Childhood Connections

Okanagan Family & Childcare Society

ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026



Childhood Connections
at the Strong Roots Centre

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT



Reflecting on this year, I am proud of the progress we have made and am grateful for the people and partnerships that have supported our success. Our work remains grounded in a simple belief: strong relationships and timely support help children, youth, and their caregivers build the foundation they need to thrive. This belief has guided our decisions as we respond to immediate community needs while strengthening the organization for the future.

Perhaps our most impactful activity is the *High-Risk Vulnerable Youth* HRVY program (pronounced “Harvey.”) HRVY allows us to support youth aged 8–13 and their caregivers through trusted relationships, early intervention, and 1:1 individualized support. I am grateful to the City of Kelowna, RCMP, and Central Okanagan Public Schools for recognizing the value of this work and investing in its success.

Behind the scenes, we have also taken steps to fortify our long-term sustainability. Our new fund development strategy provides a clearer direction for fundraising and building financial stability. We refined the Drop-In Childcare program to improve its viability and meet the community need. We also devoted attention to internal controls, which provide important foundations for consistent, responsible service delivery.

For me, this year has reinforced both the importance of our work and the strength of the surrounding community. I am thankful to our staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, funders, and community partners for their dedication. Together, we are strengthening a resilient organization that addresses immediate needs with strategic insight while remaining a trusted pillar of support for children, youth, and the people who care for them.



JASON RANCHOUX, BA

Executive Director



“I think it is a beneficial program. It provides mentors for kids that need it. It gives at risk kids another chance to make connections with a positive adult role model.”
~ Admin Chief Tomat Elementary

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

HRVY

Launched at The Strong Roots Centre on September 1, 2024, HRVY Services has already supported 67 youth and their families in accessing vital wrap-around services. HRVY Services is delivered in partnership with School District 23 and the City of Kelowna. Building on the existing programming and key research that informed the shift in services, this collaborative model strengthens our ability to support youth and families with evidence-based, community-driven solutions.

Our core supports include:

- Personalized 1:1 youth worker matching
- Individual and family preservation counselling
- Food security assistance
- Pro-social recreational and skill-building activities

Impact Highlights:

Youth participating in HRVY Services have reported meaningful improvements:

- 88% feel more confident in themselves
- 75% experienced improved peer relationships
- 88% demonstrated improved school attendance
- 98% feel a true sense of belonging at Strong Roots



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Family Resource Programs

This year, we launched Active Play, a collaborative program with the City of Kelowna, School District 23, and BC Healthy Living Alliance at Watson Road Elementary and Glenmore Elementary. The program encouraged children to get outside, enjoy unstructured play, build connections, and have fun together - in rain, sun, or snow!

We also launched our Food Skills Program, offered at Childhood Connections and through partnerships with NOW Canada and Karis Support Society.

The program supported parents in building food literacy, healthy boundaries around food, and practical skills while helping to address food insecurity.

Over the summer, we also offered weekly programs for our little ones, including Artful Adventures and Helping Hands at Helen's Acres. These programs gave young children opportunities to explore creativity, nature, hands-on activities, and connection through fun weekly experiences.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Drop-in Childcare Program

Drop-in Childcare continued to provide flexible, occasional care for families with demand increasing around school closures, professional development days, summer, and holiday periods. During the 2025-2026 fiscal year, Drop-in Childcare provided 4,272 hours of flexible childcare to local and visiting families.

The renewal of the Network of Inclusive Child Care contract through our partnership with BGC Okanagan is an important source of support that allows us to continue providing inclusive and responsive childcare to children with diverse needs. The financial support provided allows us to expand access to inclusive childcare for families in our community through individualized strategies, sensory resources and materials.

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"The staff at Childhood Connections were amazing and made us feel completely at ease. Our child was always happy at pick-up, and when we found full-time daycare, the transition was so easy because of their experience at Childhood Connections. We are incredibly grateful for this facility."

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"Childhood Connections provided a flexible, high-quality program that helped my non-English speaking toddler gently adjust to an English environment. The caring, supportive educators gave us peace of mind, and as she prepares for Kindergarten, we know she benefited greatly from her time there."

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Childminding Program

The Childminding Program continued to expand its reach within the 2025-2026 period. We provided childminding support for a variety of community programs and events, including KCR, The HUB, Nourish Families, Circle of Security Programs, Okanagan Housing Corporation, and the Rutland Community Clinic, helping parents access important services, workshops and programs while their children were cared for in a safe and supportive environment.

The childminding age range from newborn to 13 years old allows the service to be more flexible and inclusive for families with multiple children of varying ages.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS 2025/2026

Nourish Families

Providing Free Meals to Families

KCR COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Enhancing Lives - Connecting Communities

Family Hub

FUNDERS & PARTNERS

Generous Funders

Dedicated Partners

- Active Play
- BGC - Okanagan
- Central Okanagan Public Schools (SD23)
- Clubhouse Farm
- Crossroads Collective
- Douglas College
- Family Connections Centre
- Helen's Acres
- Global Fitness
- Green Gables Daycare
- Interior Health
- KCR - Community Resources
- Karis Support Society
- Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
- Métis Community Services Society of BC
- Okanagan College
- Okanagan Regional Library
- NOW Canada
- Project Literacy
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
- Relvas Catering
- Sportball Okanagan
- Starbright - Children's Development Centre
- Strong Pilates
- The Bridge Youth & Family Services
- Toronto Metropolitan University
- United Way - BC
- Westbank First Nation
- YMCA SIBC





COLOURS FOR CARING RUN FUNDRAISER



Childhood Connections held our First Annual Colours for Caring Run fundraiser on May 25, 2025 and together with community partners, hosted 500 enthusiastic participants in support of children, youth and families in Kelowna.

2025 Colours for Caring Run raised almost $45,000!

The Colours for Caring Run goal is to raise awareness and funds focused on providing essential programs and services for children, youth and families. Participating in this annual colourful fun-run event ensures that children and youth have the resources they need to thrive in a safe, fun and enriching environment.



2025 Colours for Caring Run Sponsors:

Acera Insurance

Bella Vita Early Learning

Glenmore Dental

Sentes Automotive Group

Sportball Okanagan

WFN Youth Council

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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Compilation Engagement Report

To Management of Childhood Connections - Okanagan Family & Childcare Society

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of Childhood Connections - Okanagan Family & Childcare Society as at March 31, 2026 and the statement of operations and net assets for the year then ended, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information (the financial information).

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

We performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, *Compilation Engagements*, which requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements. Our responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

We did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor were we required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Kelowna, British Columbia
September 28, 2026

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Childhood Connections - Okanagan Family & Childcare Society
Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31	2026	2025
Revenue		
Ministry of Children and Families	$ 12,238	$ 30,846
City of Kelowna	356,975	413,383
Community daycare fees	88,119	139,125
Rental income	-	9,144
Nourish meal sales	13,897	14,436
Gaming funding	85,000	71,000
Interest income	3,318	2,197
Other funding	208,536	111,074
Fees and other	37,731	18,240
Workshops	-	14,437
Amortization of deferred capital contribution	10,741	10,741
Contributions from reserve funds	45,304	-
	861,859	834,623
Operating expenses		
Advertising and promotion	612	1,555
Amortization	48,126	52,574
Computer	5,650	9,864
Contract services	78,059	52,641
Food	13,172	14,397
Insurance	6,814	6,756
Interest	-	6,592
Office and program supplies	47,997	49,296
Professional development	2,498	7,412
Professional fees	9,512	13,817
Rent	114,254	95,529
Repairs and maintenance	992	15,047
Telephone	6,671	5,402
Travel and seminars	9,339	5,271
Utilities	6,900	7,643
Wages and benefits	517,739	456,479
Workshops	3,327	1,905
	871,662	802,180
Income (loss) before other income	(9,803)	32,443
Other income		
Gain on disposal of asset	-	550,424
Net income (loss)	$ (9,803)	$ 582,867

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