012-2013)

The project entitled "Gestion fondée sur les indicateurs de suivi Clinique" is a knowledge mobilization initiative between McGill University's Centre for Research on Children and Families (CRCF) and

sixteen child protection jurisdictions across Québec, Canada. The project draws its origins from a partnership between (CRCF) and Batshaw Youth and Families Centres. The partnership was expanded in 2009 with the inclusion of three additional child protection centres, and the full 16 joining in 2010. In 2011 a province-wide database following over 400,000 children who had received services was developed, focusing on the following child protection service trajectory indicators: (a) recurrence of maltreatment (b) placement in out-of-home care (c) placement instability (d) reunification (e) youth criminality and (f) family court appearances. Over the 2012-2013 fiscal year the project focused on trend and inter-jurisdictional analyses. The next stage of the project involves expanding the analysis: 1) to understand the extent to which the neighbourhood socioeconomic disadvantages of the population served explain the service trajectory indicators; (2) to describe the child protection service trajectories and outcomes for Aboriginal and non-aboriginal children and identify factors associated with the overrepresentation of Aboriginal children in the Québec child protection system and; 3) to explore the feasibility of collecting educational data from the Québec clinical-administrative child protection information system.

RBC Funded Research

23. RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé

Funding Source: Royal Bank of Canada

Period: 2008–2018

Award: \$2,000,000 (\$150,000 allocated 2012-2013)

The RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program was established with a \$2 million gift from Royal Bank of Canada. An annual allocation of \$150,000 for ten years is being used to support community research projects and maintain a data laboratory set up to extract and house administrative children services data from across the country. The Centre continues to respond by providing technical support and research training to assist policy makers and community-based children's service providers in developing their research and program evaluation capacity. In addition, a \$500,000 endowment was established to support an RBC Internship Program that allows community professionals and students with research internship and training opportunities to develop their capacity to use research tools to evaluate the effectiveness of programs and services. For example, two graduate students are involved in supporting agency representatives from Kahnawake Shaktiia'takehnas to develop agency specific clinical outcome indicators and assist them in the extraction and analysis of their clinical administrative data. On another project, two graduate students are involved in assisting Batshaw Youth and Family Centres with the evaluation of the implementation of a neglect program for children aged 0 to 5 years old. A portion of the funds were also used to provide a series of data analysis workshops for graduate social work researchers at McGill's CRCF. The workshops included six two-hour sessions providing students with hands-on training on data management and inferential analysis using existing datasets, including the 1998, 2003 and 2008 cycles of the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect. Student researchers also participated in a seminar on advanced analytics (multi-level modeling), and will attend a one-week capstone seminar on the fundamentals of regression modeling in April 2014. Lastly, Aline Bogossian, a fourth year doctoral student was the recipient of the RBC internship funding to advance her understandings of the concept of father involvement in the context of parenting children with neurodevelopmental disorders (NDD) such as cerebral palsy, autism and learning

disabilities. The funds allowed her to advance her research training, dissertation work and covered travel costs for conference presentations.

24. Gender and Child Welfare Network: Sustaining activities in the area of gender and clinical social work practice with families

Principal Investigator: Linda Davies

Period: 2009-2012

Award: \$ 32,532 (\$2,466 allocated 2012-2013)

Retraining in the use of therapeutic approaches has resulted in the offering of clinical training and research on social work practices in the area of children and families, specifically in relation to the MSW Use of Self course. Remaining funds used to support the initial stages of a research project undertaken in conjunction with Dr. E. Ramvi (University of Stavanger, (Norway) and Dr. L. Froggett (University of Lancashire U.K) who offer courses on Use of Self in their national contexts. The research project includes an exploration of the methods of teaching use of self and the subsequent practice experiences of practitioners who have taken this course and the impact it has had on their professional practice.

25. Recherche sur la trajectoire des enfants des Premières Nations dans le système de la protection de la jeunesse

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé

Funding Source: RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program

Period: 2009-2013

Award: \$10,000 (\$0 allocated 12-13)

This project is a partnership between members of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Service Commission, the Association des centres jeunesse du Québec, the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and the Centre for Research on Children and Families. CRCF researchers provided technical consultation and assistance with the interpretation of data provided by the provincial and federal partners. A report entitled *Analyse des trajectoires des jeunes des Premières Nations assujettis à la loi sur la protection de la jeunesse* has been finalized by the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Service Commission, and a working paper describing child welfare services to First Nations communities in Quebec has been completed by a Master's student.

26. Batshaw Child and Family Services: Neglect Program Implementation Evaluation

Principal Investigator: Heather Macintosh

Funding Source: RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program

Period: 2011-2014

Award: \$5,408 (\$5,408 allocated 2012-2013)

Over the past year, researchers at the CRCF have been engaged in data collection in collaboration with Batshaw as a part of the ongoing implementation evaluation of the new programme; the Neglect Programme. Lise-Marie Milne has continued in her role as primary Research Assistant through the SSHRC Building Research Capacities grant and Jaime Wegner-Lohin has also assisted with baseline

data collection. Ainsley Jenicek, an MSW student was hired to assist with the baseline interviews. All of the baseline interviews were carried out in the fiscal year 2013 with clinical staff have been carried out and were transcribed at the beginning of the 2014 fiscal year. Additionally, the baseline file review of randomly selected case files to assess current assessment strategies has begun. Development of a coding scheme and achieving interrater reliability added to the lead time required to begin this segment of the data collection. RBC funds have been utilized to engage an undergraduate research assistant to transcribe these baseline interviews.

4. Dissemination & Training

Research Seminars

The 2012-2013 series of research seminars provided an opportunity for faculty, visiting scholars and graduate students to share and discuss their research. One presentation was scheduled for each meeting. Presenters used the seminar to discuss preliminary results, data interpretation issues and methodological questions arising from their research. The following is a chronological list of the 2012-2013 seminars:

1. Cindy Blackstock, The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal on First Nations Child Welfare.
2. Wendy Thomson, The Commission to Promote Sustainable Child Welfare.
3. Andreas Jud, Health-related quality of life in the aftermath of child maltreatment: Follow-up study of a Swiss hospital sample.
4. Kazue Takamura, The Path toward Family Reunification: Social Constraints on Filipina Live-In Caregivers in Canada.
5. Nancy Gros-Louis McHugh, Results of the First Nations Regional Health Survey of Quebec – Phase 2: A revealing but troubling portrait of the health status of our populations.
6. Bree Akeeson, Arrested in Place: Palestinian Children and Families Experiences with Visible and Invisible Borders.

For more information and all of the presentation slides, visit the www.mcgill.ca/crcf/seminar/

Website

There have been a total of 60, 287 views to the CRCF website from June 1, 2012 2011 to May 31, 2013. The Centre also hosts the Canadian Child Welfare Research Portal (www.cwrp.ca), which serves as a clearinghouse for child welfare research and policy across Canada (see project #11)

Publications

Centre members published 59 articles in peer reviewed journals, 2 books, 10 book chapters and 19 reports in 2013.

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Student Training

The Centre provided research training to approximately 40 students through a variety of programs including external graduate scholarships (FQRSC & SSHRC), research assistantships, the Faculty of Arts Work Study program, thesis research support and statistical consultation. In addition, the Centre hosted 5 training workshops:

Training Events	Number of Participants
Data Analysis Workshop Series on the CIS (three full day workshops)	12
Qualitative Interviewing and Data Analysis (two workshops totaling 9 hours)	7
Inferential Statistics (three 2 hour workshops)	9
Participatory Research Workshop (4 hours)	12
Methods Brownbag (monthly)	6
Child Welfare Journal Club (monthly)	16
Childhood Disability Journal Club (2 meetings)	4

5. Centre Development

Governance

The Centre's Board met once in June 2013, to review and ratify the Centre's financial statement, receive the Director's Annual Report and review the planned activities and budget for 2013-2014. The CRCF Annual Report 2012 was also presented at the CRCF Annual General Meeting (August 29, 2013)

The Board includes:

Christopher Manfredi (CRCF Board Chair, Dean of Arts)
Nico Trocmé (Centre Director)
Sarah Stroud (Associate Vice-Principal of Research and International Relations)
Wendy Thomson (Director of the SSW)
Margaret Doueck (Executive Director, Batshaw)
Lucyna Lach (Faculty Rep)
Delphine Collin-Vézina (Faculty Rep)
Gina Glidden (Graduate Student Rep)
Sydney Duder (Honorary)
Michael Udy (Honorary)

Infrastructure

There have not been any major infrastructure updates in the last year.

Membership

The Centre's membership includes approximately 70 faculty, students, staff and community members who are actively involved in the Centre's activities. A CRCF retreat held in August 2013 brought CRCF members together to discuss research projects and interests.

Faculty

Sharon Bond, McGill Social Work
Franco Carnevale, McGill Nursing
Delphine Collin-Vézina, McGill Social Work
Linda Davies, McGill Social Work
Myriam Denov, McGill Social Work
Sydney Duder, McGill Social Work
Stephen Ellenbogen, Memorial, Social Work
Barbara Fallon, Toronto, Social Work
Nicole Ives, McGill Social Work
Julia Krane, McGill Social Work
Lucyna Lach, McGill Social Work
Jo Ann Levesque, McGill Arts



Mary Ellen Macdonald, McGill Dentistry
Heather MacIntosh, McGill Social Work
Anne-Marie Piché, UQAM Social Work
David Rothwell, McGill Social Work
Mónica Ruiz-Casares, McGill Social and Transcultural Psychiatry
Aron Shlonsky, Toronto, Social Work
Vandna Sinha, McGill Social Work
Wendy Thomson, McGill Social Work
Aron Shlonsky, Toronto, Social Work
Nico Trocmé (Director), McGill Social Work

Students

Bree Akesson, PhD student
Shiran Azerrad, BSW Student
Sacha Bailey, PhD student
Irene Beeman, MSW student
Claudia Bernard, MSW Student
Tara Black, PhD student
Anne Blumenthal, MSW Student
Aline Bogossian, PhD student
Denise Michelle Brend, PhD student
Ye Ri Choi, PhD student
Kim Coleman, PhD student
Mireille De La Sablonnière-Griffin, MSW student
Melanie Doucet, PhD Student
Jennifer Drummond, MSW
Toni Esposito, PhD student
Elizabeth Fast, PhD student
Kara Fletcher, PhD student
Charlotte Gagnier, MSW student
Gina Glidden, MSW student
Shawn-Renee Hordyk, PhD Student
Andreas Jud, Postdoctoral fellow
Lauren Kolyn, BSW
Anna Kozlowski, MSW student
Alicia Kyte, PhD Student
Christopher Lee, BSW Student
Radha Macculloch, PhD student
Sarah McNamee, MSW student
Lise Milne, PhD student
Malorie Moore, MSW Student
Sebastian Mott, MSW Student
Crystal Noronha, MSc
Jennifer Nutton, PhD student
Andrea Palmer, BSW student
Soh-Yon Park, BSc student

Stéphanie Pelletier, MSW student
Jody Sell, MSW student
David Silva, MSW student
Megan Simpson, PhD student
Jessica Spagnolo, BSW student
Nahid Sultana, PhD student
Jaime Wegner-Lohin, PhD student
Melissa Van Wert, PhD student
Soy Oon Weon, PhD student

Community

Lorry Coughlin, BYFC
Margaret Doueck, BYFC
Sue Gallo, BYFC
Claude Laurendeau, BYFC
Catherine Roy, CJM
Michael Udy, Consultant

Research and Administrative Staff

The Centre also operates with support from the following research and administrative staff:

Martin Chabot, Data Analyst
Tonino Esposito, Associate Director
Kelly Finnerty, Administrative Coordinator
Pamela Weightman, Research, Dissemination & Training Coordinator.

6. Financial Report

The Centre manages funds from four sources: (1) the CRCF Endowed Income Fund which is used to cover Centre operating costs, (2) the CRCF Endowed Social Work Fellowship Fund which is used for student travel grants, (3) research project funds and (4) the RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program fund. Annual financial reports for the two endowed funds and a summary of research funds are included in the attached Appendices. Detailed financial reports specific to externally funded research projects and the RBC funds are filed separately. All financial information is reported on a fiscal year basis.

CRCF Operating Fund

The CRCF Operating Fund (see Appendix A) supports the Centre's administration and its research and dissemination infrastructure. Some operating costs for 2012-2013 are shared with the RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program fund and the Building Research Capacity fund.

CRCF Student Travel Grants

The Social Work Fellowship Fund (CRCF Travel Grant) (see Appendix B) produced an income of \$2,739.02 in 2012-2013. Nine students received travel grants for a total expenditure of \$6,545.19.

Funds

Appendix C summarizes research funds run through the Centre. Over \$850,000 in research grants and contracts were run through the Centre in 2012-2013. We are projecting a similar level of grant and contract funding over the next year, a level of research activity that is in keeping with the available research space and infrastructure and that is consistent with an increased focus on training and dissemination activities.

APPENDIX A: CRCF Operating Fund

May 1st 2012 to April 30th 2013

INCOME

Endowment	\$92,280.96
	\$92,280.96

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$68,769.63
Materials & Supplies	\$1,638.60
Computer Equipment	\$2,576.91
Photocopies	\$542.18
Printing	\$285.28
Postage/Courier	\$97.03
Telephone Equipment/Services/Conference calls	\$3,270.83
Lan Jack	\$1,702.62
Long Distance/Fax	\$170.72
Cell Phones	\$873.72
Travel - General	\$3,761.39
Non-Travel Related Meal Expense	\$1,009.09
Miscellaneous*	\$1,622.64
	\$86,320.64

Surplus or deficit	\$5,960.32
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** Misc includes Office Equipment, Special Events, Repairs & Maintenance*



APPENDIX B: CRCF Travel Grant

May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013

INCOME

Carry Forward	\$629.53
Endowment	\$2,739.02
Decapitalization	\$3,176.64

EXPENDITURES

Travel awards

Jennifer Drummond	\$742.95
Kim Coleman	\$761.92
Angela Wilson	\$732.73
Ifeyinwa Mbakogu	\$750.80
Aline Bogossian	\$741.57
Sacha Bailey	\$740.12
Lise Milne	\$707.80
Monica Ruiz Casares	\$617.43
Bree Akeeson	\$750.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$6,545.19
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Surplus or deficit	\$ 0.00
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APPENDIX C: Project Funds Managed Through CRCF

Project name	Received in 2012-13
1. Transformation des services en santé mentale dans les Centres jeunesse : Implantation d'un programme d'intervention en trauma pour les parents de familles d'accueil	\$14,430
2. Poverty and Ethnocultural Diversity as the Context for Parenting and Service Access for Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Montreal, Quebec	\$19,345
3. Building Research Capacity with First Nations Mainstream Youth Protection Services in Québec	\$383,584
4. Definition and Measurement of Asset Poverty in Canada	\$48,144
5. Evaluation, Research, and Improvement Project for Transition Services	\$15,440
6. Pauvreté et inégalité des actifs: Une perspective québécoise et canadienne	\$13,200
7. Exploring Child Savings Accounts in Indigenous Communities	\$0
8. First Nations Child Welfare: Exploratory Research at the National Level	\$27,800
9. Organisation des services pour les victimes d'agression sexuelle au Québec: portrait et pistes d'action	\$0
10. Parenting for the Promotion of Adolescent Mental Health	\$0
11. Child Welfare Research Portal	\$25,000
12. National Outcomes Matrix: Phase V	\$45,750
13. Ethics studies of childhood: Developing an interdisciplinary research program	\$0
14. Canadian Child Welfare Data Lab Infrastructure Support	\$7,266
15. Decline in Sexual Abuse Cases	\$0
16. Canadian Research Chair in Child Welfare Research Support Fund	\$12,000



17. Outcome Trajectories in Children with Epilepsy: What Factors are Important? Quebec Subsample of the Canadian Study of Paediatric Epilepsy Health Outcomes	\$82,478
18. Parenting Matters! The Biopsychosocial Context of Parenting Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Canada	\$75,675
19. Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect (CIS) 2008	\$0
20. Invisible Victims of Sexual Abuse: Study of clinical and at risk children and adolescent Canadian populations	\$0
21. Strengthening Black Families Program Evaluation	\$10,000
22. Gestion fondée sur les indicateurs de suivi clinique en protection de la jeunesse	\$96,000
23. RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program	\$150,000
24. Gender and Child Welfare Network: Sustaining activities in the area of gender and clinical social work practice with families	\$0
25. Recherche sur la trajectoire des enfants des Premières Nations dans le système de la protection de la jeunesse	\$0
26. Batshaw Child and Family Services: Neglect Program Implementation Evaluation	\$0
Total Funds Managed by CRCF	\$1,026,112.00

