



PART



Using Evidence to Promote Excellence in Child Welfare

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Annual Report

2014

>> Our Vision

"To promote the understanding and use of evidence-informed practice at all levels of the child welfare system to ensure the best possible services and outcomes for vulnerable children and families".



>> Our Mission

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

- Identifying and packaging evidence in user-friendly formats to disseminate to child welfare practitioners and agencies;
- Promoting the use of evidence-informed practice by using a range of program elements such as PARTicles, webinars, learning events and electronic journal access;
- Creating organizational and systemic learning environments in child welfare organizations to promote critical thinking and ongoing use of evidence in practice.



>> Our Team

STAFF:



Kristen Lwin, M.S.W., Ph.D. Student, Executive Director

Auriole Fernandes, Program Coordinator

Eavan Brady, M.S.W., Implementation Specialist

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Colette Prevost	Chair
Larry Marshall	Vice-Chair, Southwest Zone
Daniel Moore	Treasurer, Grand River Zone
Raymond LeMay	Secretary, Eastern Zone
Mary Ballantyne	OACAS Representative

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Arijana Tomicic	Member at Large
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» MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

The past year has seen some significant changes at PART. Kristen Lwin succeeded Dr. Katharine Dill as Executive Director. There were changes at the Board level as well, when Larry Marshall was appointed to Vice-Chair and I as Vice-Chair assumed the role of PART Chair with the departure of Mike Stephens. Even with these significant changes, PART continued to grow and lead the way with the implementation of evidence-informed practice in child welfare. Under Kristen, PART continues to strive for innovation in learning and in bringing evidence-informed practices to the front line.

These successes are logged in PART's quarterly Director's Report that you have been receiving as members of PART. It is with support from leaders like you, that PART can continue its path of bringing new learning opportunities for all of those serving vulnerable children and families across Ontario and throughout Canada.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kristen and her staff for their continued contributions to the field of child welfare. I also would like to thank the Board members who have given their time and energy to this initiative, in addition to their many demanding responsibilities. It is only with your guidance, motivation and support at your agency, that the path towards being fully evidence-informed can be achieved.

We wish PART continued success as we move towards the next phase of this journey.

Colette Prévost
PART Chair



» MESSAGE FROM THE PART EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The year has gone by so fast and the past year has been an amazing journey for me and the entire PART team. As a team, we are continually growing and moving forward to support child welfare organizations across Canada. This is an exciting time in child welfare as we have an opportunity to grow formal and informal leaders in the field with the goal of supporting children and families in our communities.

Over the past year we have formed new partnerships and developed resources with the goal of promoting the individual and organizational use of evidence-informed practice. We have developed a partnership with the Child Welfare Research Portal (Centre for Research on Children and Families at McGill University, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto, and Alberta Centre for Child, Family, and Community Research). In this role PART coordinates and facilitates Research Watch – a group of academics and graduate students who review and publish child welfare research on a monthly basis.

We are excited to announce the launch of two new learning tools over the past year... *Webinar Podcasts* and *Ask a Researcher*. Both have shown to have positive uptake from the field. Additionally, we have complimented our PARTicles with a segment that is geared to the Practitioner. This addition has proved to make the implementation of EIP so much more practical at each agency.

We have also been examining our website usage in a new way and understand that PART is used differently in each member organization. We realize that being innovative in the field is key to the success of PART and are constantly seeking feedback, examining our role, revamping our tools, and aiming to make our resources as useful, accessible, and informative as possible.

We would like to thank the PART Board, our Link PARTners, and all of our members for your ongoing support. We have accomplished much with your support and it is our goal to ensure that you receive the support you need to effectively service the children and families in your communities.

Kristen Lwin
Executive Director



PART'S CONTRIBUTION TO EIP

2008

18 members
Learning Events (2)
Mini Learning Events
PARTicles
Link PARTners
Toolkits (Guidebooks)
Website Development

2009

28 members
Learning Events (2)
Mini Learning Events
PARTicles
Link PARTners
Toolkits (Guidebooks)
Launch of PART
Website
Introduction of
Webinars – May 2009

2010

37 members
Learning Events (0)
Mini Learning Events
PARTicles
Link PARTners
Toolkits (Guidebooks)
Webinars
Introduction of E-Library
Introduction of Researcher
on Call

2011

35 members
Learning
Events (2)
PARTicles
Link
PARTners
Launch of
1st
Guidebook
E-Library
Webinars

2012

34 members; 4
Associate Members
Learning Events (1)
PARTicles
Link PARTners
Launch of 2nd
Guidebook
E-Library
Webinars
Re-launch of PART
Website
Launch of Storyboard
Launch of Interactive
Case Study
Launch of
PARTcasts

2013

34 members; 5
Associate Members
Learning Events (1)
PARTicles 1 & 2
Link PARTners
Launch of 3rd
Guidebook
E-Library
Webinars & Practice
Points
Storyboard
Interactive Case Study
PARTcasts
Research Radio
Child Welfare
Research Portal

2014

34 members; 5 Associate
Members
Learning Events (1)
PARTicles 1 & 2
Link PARTners
Launch of 4th Guidebook
E-Library
Webinars & Practice Points
Storyboard
Interactive Case Study
PARTcasts
Research Radio
Ask A Researcher
Child Welfare Research
Portal



PART TODAY

EIP Implementation

Link PARTners

Tool kit

Individual Link
PARTner support –
Web Portal
Implementation
Framework
Focus on
Organizational and
Individual Level
Usage of EIP
Critical Thinking

Knowledge Mobilization

33 Members; 5 Associate
Members

Learning Events (9)

PARTicles 1 & 2 (75)

Link PARTners (69)

Guidebooks (4 + 1)

E-Library – 12,465 Searches;
6,515 Full Text downloads (2013)
Webinars & Practice Points (79)

Storyboard (2)

Interactive Case Study (3)

PARTcasts (20)

Research Radio (8)

Ask a Researcher

Child Welfare Research Portal

Social Media via Twitter &
Facebook



>> FINANCIAL STATEMENT – DRAFT

PRACTICE AND RESEARCH TOGETHER ASSOCIATION

Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended March 31, 2014

	2014	2013
Revenue:		
Membership	\$ 555,000	\$ 536,215
Sales of resource materials	17,982	15,925
Other	1,099	-
	\$ 574,081	\$ 552,140
Expenditures:		
Salaries & benefits	336,840	319,162
Purchased services	34,707	64,117
Guidebook reprint	28,501	22,422
Training & development	30,157	45,947
Membership & subscription	15,010	14,117
Travel & meetings	10,335	24,514
Special projects	780	2,228
Office administration	36,300	44,137
	492,630	536,644
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 81,451	\$ 15,496
Net assets, beginning of year	145,267	129,771
Net assets, end of year	\$ 226,718	\$ 145,267

See Auditor's Report for notes to this financial statement.



» THE BOOKWORM CLUB

The Bookworm Club is a provincial literacy program in which children living in out-of-home care are mailed brightly coloured parcels containing developmentally appropriate books, games, and other materials monthly for six months. The Bookworm Club grew out of a 2011 PART Learning Event on Improving Educational Outcomes for Children in Care modelled after a similar program originally developed in England.

In 2012 a group of child welfare practitioners from 12 CASs across Ontario undertook a pilot of the program, which was evaluated by PART and the Child Welfare Institute.



The Bookworm Club continues to be evaluated and has grown to include 532 children and their foster caregivers in 2013 and over 1,000 in 2014. Findings from the 2012 and 2013 evaluations will be presented by members of the Bookworm Club Steering Committee at the European Scientific Association on Residential and Family Care for Children and Adolescents Conference (EUSARF) in Copenhagen in September. We are proud to co-chair the steering committee and be involved in the ongoing evaluation of The Bookworm Club.

» CHILD WELFARE RESEARCH PORTAL

We are pleased to announce that within the past year we have become PARTners with the Child Welfare Research Portal (CWRP). Collaborating organizations include the Centre for Research on Children and Families at McGill University, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto, and Alberta Centre for Child, Family, & Community Research. CWRP provides access to Canadian and provincial child welfare research, programs, and policies. As part of the CWRP PART staff co-ordinate Research Watch, an inter-university learning partnership that follows the major journals and produces concise reviews of exceptional child welfare focused research articles. In addition, all Canadian child welfare research articles are summarized and published (Canadian Research in Brief – CRIB). All research summaries are posted on the CWRP website and sent out to a list-serve of over 2,500 individuals. The new partnership has widened PART's prominence as a national organization focused on bringing the field evidence-informed practice.



MEMBER AGENCIES & LINK PARTNERS

ONTARIO:

1. Children's Aid Society of Algoma – *Krista Budau*
2. Children's Aid Society of Brant – *Gissele Taraba*
3. Chatham Kent Children's Services – *Lisa Richardson*
4. Dufferin Child and Family Services – *Marianne Breadner; Celine Reed & Nadia Watt*
5. Durham Children's Aid Society – *Carrie Shannon*
6. Family and Children's Services of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington – *Linda Braithwaite*
7. The Children's Aid Society of Owen Sound and the County of Grey & Bruce – *Julie Lipsett*
8. Family and Children's Services of Guelph and Wellington County – *Laurie Thyssen & Anne Marie Simpson*
9. Children's Aid Society of Haldimand and Norfolk – *Kim Burns & Anne-Marie Watson*
10. Halton Children's Aid Society – *Donna Miles*
11. Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton – *Alexandra Mlekuz & Sabrina Palumbo*
12. Children's Aid Society of Hamilton – *Ingrid Hauth*
13. Highland Shores Children's Aid – *Angus Francis*
14. Huron-Perth Children's Aid Society – *Maxine McCaulay*
15. Valoris for Children & Adults of Prescott-Russell – *Madeleine Lalonde*
16. Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society – *Jennifer Rodman*
17. Kenora Rainy River Districts Child and Family Services – *Betty-Anne Johnson*
18. Family and Children's Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville – *Emily McFadden*
19. Family & Children's Services Niagara – *Leigh-Anne Ralston*
20. Children's Aid Society of the Districts of Nipissing and Parry – *Erin Truswell*
21. Children's Aid Society of Ottawa – *Christian Hackbusch & Cheryl Farris-Manning*
22. Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies – *Nancy Friedman; Sharon Evans & Erika Steibelt*
23. Children's Aid Society of Oxford County – *Gissele Taraba*
24. Peel Children's Aid Society – *Helen Doulos & Prasad Nair*
25. Family and Children's Services County of Renfrew, City of Pembroke – *Susanne Elliott*
26. Children's Aid Society of the City of Sarnia and the County of Lambton – *Heather Collins*
27. Family & Children's Services of St. Thomas and Elgin County – *Adri Hewitt*
28. Children's Aid Society of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry – *Jennifer Wray & Cynthia McLeod*
29. Children's Aid Society of the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin – *Chauntelle Wolff & Julie Moore*
30. North Eastern Ontario Family & Children's Services – *Catherine Simunovic & Tina Kerr-Hardy*
31. Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto – *Bruce Leslie*
32. Children's Aid Society of Toronto – *Tracy Pickett*
33. Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region – *Jill Stoddart*

MANITOBA:

34. Winnipeg Child and Family Services – *Alana Brownlee*
35. General Authority of Manitoba – *Jan Christianson-Wood; Del Bruneau & Jay Rodgers*
36. Office of the Children's Advocate – *Ainsley Krone*

NUNAVUT:

37. Government of Nunavut – *Mark Arnold & Syd Parlour*

BRITISH COLUMBIA:

38. Government of British Columbia – *Anne Marie Travers; Jennie Ireland; Rhonda Shears & Michele Melville-Gaumont*



»»TESTIMONIALS

As a province we, in BC, have committed to watching the 5 webinars associated with the PART Broadening Horizons book as PART of a supervisor certification process. PART has provided our Service Delivery Area a platform to discuss our practice of decision making and planning in child welfare and our practice of clinical supervision. We have used our team leader “book club” and our Managers meeting to watch webinars, discuss the tools, concepts, and other related resources, and how we can implement these principles into our supervision, team and organization.

The PART staff have been interested and attentive to the service delivery model of child protection service in British Columbia – they have accommodated our language, structure, technology and time zone. Eavan, Kristen and Auriole have been brilliant to work with – they have consistently been responsive, friendly, knowledgeable and extremely helpful.

With gratitude,

Jennie Ireland, MSW
A/Director of Practice
Ministry of Children and Family Development
North Fraser, British Columbia

PART is an elegant and effective solution to the research practice gap problem that dogs human services generally and child welfare in particular. Practitioners are daily faced with service challenges when trying to help children and families through complex crises. With PART, they have a place to go for information about what the most recent research suggests could work. This brilliant idea was made real by a few agencies coming together to try to solve an important problem. I'm quite proud to have been associated with PART, and wish it well in the years to come.

Raymond Lemay
Executive Director
Valoris for Children and Adults of Prescott-Russell





LINK PARTNERS



E-LIBRARY



CONFERENCES



PARTICLES



STORYBOARDS



GUIDEBOOKS



WEBINARS



PODCASTS



INTERACTIVE
CASE STUDIES



ASK-A-
RESEARCHER

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