
Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre

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To: Essex County OPP Detachment Board-North
From: Dr. Nila Das, Executive Director, Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre
Date: November 25, 2024
Subject: Request for Financial Support to Children and Families

Dear Police Service Board Members,

On behalf of the [Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre \(WECYAC\)](#), a dedicated non-profit organization recognized as one of only ten specialized Child Victim Support Centers in the region, I extend our gratitude for the ongoing partnership with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). Established in 2018, WECYAC has become pivotal in offering comprehensive support services, ensuring that children only need to tell their story once and receive the care they need in a secure, child friendly and nurturing environment.

Background

In the fiscal year 2023-2024, WECYAC served 735 clients, with 25–30% referred by the OPP. From April 2024 to date, we have assisted 599 clients, with 10-15% residing within your jurisdictions. Our advocates, often the primary and only support for families during forensic interviews and subsequent procedures, provide liaison services between families and agencies such as the Children's Aid Society, Windsor Regional Hospital, Sexual Assault Crisis Centre, and the OPP.

Our Services

We provide comprehensive support that includes:

- Safe space for youth to disclose
- Emotional support session with caregivers, during forensic interview
- Navigation services connecting families with mental health and other essential resources.
- Referral management to minimize trauma by preventing children from repeating their stories.
- Monitoring and trauma support services for one - two years.

Objectives

We seek an annual contribution of \$5,000 from your Board to continue these vital services.

Moving Forward

We are keen to discuss this request further during our upcoming presentation on December 09, 2024.

Conclusion

Thank you for considering this critical initiative. We look forward to the opportunity to strengthen our collaboration and continue supporting the children and families of Tecumseh, Lakeshore, and Essex.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nila Das

Executive Director, Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre (WECYAC)