



PART



Using Evidence to Promote Excellence in Child Welfare

PART

Annual General Report

2020

»» Our Purpose

PART's purpose is to promote the understanding and use of evidence-informed practice to ensure the best possible services and outcomes for children, youth and families receiving child welfare services.

»» Our Vision

PART is a recognized international leader and collaborator in evidence-informed practice and knowledge translation to improve outcomes for children, youth and families receiving child welfare services.

»» Our Mission

PART's mission is to increase the capacity of organizations and practitioners to utilize research to improve outcomes for children, youth and families by:

- Identifying and translating the best-level of evidence in user-friendly formats to disseminate to practitioners and agencies.
- Creating organizational and systemic learning environments in organizations, to promote critical thinking and ongoing use of evidence-informed practice and decision-making.



»» Our Team

STAFF:

Sarah Head, Ph.D. Candidate, M.Sc., Executive Director

Auriole Fernandes, Program Coordinator & Events Planner

Kate Bailey, M.S.W., Research & Knowledge Translation Specialist

Carol Lopez-Ricote, M.S.W., Research & Knowledge Translation Assistant

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Gisèle Hébert

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Arijana Haramincic

Vice-Chair, Member at Large

Rocco Gizzarelli

Treasurer, Grand River Zone

Janice Robinson

Secretary, Grand River Zone

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Central Zone

Suzanne Elliott

Eastern Zone

Mark Kartusch

Executive Leadership Representative



» MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

As the Chair of PART, I am honored to be serving on this Board and pleased to be an advocate for evidence-informed practice within the child welfare sector. As we wrap up our 11th year since being incorporated in 2009, I am excited to see how PART continues to evolve within our sector.

This past year, we at PART have worked hard to complete our 2020-2023 Strategic Plan, and we want to thank all our member agencies for your valuable contributions.

I would like to take this time to thank the Executive Directors and Senior Leadership of our member agencies who continue to value and encourage the use of EIP and research in practice and decision making. It is your guidance and encouragement at the organizational level that is progressing our policies and practices in the child welfare field.

We would like to thank our member agencies for your continued support and engagement with our services. It has been incredible to watch your unfaltering commitment to using research and evidence in policy and practice decisions. The children, youth and families served by your organizations deserve to receive the most effective services, and it has been very clear that this has been the forefront of your service decisions

Lastly, thank you to PART staff. I'd like to commend Sarah Head who has led the organization through this past year; ensuring that PART's services were always readily available to support our member agencies. Thank you to Auriole Fernandes for her unwavering dedication to PART's Mission and Vision, and the entire staffing team for their passion and knowledge of evidence-informed practice within the child welfare sector. We appreciate your dedication to ensuring best practices are met.

Gisèle Hébert
PART Chair



»» MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Another successful year at PART has passed! We always appreciate working alongside the child welfare system, supporting our member agencies to better understand and use evidence-informed practice at the individual and organizational level. By working together, we are ensuring the best possible services and outcomes for children, youth and families receiving child welfare services.

I wanted to thank all of those who participated in our Strategic Plan for 2020-2023. It was important for us to highlight your voices and the ever-changing needs of the child welfare sector in our organizational and operational plans. We appreciate all your input and support during the planning process. We are proud to be evolving and growing to better support the children, youth and families who utilize our services.

Thank you to our Board of Directors for your continued guidance and support. This group of passionate and motivated individuals are the backbone of PART. To each member of the Board, your dedication to ensuring best services are met throughout the child welfare landscape in Canada is commendable.

Thank you to PART staff Auriole, Kate, Marianna and Carol, for working so tirelessly to prioritize the needs of our member agencies and supporting the larger child welfare community across the country. Your ability to envision and produce valuable resources in the field is invaluable. You are all leaders of evidence-informed practice and I am proud of your contributions to the child welfare sector.

Finally, a BIG thank you goes out to our member agencies. We are continuously reminded of how passionate and dedicated all our member agencies and practitioners are to the wellbeing of the children, youth and families you support. Your devotion to prioritizing the needs of the children, youth and families that your organizations support is inspiring, and PART is so honored to be here supporting your research and evidence-informed practice needs. We will continue to serve you as best as we can and are always open to learning more about how we can best assist you in your work.

Sarah Head, Ph.D. Candidate, M.Sc.
Executive Director



»» FINANCIAL STATEMENT

PRACTICE AND RESEARCH TOGETHER ASSOCIATION Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets For the year ended March 31, 2020

	2020	2019
Revenues:		
Membership Fees	\$380,833	\$462,500
Interest & Other	2,086	\$9,833
	\$382,919	\$472,333
Expenses:		
Salaries & benefits	\$328,808	\$316,049
Office administration	32,968	30,542
Professional & Consulting Fees	27,151	17,715
Memberships & Subscriptions	13,679	10,285
Travel	7,712	6,163
Special Projects	7,186	14,506
Training & Development	802	13,503
	\$418,306	\$408,763
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	(35,387)	63,570
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	652,960	589,390
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$617,573	\$652,960

A complete set of the financial statements, audited by Hogg, Shain & Scheck CPAs, is available on request.



LOOKING BACK at 2019/2020



Strategic Plan

With the help of Proforem Inc. and Courage Group International, PART finalized our Strategic Plan for 2020-2023. We received much support from member agencies and PART users during our Environmental Scan and are excited to be implementing the changes to our organization to better support the PART community and the children, youth and families that are supported by the child welfare system.



Evaluation of Team Learning Modules

Our online five-module training series was developed to increase workers' and supervisors' evidence-informed decision-making knowledge and skills. This resource supports the use of research in everyday child welfare practice and is hoped to help decrease the perception of barriers to research use, increase confidence about research use, address team climate, and promote critical thinking. We evaluated the effectiveness of our team learning modules in a project which included 18 child welfare teams across Canada. The knowledge that we gained from this evaluation will support our work in the future and generate more effective resources for our members.



PARTnerships

In 2019 we welcomed the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority as a new Associate Member agency. We are pleased to see the desire to build a strong community of evidence-informed practice within the child welfare sector continue to grow across Canada



Examples of New Resources in 2019/2020

PARTicles/Reports

April, 2019	Infants in Child Welfare: Maltreatment Occurrence and Associated Factors
May, 2019	Kinship Care: Caregiver Factors and Child Outcomes
October, 2019	Children with Disabilities in Out-of-Home Care: Placement and Permanency
January, 2020	Decision-Making and Risk in Child Welfare
March, 2020	Autism Spectrum Disorders: Supporting Children and Youth on the Spectrum

Webinars

May 28, 2019	The Impact of Childhood Abuse on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Youth
Sept 24, 2019	First Nations children and disparities in transfers to ongoing services in the Ontario child welfare system
December 10, 2019	Overrepresentation and disparity of Canadian Black children reported under the child protection system in Quebec: The need for effective cross-system collaborations
January 21, 2020	Risk Determination and Decision Making: Young Mothers and Child Protection Investigations in Ontario, Canada
March 3, 2020	Key Findings of the 2018 Cycle of Ontario Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect (OIS-2018)

Guidebooks

December, 2019	Disabilities within Child Welfare
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All of these Resources can be found in our archives on the website at www.partcanada.org.



MOVING FORWARD into 2020/2021



Trauma-informed Care in Child Welfare Conference

Chronic and/or cumulative experiences of trauma can cause complex and far-reaching negative impacts in the lives of children, youth and families. As our collective understandings of trauma have grown, the child welfare sector has responded by increasingly prioritizing services and programs that are guided by a trauma-informed lens. PART will hold an online conference that focuses on the experience of Trauma and Trauma-informed Care within Child Welfare Services, welcoming 7 speakers, within 5 presentations during our half day conference on October 28th, 2020.

1. Dr. Delphine Collin-Vezina: Trauma-informed Practice and Trauma-informed Care within the Child Welfare Sector
2. Dr. Maegan Rides at the Door & Dr. Ashley Trautman: Considerations for Culturally Grounded Trauma-informed Child Welfare Services
3. Dr. Erin Barnett & Logan Seely: Building a Trauma-informed Community Response to our Youngest Victims of the Opioid Crisis
4. Charmaine Lane, MSc. RP: Trauma and the Black Youth Experience
5. Dr. Denise Brend: Polaris: Implementing Trauma-informed care in Residential Services for Adolescents



NEW AT PART: Rising Researchers Webinar Series

During the Spring of 2020, we at PART recognized that many academics/researchers, specifically those in Postdoctoral and Doctoral programs, experienced changes to their academic programs and a reduction in opportunities to build their CVs during these unprecedented times (ex. reduction in teaching opportunities, conference presentations/posters, etc.). To support our partnering academic institutions, we created a summer webinar series titled “Rising Researchers”. This series allows us to highlight new research being done in the field of child welfare from four Doctoral/Post Doctoral students across the country. Our selected Rising Researcher Webinars included the following presentations:

1. Examining the Intersections of HIV, Risk and Motherhood: Supporting Families Affected by HIV in Child Welfare Practice by Dr. Allyson Ion, a recent PhD graduate at McMaster University
2. Trends in Child Maltreatment-related Investigations Involving Black and White Families in Ontario, Canada by Kofi Antwi-Boasiako, a Doctoral Candidate at the University of Toronto



3. Implementing Trauma-informed Care in Residential Child Welfare Settings through Social Innovation by Dr. Denise Brend, a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Université de Sherbrooke
4. Alone, Stoned, and Afraid: Risks and Motives associated with Cannabis Use in Youth who have Experienced Psychosis by Amar Ghelani, a Doctoral Candidate at Wilfrid Laurier University.



NEW AT PART: Remote Learning Activities

During the Spring and the Summer of 2020, we adapted our resources to better support the needs of our practitioners and member agencies who were experiencing new “work from home” mandates. To continue to support the learning and development of our practitioners, we created *Remote Learning Activities* for practitioners and teams to continue their EIP professional development from the comfort of their homes. These activities can be completed individually, or as a team during online team meetings.



NEW AT PART: PARTnerships

The pandemic in 2020 has illuminated the need for stronger research and more frequent use of evidence-informed practice within many fields of social service. This need has given PART the opportunity to grow and strengthen our working relationships (and memberships) with several agencies. We would like to highlight new members: Children’s Aid Foundation of Canada, Jewish Child and Family Service of Manitoba, Rural and Northern Child and Family Services Manitoba, Child and Family Services Western Manitoba and Child and Family Services of Central Manitoba.



NEW AT PART: Link PARTner Challenge

This summer we held our first ever Link PARTner Challenge, where Link PARTners were challenged to increase the number of new registrants and unique logins to the PART. We would like to commend the following Link PARTners for their hard work! This challenge will continue each year to increase engagement with our website and materials.

1. Soneni Burombo from the Government of Nunavut
2. Susan Fitzky and Kailee Smith from the Northwest Territories
3. Alaina Hawken from the Ministry of British Columbia

MEMBER AGENCIES & LINK PARTNERS

ONTARIO:

1. Children's Aid Society of Algoma – Krista Budau
2. Chatham-Kent Children's Services – Lori Weber & Ashley Parker
3. Family and Children's Services of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington – Kaitlyn Green
4. Bruce Grey Child & Family Services – Cheryl Grant
5. Children's Aid Society of Haldimand and Norfolk – Kim Burns
6. Halton Children's Aid Society – Donna Miles
7. Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton – Sabrina Palumbo
8. Highland Shores Children's Aid – Carrie West
9. Huron-Perth Children's Aid Society – Kendra Baker
10. Family & Children's Services of Lanark, Leeds & Grenville – Vickie Holmes, Tammy Green & Kitty Wittkie
11. Children's Aid Society of London & Middlesex – Colleen Innes
12. Valoris for Children & Adults of Prescott-Russell – Madeleine Lalonde & Sylvie Duchesne
13. Family & Children's Services Niagara – Sarah Milmine
14. Children's Aid Society of the Districts of Nipissing and Parry – Erin Truswell
15. Children's Aid Society of Ottawa – André Fontaine
16. Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies – Helen Halbert
17. Children's Aid Society of Oxford County – Tina Diamond & Mike Bratton
18. Peel Children's Aid Society – Helen Doulos, Jolanta Rasteniene, & Danielle Ungara
19. Family and Children's Services County of Renfrew, City of Pembroke – Beckie Kenrick
20. Children's Aid Society of the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin – Julie Moore
21. North Eastern Ontario Family & Children's Services – Tina Kerr-Hardy
22. Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto – Kate Schumaker & Tanya Morton

MANITOBA:

23. Winnipeg Child and Family Services – Debbie Besant
24. General Authority of Manitoba – Del Bruneau

NUNAVUT

25. Government of Nunavut – Soneni Burombo

BRITISH COLUMBIA:

26. Government of British Columbia – Alaina Hawken

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES:

27. Government of Northwest Territories – Kailee Smith & Susan Fitzky





LINK PARTNERS



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