

# Childhood Connections

Okanagan Family & Childcare Society

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ANNUAL REPORT  
2022-2023



# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Childhood Connections has continued to be a staple in the community for quality programs, meaningful connections and a safe place for families to attend. To continue with supporting the needs of our members (and our growing team), we had our Grand Opening of our new expanded location in May 2022. We have been able to expand upon our current services, open a large Makerspace Training Room and start to provide food security programs in our Community Kitchen. We are incredibly grateful for the support of our partners, our members and our community to continue managing through a time of increased uncertainty (including the pandemic).

The additional space allowed us to begin one of our most recent endeavors, launching in July 2022; the creation of our Drop-In Childcare Facility. The need for childcare services has been at an all-time high over the past few years in our community and our team has provided exceptional care to our members little ones.

As the new Executive Director here at Childhood Connections (starting my role May 2023), I have had the absolute privilege of working alongside this dedicated, passionate team. I look forward to watching this organization continue to grow and have a direct, positive impact in our Okanagan community. I hope you all enjoy the stories you will see throughout our Annual Report.

*Tim Ropchan*

**TIM ROPCHAN**  
Executive Director





# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Child Care Resource & Referral Program

Our childcare providers have truly stepped up, showcasing their immense value through their wholehearted commitment to serving families and children. Throughout 2022-2023, we noticed a significant increase in workshop participation, where these dedicated providers collaborated to enhance their knowledge and skills.

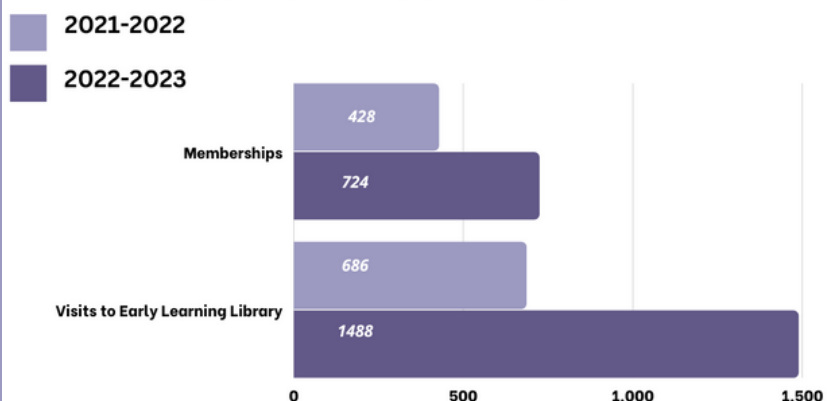
"I learned a lot about gender development and how I can foster and support this with the children in my care. Thank you for sharing all your knowledge on this topic." – Childcare Provider at Gender Development in the Early Years Workshop.

"I learned how to understand toddler/ young children's needs, emotional development and how to connect with children" !" -Childcare Provider at Relationship Matters Workshop.



Ministry of  
Education and  
Child Care

CCRR CHART COMPARISON





# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Family Resource Program

We are proud to provide an extensive selection of activities, programs, and workshops meticulously crafted to cater to families with children aged 0-6 years old. In our endeavour to serve the community, we've achieved notable highlights for the year 2022-2023:

- **Song Story Rhyme Time in the Parks throughout the Central Okanagan**: This initiative brought the joys of storytelling and rhymes to the heart of our community's beautiful outdoor spaces, fostering a love for literacy and the outdoors.
- **Connect and Play Drop-in Programs at Childhood Connections**: This program has become a cornerstone of our efforts, creating a space where families can connect, play, and learn together, strengthening the bonds that tie our community together.

### 2022-2023 FAMILY PROGRAM RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS

PARTICIPANTS AT  
PARENTING  
CLASSES

**975**

ASQ & ACTIVITY  
BAGS PROVIDED

**4110**

TOY LIBRARY  
BORROWERS

**1362**

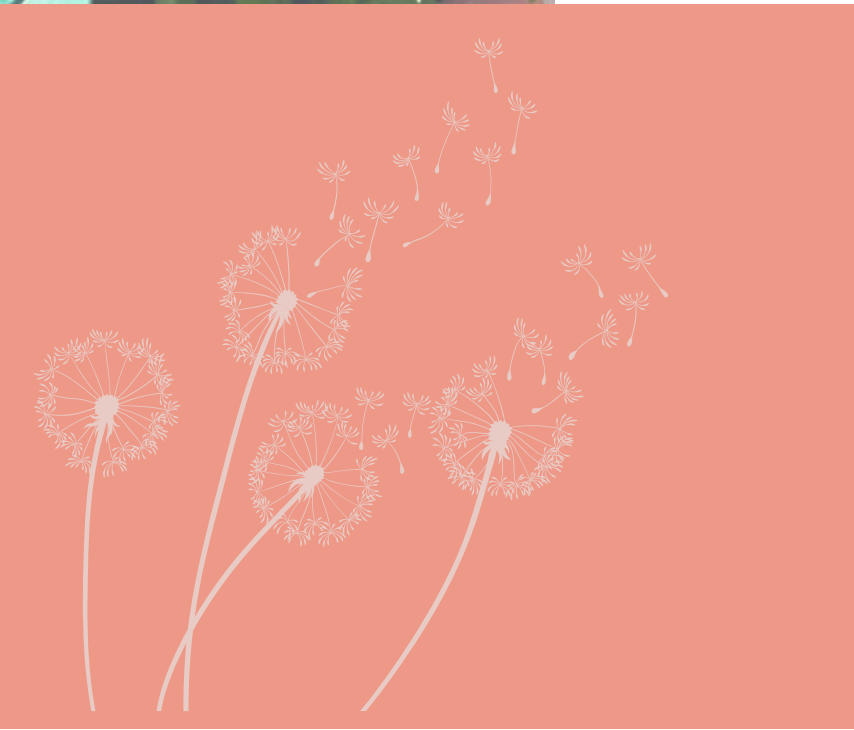
PARTICIPANTS  
THAT ATTENDED  
PLAYGROUPS

**2527**

FAMILIES THAT  
RECEIVED FOOD

**736**

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# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Drop-in Childcare Program

### Program Rates:

- Regular Membership: \$40/month and \$15/hour
- Drop-In Membership: \$20/month and \$17/hour

### Hours of Operation:

- Monday to Friday: 8am - 4pm
- Saturdays: 8am - 12pm (Open since June)

### Staff Expansion:

- We've grown from 3 dedicated staff to a dynamic team of 8, including experienced childminding professionals.

### Health Inspection Success:

- Proud to share that we recently underwent our first Interior Health Inspection and passed with flying colors. We have a clean and safe environment for your children.

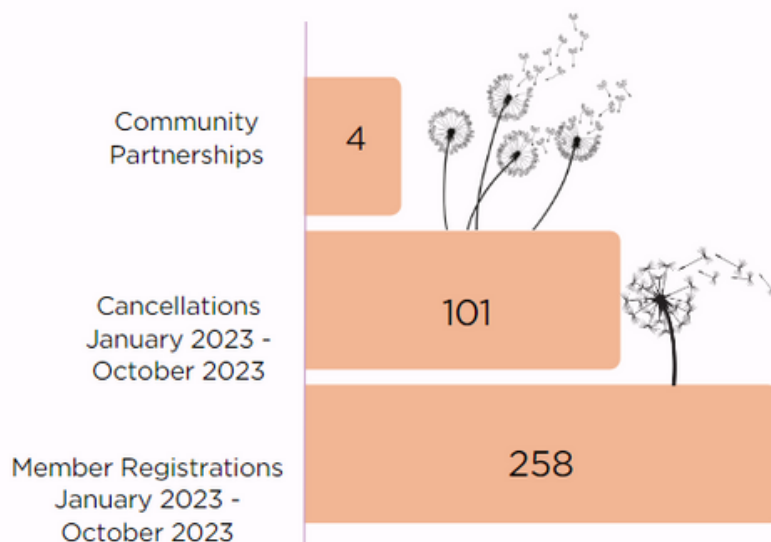
### Community Engagement:

- We actively participated in the Kelowna Downtown Block Party, and our booth became the most successful and popular attraction at the event.

### Practicum Opportunities:

- We support aspiring Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) by offering practicum opportunities. This not only benefits the future professionals but also enriches the learning environment for the children in our care.

## Drop-In Childcare Statistics





# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Childminding Program

### Pricing Update:

Our Childminding Program is now priced at \$40 per hour per childminder, offering affordable and flexible care options for your child.

### Enhanced Child-Staff Ratios:

We believe in providing the best quality of care. That's why we've reduced our child-staff ratios below the government standard:

Ages 0-18 months: 1 childminder to 2 children

Ages 18 months - 5 years: 1 childminder to 4 children

Ages 6-12 years: 1 childminder to 6 children

### Toy and Activity Options:

For added convenience, we offer the option to set up Toys and Activities for a \$50 set-up fee. Keep your children engaged and entertained!

### Community Engagement:

We're proud to have provided over 120 hours of childminding services for various organizations, supporting parents in need of reliable childcare during meetings and events.

### Why Choose Childminding:

Childminding is the perfect solution for meetings and events because it allows parents to focus on their commitments with peace of mind. Your children are in the care of trained professionals, having a blast with age-appropriate activities and peers at the same location as the event or meeting!



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Drop-in Childcare

*Dear Karli and Team,*

*I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and your amazing team at the Drop-In Childcare Center. Your program has been an absolute life saver for me, and I can't thank you enough for the incredible care and support you've provided.*

*-Member since March 2023*



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Community Tables

We are privileged to host two 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



*One of the standout highlights of the Central Okanagan Early Years Partnership Table projects was the organization of the National Child Day Event in West Kelowna. This event drew an impressive attendance of 98 registered families, comprising 196 children and 148 adults. It exemplifies our dedication to fostering a sense of community and togetherness while celebrating the importance of children in Central Okanagan.*



# FUNDERS + PARTNERS

## Generous Funders



COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATIONS  
OF CANADA



## Dedicated Partners

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

*Our mission is to create meaningful bonds between families and the crucial resources that enable children to thrive. These connections involve linking families with dependable childcare providers, cultivating partnerships with community stakeholders and agencies, ensuring access to high-quality programs, and offering a comprehensive range of support services.*





# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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To the Members of Childhood Connections

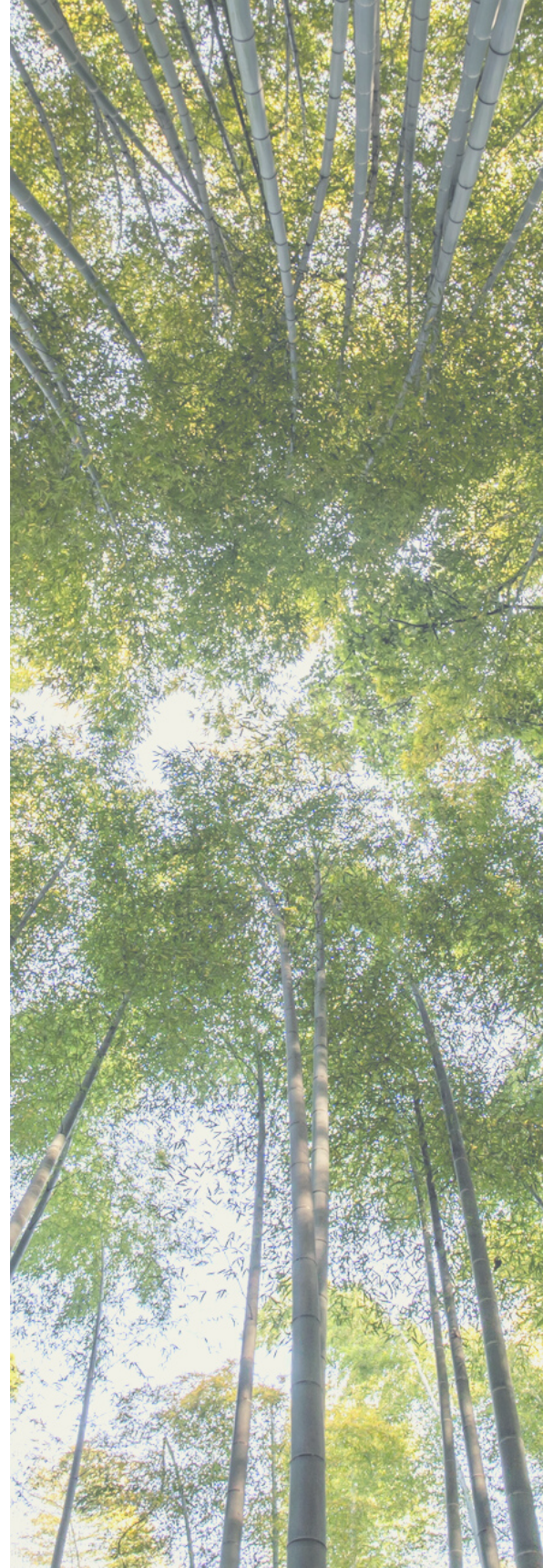
Report on the Audit of Financial Statement

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 at March 31, 2023, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at March 31, 2023, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS  
KELOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA  
OCTOBER 25, 2023



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



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

March 31	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash	\$ 123,547	\$ -
Accounts receivable	6,172	17,490
Prepaid expenses	6,388	20,411
	<u>136,107</u>	<u>37,901</u>
Investments (Note 2)	116,524	214,977
Property and equipment (Note 3)	577,717	565,338
	<u>\$ 830,348</u>	<u>\$ 818,216</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Bank indebtedness (Note 4)	\$ -	\$ 1,428
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 5)	61,051	27,625
Deferred revenue (Note 6)	90,263	61,018
Due to related party (Note 7)	157,495	60,322
Current portion of long term debt (Note 9)	32,496	32,496
	<u>341,305</u>	<u>182,889</u>
Deferred capital contributions (Note 8)	96,665	107,406
Long term debt (Note 9)	243,754	276,254
	<u>681,724</u>	<u>566,549</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted deficiency	(328,919)	(168,826)
Net assets internally restricted for future expenses (Note 10)	272,743	271,314
Net assets invested in property and equipment	204,800	149,179
	<u>148,624</u>	<u>251,667</u>
	<u>\$ 830,348</u>	<u>\$ 818,216</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board:

*Tim R*

Director



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



## Childhood Connections - Okanagan Family & Childcare Society Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31

2023

2022

### Revenues

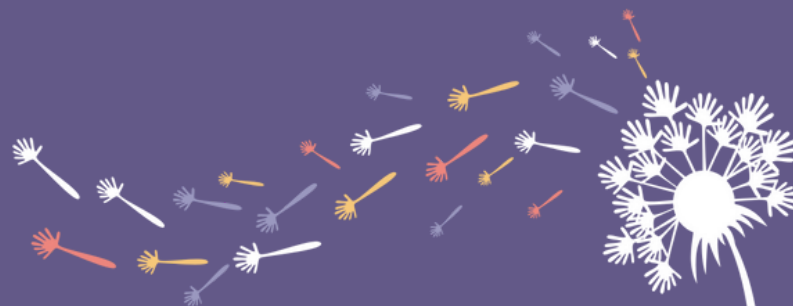
Ministry of Children and Families	\$ 346,296	\$ 346,075
Community daycare fees	81,941	-
Rental income	39,294	-
Nourish meal sales	7,199	-
Gaming funding	64,200	20,000
United Way	12,000	6,000
Interest income	1,429	1,429
Other funding	81,595	104,843
Fees and other	24,503	45,656
EDDD booklet	257	263
Workshops	24,037	5,995
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	10,741	5,653
	<b>693,492</b>	<b>535,914</b>

### Expenses

Advertising	6,192	4,353
Amortization	35,497	29,595
Computer	4,338	3,483
Contract services	7,598	30,348
EDDD booklet	24	-
Food	28,102	54,275
Insurance	5,816	4,384
Interest	16,667	4,104
Office and program supplies	45,752	61,871
Professional development	696	1,341
Professional fees	21,537	29,497
Rent	110,258	39,101
Repairs and maintenance	4,889	5,847
Telephone	3,556	3,353
Travel and seminars	914	3,211
Utilities	9,497	7,444
Wages and benefits	482,965	303,986
Workshops	12,237	10,827
	<b>796,535</b>	<b>597,020</b>

Deficiency of revenue over expenses

\$ (103,043) \$ (61,106)



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