

Assessment

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2023 – 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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Community Services of Belleville and District (CSBD), incorporated as Counselling Services of Belleville and District in 1978, as a non-profit charitable organization, governed by a community-based volunteer Board of Directors.

Funding for most operations is received from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. Other sources of funding include client fees and donations.

OUR MISSION

Community Services of Belleville and District is a multi-service, not for profit organization that exists in order to provide a range of services and supports to individuals, children, and families in a number of defined areas.

In addition to support provision, CSBD is also mandated to respond to the specialized, complex needs of some individuals and/or families through the use of specific clinical interventions.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CSBD is situated and offers services on the traditional territory of the Wendat, Anishnaabeg and Haudenasaunee Peoples, and is directly adjacent to the Kanien'Keha:Ka (Mohawk) community of Tyendinaga. We are grateful to be able to live, work, play, and support our community on these lands.







MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As in recent past years, CSBD has continued to respond to the needs of individuals and families in an atmosphere of significant change and transition. We also recognize many families are facing increasingly complex issues, within numerous sectors that have not seen financial enhancements for several years. Within this context, we continue to rise to the challenge of finding ways to be creative, and innovative to provide responsive and effective supports.

In February we were able to officially celebrate our transition to our new name, Community Services of Belleville and District, a change initiated to better reflect the range of services we offer. Our Board of Directors has also been very busy this year as we have redrafted our bylaws in compliance with new Provincial Legislation, the Ontario Not -For- Profit Corporations Act.

Within our children's programs, transition has been a significant feature. The agency's funding for Autism clinical services was officially ended this year and we transitioned to a fee-for-service program. We were delighted to find that we have been able to sustain reasonable staffing levels. Unfortunately, we note that young children with autism are not coming forward in significant numbers for services, however we remain hopeful this trend will shift. Our Family Support and Transition Coordinators continue to provide free services for families through Foundational Family Services, and we also have continued our partnership with KidsInclusive to provide Urgent Response Services.

Supervised Access Services has now fully transitioned to its status as an MCCSS funded program. Our program staff continue to be very active with provincial counterparts, to inform best practices for the service.

Infant and Child Development staff have continued to find innovative ways to reach out to families who are experiencing wait times due to pressures in the daycare sector. A notable initiative has been to offer Developmental Screening Clinics in partnership with the Belleville and Quinte West Community Health Centres.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Services received a slight enhancement to support new legislation offering ADR supports to youth transitioning to adulthood. Our coordinator also offered training to service providers, both within ADR and the Family Court Clinic, to meet new requirements under Part X of the <u>Child, Youth and Family Services Act</u>.

Our new pilot through the Family Court Clinic continued to be very well received, with high retention rates and positive feedback from service participants and collateral agencies.

The governing body for clinical oversight of our Autism Services and Behaviour Consulting was slated to shift to the College of Psychologists and Behaviour Analysts of Ontario as of July 2024. During this past year, our Clinical and Program Manager, and Clinical Supervisor in Autism Services, took steps to ensure they were well positioned to meet the new requirements.

CSBD has a longstanding practice of community engagement through collaborations with numerous colleague agencies in Education, Health, Developmental Services, Victim Services, Legal, Mental Health, Child Welfare, and Childcare. For example, we continue to work with colleague agencies to provide supports for families engaging with respite supports. Our work includes administration of Autism respite funds, Community Enhancement Funds, and collaborations on numerous committees related to respite supports.

The transformation, Journey to Belonging, is continuing to unfold in the adult Developmental Service Sector. As in many other services in the sector, the impact on our Adult Protective Service Program remains to be seen. Senior staff are engaging in opportunities to learn about these changes and how we might best continue to support our service participants through the transition.

I have been inspired this year by the work of our Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity Committee, who have challenged, educated and led us in our efforts to become a space that is welcoming for all. I appreciate the leadership within our Staff Association, and I also acknowledge the Fun Squad and the Christmas Sharing committee, whose efforts help us to "give back," while also contributing to an atmosphere where people enjoy coming to work.

We have been very busy this year, streamlining aspects of our operation. This included transitioning to a cloud-based server. In our ongoing efforts to be innovative and visible in the community, we revamped our website and have enhanced our offerings through social media.

In a very exciting development, we have been invited to join as a partner in the YMCA Centre for Life! We look forward to moving our main office to a fresh, welcoming, and fully accessible new space in this facility in Belleville, which will hopefully be completed in 2026.

Having now completed my second year as Executive Director, I am more grateful than ever to the highly professional staff and volunteers of CSBD. It is humbling and gratifying to work within an environment of such dedication and talent, with those who work very hard to do the most with the resources they have.

In closing, I also acknowledge our Ministry Program supervisors, Lynette Cumming and Rachel Cantalon, for providing invaluable resources and guidance. Last, but certainly not least, I am thankful for the hard work, dedication, wisdom, and support of the Board of Directors.

Nícole Chevalier

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (as of March 31, 2024)

- 1. PRESIDENT Ray Dassylva
- 2. TREASURER David Rutherford
- 3. DIRECTOR Chris Barry
- 4. DIRECTOR Cathy McCallum
- 5. DIRECTOR Ken Dostaler
- 6. DIRECTOR Ken Lewis
- 7. DIRECTOR Kelly Menna
- 8. DIRECTOR Kristy Hunter

STAFF LIST - 2023/24

MANAGEMENT

Nicole Chevalier	- Executive Director
Anne Brennan	- Clinical and Program Manager
Andrea Brennan	- Clinical and Program Manager
John Paul Chusroskie	- Finance Manager
Tammy Shiers	- Office and IT Manager

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Alice Haveman	- Adult Protective Services Worker, Madoc
Tammy Kavanagh	- Adult Protective Services Worker, Bancroft
Gina Olsen	- Adult Protective Services Worker, Belleville
Cathy Orr	- Adult Protective Services Worker, Belleville
Candice Roberts	- Adult Protective Services Worker, Picton
Jill Thurston	- Adult Protective Services Worker, Belleville
Jessica Wood	- Adult Protective Services Worker, Trenton

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION/FGC

Amanda	VanNess
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- ADR Coordinator

AUTISM PROGRAM

- Nicole Storms Ellen Anderson Paige Bertelink Jordan Clarke Gillian Goody Bailey Kimball Lauren Kirkpatrick Nik Pankow Jane Spence Meagan Taylor Becky Toro Perez Kelly Truscott
- Clinical Supervisor Autism
- Family Support and Transition Coordinator
- Autism Therapist
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- Family Support and Transition Coordinator

BEHAVIOURAL CONSULTING SERVICES

Cindy Adamson	
Monica Richardson	
Janet Stapley	

- Behavioural Consultant
- Behavioural Consultant
- Behavioural Consultant

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Bryanna Best

- Community Support Services

FAMILY COURT CLINIC

Patricia Gray	- Assessment Worker
Sara Hamilton	- Program Facilitator

FAMILY RESOURCE AND SUPPORT

Danielle Johansen	- Family Resource Worker
Renee O'Hara	- Family Resource Worker
Judy Robertson	- Family Resource Worker
Ann-Marie Wilson	- Family Resource Worker

INFANT AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Kendra Fraser	 Infant Development Worker
Miranda Johnston	- Infant Development Worker
Lauren Isenegger	- Infant Development Worker
Hillary Snow	- Infant Development Worker

INTAKE PROGRAM

Tracey Corrigall - Intake and Waitlist Support Worker

INTENSIVE SERVICE PLAN COORDINATION

Ellen Anderson - Intensive Service Plan Coordinator

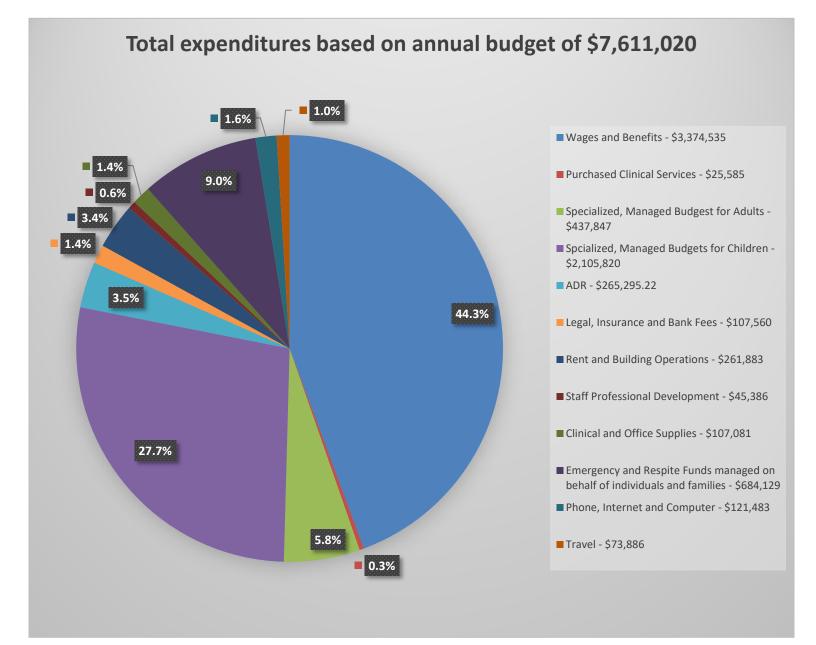
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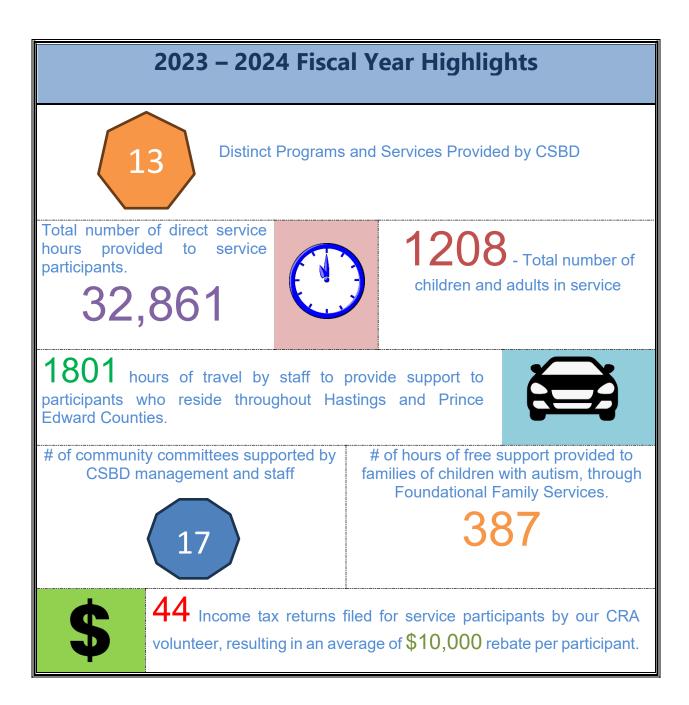
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- Office Administration
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SUPERVISED ACCESS SERVICES

- Cheryl Clarke Samantha Williams Shelby St. Hilaire-Skinner Tara Blaettler-Rowe Singshan Bruleigh Caitlynd Doyle Nikki Girard Mackenzie Law Barbara Lea Christine McLean Mackenzie Mortimore Monica Richardson Julie Staley
- Supervisor
- Supervised Access Service Worker
- Visit Monitor
- Fee-for-Service Visit Monitor





PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Our 2023 – 2024 program offerings included

Programs	Participants Served
 Autism Services 	119
Alternative Dispute Resolution	214
Adult Protective Services	181
Community Support Services	227
Infant and Child Development	228
Behaviour Consulting Services	78
Family Court Clinic	28
Family Court Clinic – Groups	31
Family Resource and Support	152
Supervised Access Services	170
Intensive Service Plan Coordination	19
Volunteer Income Tax Preparation	44











RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Thank you and a fond farewell to....

RETIREMENTS

Judy Robertson – Family Resource and Support (April 1990 – December 2023) Alice Haveman – Adult Protective Services (April 1990 – January 2024)

RESIGNATIONS:

STAFF Nik Pankow – Autism Services - (August 2015 to April 2023) Becky Toro Perez – Autism Services - (March 2022 to April 2023) BOARD Chris Barry – January 2015 to May 2023

Ken Lewis – June 2003 to August 2023







A few words from service participants...

"The program changed the way I look at my disability. It gave me confidence in myself and my parenting."

"This program helped remind me that I am a good mom, and a good person. I am proud of myself."

"I felt safe enough to share my mental health struggles and knew that when I was ready, I could rejoin the group and have that support. I never had that before."

"They listened to me."

"My worker was amazing. She opened our eyes to services and funding available to us. She was always caring and compassionate toward our family navigating this new challenge in our lives."