

Childhood Connections

Okanagan Family & Childcare Society

ANNUAL REPORT
2020-2021



*"Connection is why we are here; it is what gives purpose
and meaning to our lives."
-Brené Brown*

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

April 1, 2020, when our programming year started, seems like a lifetime ago, doesn't it? Think back to the beginning days of the pandemic almost 20 months ago, and add up all the changes that have happened in everyone's lives, workdays, program plans, policies, procedures, and communities. This significant amount of changes would be the equivalent to what many of us would typically experience in a lifetime, I'm sure.

And our programs changed to be proactively supportive to the families most affected by the pandemic. Ironically, as the pandemic worsened, our organization strengthened - we found more funding and rallied to the cause to support the children and all those who care for them in our community. To lead such an inspirational team who came up with such innovative approaches to "pivot" and keep going even though it was difficult and exhausting, gives me such pride and assurance that I have chosen to work in the best, most impactful sector to make a difference in all aspects of life in our community.

I invite you to have a read through our annual report that highlights the programs and successes during a historical year that brought some truly exciting changes to our organization that projected us into planning and building a new, larger family centre.



MELISSA HUNT
Executive Director

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Child Care Resource & Referral Program

This has been a year where childcare providers have been proving their value as an essential service by showing up for families through this pandemic and being the workforce behind the workforce.

Providers and parents have been attending workshops online and borrowing library items with our curbside pick up option and it has been our honour to support them to provide quality childcare to our community.

"To all the wonderful staff at Childhood Connections! Your thoughtfulness was appreciated...more than you will ever know! With true Appreciation." -Childcare Provider Member

"I would like to thank you for all the great help you offer me to find a spot for my son, he started this week. A great program! Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart!" -Parent Member



Child Care Provider members: **147**

Parent/Community/Other members: **186**

Child Care Referrals Provided: **4,486**

Parents Accessing Early Learning Library: **421**

Child Care Educators Accessing Library: **76**

Volunteer Hours: **96**



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Family Resource Program

It is our mission to provide programs, services and resources to support families. We offer many activities, programs, and workshops geared to families with children aged 0-6 years old.

A highlight for the program was the creation of a new service: Nourish Families Initiative. This new service started as a response to Covid19 to reach families isolated in their homes as play groups closed. Our Community Outreach Worker brought locally made and funded meals, fresh bread, produce and parent and child resources to these families - and most of all she brought them much needed connection.

To run this program we count on the support of our volunteers. We have 5 dedicated volunteer meal drivers, one volunteer community outreach worker and one produce prepper.

 **Playful Healing**
Free Child Therapy

 **Nourish Families**
Local Meals for Local Families

Nourish Families Initiative

214 families received a one-to-one support visit from our Community Outreach Worker.

Playful Healing

226 free play therapy sessions were provided to 20 children aged 2-12yrs old in the Central Okanagan.

Parenting Education

6 parenting classes were provided online with 46 parents in attendance from locations of Kelowna, West Kelowna and Lake Country.

Community Family Programming

59 activities provided in the community ranging from parent tot groups, circle time and song, story and rhyme time. 2,400 activity bags for children between the ages of 18 months - 6yrs with various activities to help develop children's developmental milestones.

Ages & Stages Questionnaire

696 parents/caregivers provided with ASQs; The ASQs were provided to the following communities.

Volunteer Hours

468

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Community Tables

We are privileged to host three community tables that work together to: network, share resources and program information, collaborate on funding to fill gaps and advocate for the early years and childcare sector.



**Central Okanagan
Early Years Partnership**



Childcare Council
Of the Central Okanagan



Universal Screening Initiative
Central Okanagan

Community Table Members: 56

Community Story Walks: 4

Community Presentations: 2

Community Table Meetings: 28

Committee Member Hours: 3,000+

Collaboration is great for children and good for the world. Working with others is how we succeed. Collaboration brings together new ideas, opportunities, and improvements to the work that we're already doing.



FUNDERS + PARTNERS

Generous Funders



Dedicated Partners

- BGC-Okanagan
- Central Okanagan Public Schools (SD23)
- City of Kelowna
- City of West Kelowna
- CrAsian/BoxCar Kitchen
- District of Peachland
- DunnEnzies Pizza Co.
- Early Childhood Pedagogy Network
- ECE-BC
- El Taquero
- Family Support Institute of BC
- Interior Health
- KCR - Community Resources
- Karis Support Society
- Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
- Mamas for Mamas
- Metis Community Services
- Okanagan College
- Okanagan Nation Alliance
- Okanagan Regional Library
- Project Literacy
- Purpl
- Regional District of the Central Okanagan
- Relvas Catering
- Starbright - Children's Development Centre
- Sprott Shaw College
- Suxkenxitelxklcecamala
- Springfield Kids Play Therapy
- The Bridge Youth & Family Services
- UBC - Okanagan
- United Way - BC
- Westbank First Nation
- YMCA of the Okanagan
- You Are Collective

We connect families with the people and resources they need to help children thrive, including childcare providers, community partners, agencies, high-quality programming, services and support. We do this to improve childhood development outcomes.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

To the Members of Childhood Connections

Report on the Audit of Financial Statement

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Childhood Connections - Okanagan Family & Childcare Society ("the Society"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of March 31, 2021 and statements of operations (both included below), changes in assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

As required by the Society's Act (BC), we report that, in our opinion, the accounting in Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Kelowna, British Columbia
July 8, 2021



*"At this time, COVID-19 has not significantly impacted the operations of the Society. The Society will continue to focus on managing expenditures, and leveraging existing operations to ensure it is able to continue to provide services."
-BDO Canada LLP, Kelowna*

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Childhood Connections - Okanagan Family & Childcare Society Statement of Financial Position

March 31	2021	2020
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 51,865	\$ 64,266
Accounts receivable	18,621	1,988
Prepaid expenses	6,520	2,750
	<u>77,006</u>	<u>69,004</u>
Investments (Note 2)	213,548	211,347
Property, plant and equipment (Note 3)	<u>86,346</u>	<u>89,855</u>
	<u>\$ 376,900</u>	<u>\$ 370,206</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 27,640	\$ 43,454
Deferred revenue	<u>36,487</u>	<u>1,130</u>
	<u>64,127</u>	<u>44,584</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted deficiency	(43,458)	(41,916)
Net assets internally restricted for future expenses (Note 4)	269,885	277,683
Net assets invested in property, plant and equipment	<u>86,346</u>	<u>89,855</u>
	<u>312,773</u>	<u>325,622</u>
	<u>\$ 376,900</u>	<u>\$ 370,206</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board:

Director

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Childhood Connections - Okanagan Family & Childcare Society Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31	2021	2020
Revenues		
Ministry of Children and Families	\$ 338,466	\$ 327,424
United Way	23,530	4,000
Interest income	2,202	3,661
Other funding	37,250	11,900
Fees and other	53,120	7,808
EDDD booklet	386	30
Workshops	7,216	12,516
	<u>462,170</u>	<u>367,339</u>
Expenses		
Advertising	5,480	2,759
Amortization	6,287	8,286
Computer	4,382	2,871
Contract services	34,217	17,303
EDDD booklet	4,055	-
Insurance	3,839	3,581
Office and program supplies	75,417	34,430
Professional development	1,594	5,636
Professional fees	28,723	12,987
Repairs and maintenance	5,337	5,761
Telephone	2,372	3,003
Travel and seminars	3,321	2,682
Utilities	2,700	2,472
Wages and benefits	289,773	230,874
Workshops	7,522	18,908
	<u>475,019</u>	<u>351,553</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	<u>\$ (12,849)</u>	<u>\$ 15,786</u>

THE YEAR AHEAD

New Family Centre 2022

This upcoming year is an incredibly exciting one for Childhood Connections! Opening in 2022, our new Family Centre will boost our capacity to deliver existing services and add new services to our toolkit.

The first space of its kind in the Central Okanagan, our Drop-in Childcare program will support clients while they utilize our other services; children and families who can benefit from access to flexible, hourly care; and child care providers seeking a safe, licensed space to send their children during scheduled closures and holidays.

- Drop-in Childcare
- Community Kitchen + Training Space
- Early Learning Toy + Resource Library
- Makerspace + Training Space

Our values drive every decision we make and action we take. We live by the same values and recommendations that we give to our children, knowing that they are at the heart of everything we do.



Thank-you, we're excited we're on this journey together!

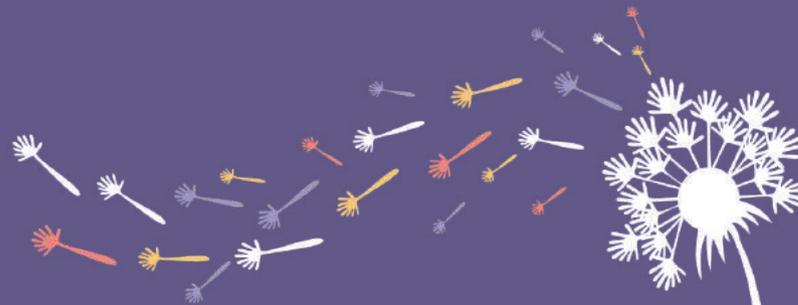


Visit us in Early 2022 at our
New Family Centre
101-1505 Harvey Ave., Kelowna



Until then, please find us at **4-1890 Ambrosi Rd., Kelowna**





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