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and policies for vulnerable children
and youth and their families*

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1. Director's Message

Over the past six years the Centre has developed to become one of the leading child welfare research centres in Canada, running 28 research projects in the last year supported by close to a million dollars in research grants and contracts. The projects range from evaluations of community-based prevention and early intervention programs, to systematic literature reviews, to analyses of administrative data, to national surveys. The Centre's membership counts over 40 students and community members, and 15 professors. The Centre is a dynamic site for exchange between faculty, students and community professionals: along with hosting several national research and policy meetings, the Centre runs a research seminar series and two monthly journal clubs (child welfare and children's disabilities). The Centre's reach across Canada and internationally has expanded through hosting the Canadian Child Welfare Research Portal (cwrp.ca), Canada's most extensive child welfare research and policy clearinghouse.

Centre researchers have been working with many local service providers including the African Canadian Development & Prevention Network, Batshaw Youth and Family Services, the Old Brewery Mission, Kahnawake Shaktiia'takenhas Community Services, the St Justine and Montreal Children's Hospitals, l'Association de l'enfance en danger d' Hochelaga-Maisonneuve, provincial organizations including the Ministry of health and Social Services, the Association des centre jeunesse du Québec and the First Nations Health and Social Services Commission of Quebec and Labrador, and national organizations ranging from Public Health Agency of Canada, the Assembly of First Nations, the First Nations Child and Family caring society and the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

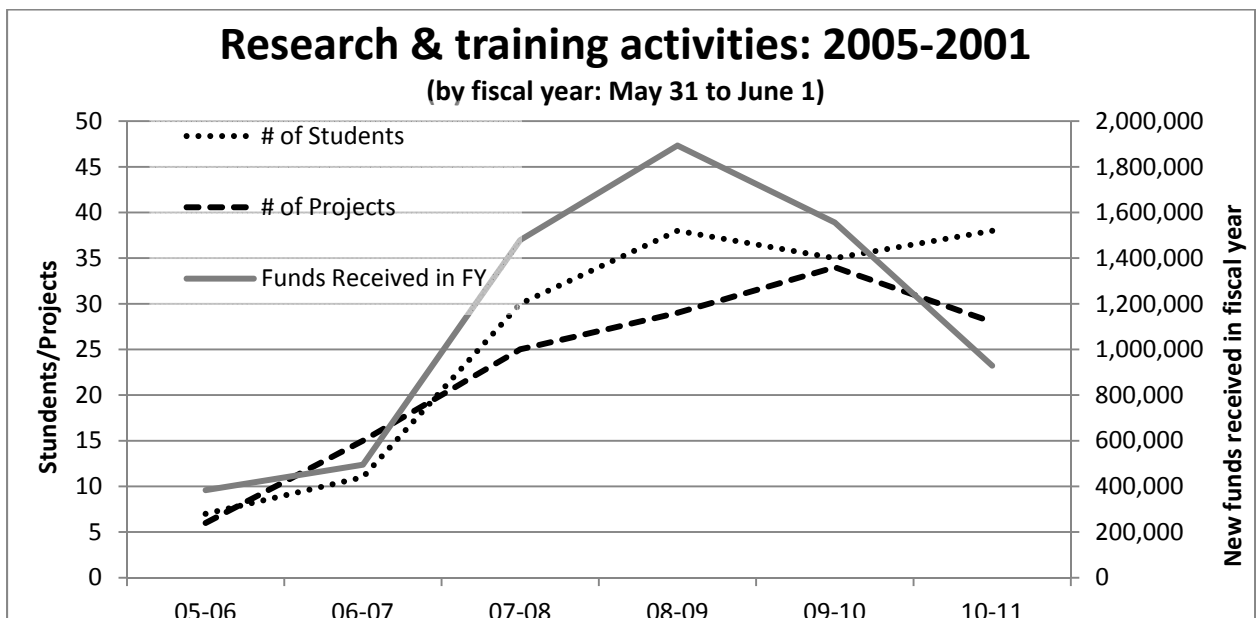
Our activities range from assisting agencies with program development and program evaluation activities, to conducting clinical studies, to providing governments with policy advice, to leading provincial and national epidemiological studies. The Centre houses the most important collection of child welfare research datasets in Canada, including the three national cycles of the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect, and a Québec-wide administrative data base tracking over 400,000 children who have received Youth Protection services over the last twenty years. Research activities have had program and policy impact at all levels, from local agencies, to departments of social services in several provinces, to Federal agencies and NGOs.

This report covers eighteen months of activity from June 2010 to December 2011¹, a period marked by the release of findings from several major studies that had been conducted at the Centre over the past several years. Major findings from the 2008 Cycle of the Canadian Incidence Study (CIS) of reported Child Abuse and Neglect were released on October 25th 2010 at the opening plenary of the International Looking After Children – Association des Centre Jeunesse du Québec Conference. In the Fall of 2100, in collaboration with the Assembly of First Nations, the Centre launched “Kiskisik Awasisak/Remember the Children” the most comprehensive Canadian study to date examining the overrepresentation of First Nations children in Canadian child welfare services. Centre members published 37 articles in peer reviewed journals, 2 books, 24 book chapters and 23 reports.

¹ The 18 month coverage period allows us to align the CRCF Annual Report with McGill's new calendar year reporting standard for research centres.

Funding for the CRCF core infrastructure is supported by an endowment provided by the Alva Foundation. Support for community research projects and operating the Children’s Service Data Lab is provided through a Royal Bank of Canada gift for the RBC Children’s Services Research & Training Program.

The CRCF activities chart tracks projects, new funds received in the fiscal year as well as the number of students involved with centre projects. While student involvement continues to increase, overall funding levels have declined. This decline can be attributed to unusually high levels of funding in previous years in particular CFI infrastructure funds in 2007-08 and 2008-09, and over \$1,8 million in funding for activities related to the 2008 Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect. Given the infrastructure available at the CRCF, we anticipate maintaining research funding levels in the 1 to 1.5 million dollars in new funds per year.



	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11
Projects	\$383,406	\$494,734	\$896,151	\$1,194,485	\$1,406,394	\$778,658
Infrastructure			\$583,004	\$548,655		
RBC Funds				\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Total Funding	\$383,406	\$494,734	\$1,479,155	\$1,893,140	\$1,556,394	\$928,658

2. Mission and Mandate

Mission Statement

The Centre's mission is to *conduct and disseminate research on effective programs and policies for vulnerable children and youth and their families.*

Vulnerability is broadly defined to include social, family, emotional, cognitive and health related problems that place children and youth at risk of developing serious psycho-social problems and not being able to achieve their full developmental potential. These can include a range of problems such as poverty, family violence, youth violence, mental health problems and disabilities. *Programs and policies* include prevention and intervention programs to support vulnerable children and their families that have been developed in a range of settings, including but not limited to child welfare, children's mental health, education, recreation, and health care.

Mandate

The Centre Mandate is to:

- i. **conduct research** on effective prevention and intervention programs for vulnerable children and their families, including (i) research to understand risk and protective factors, (ii) efficacy and cost-effectiveness of prevention and intervention programs, (iii) analysis of administrative datasets to describe services and track outcomes, and (iv) in-depth studies to explore process and contextual factors that effect program implementation;
- ii. **develop partnerships** between researchers, service providers and policy makers, with a specific focus on (i) promoting research in partnership with Batshaw Youth and Family Centres and other child and youth health and social service agencies in Montreal and across Québec, particularly organizations serving the Anglophone community, and (ii) providing a bridge between Quebec's extensive network of francophone community-university child and family research groups and other McGill, Canadian and international research groups focusing on vulnerable children and youth;
- iii. **provide research training** for graduate and post-graduate students, as well as supporting the development of research capacity in child and family service agencies;
- iv. **ensure timely dissemination** of Centre-based research in a manner that is accessible and relevant to policy makers and service providers.

3. Research

This section describes the research projects² that were being run out of the Centre in 2010-11. Six new research grants or contracts were successfully obtained, in addition to 15 continuing grants or contracts and 7 RBC funded projects. Funding sources included federal research granting agencies, such as the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) and the Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and the Canada Research Chair program; provincial granting agencies, such as the Fonds de recherche sur la société et la culture (FRSSC); grants and contracts from Federal and Provincial governments, including Health Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada, and the British Columbia Ministry of Children and Families and the Québec Ministry of health and social services; matching grant support from McGill (Social Work, Arts & Medicine); a gift from the RBC Foundation; grants and contracts from community groups, such as the Fondation pour la pédiatrie sociale; and sub-grants from larger network grants, such as the Network for Aboriginal Mental Health Research.

New Grants

1. Community partnerships for educational success: Exploring Inuit conceptualizations of parent/family involvement in secondary school in Nunavik

Principal Investigator: Nicole Ives

Co-Investigators: Sinha, V., Beauregard, F., Moller, S., Smith, D.-L., Thomson, W.

Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada

Period: 2010-2012

Award: \$16,925 (funds administered by SSW)

This project, implemented in Kuujuaq, Nunavik, allowed for the exploration of Inuit conceptualizations of family involvement in secondary school using focus groups and interviews with secondary school students, teachers, parents, and community members engaged with and interested in Inuit education issues. A central piece of the study was work with Inuit secondary school student participants to develop their own interview schedule. Students' increased engagement with the study was reflected in their focus group two months later when they provided answers to the questions they had helped to develop. Preliminary findings from this ongoing study reveal several barriers to student success, including (a) a lack of engagement with teachers; (b) a disconnect between parents and what happens in the classroom; (c) a growing intergenerational gap between youth and elders; and (d) a perceived lack of employment options for youth.

² To simplify tracking across annual reports, projects are classified by fund number, and funding information is credited to the year that the funds were planned for in the original grant proposal. Projects with no funds attributed to the current year are ones that are operating on unspent funds from a previous year.

2. Organisation des services pour les victimes d'agression sexuelle au Québec: portrait et pistes d'action

Principal Investigator: Delphine Collin-Vézina
Funding Source: Fonds de recherche sur la société et la culture
Period: 2011-2013
Award: \$ 187,721 (\$164,225 allocated for 10-11)

The present study seeks to make the evaluation of the implementation of services for victims of sexual assault (SA) in the 77 designated centers (DC) in Quebec. More specifically, this study aims to: (1) document the level of implementation fidelity of services in each of the 77 DC through Quebec regarding the medical and social model of intervention developed in eight stages in 2002, (2) determine the factors that influence the fidelity of implementation of services in each of the DC, such as those related to the organization, the clientele, and stakeholders, (3) establish the congruence between the services available in each DC and the portrait of the victims of SA, (4) document the use of rape kits and each DC stakeholder's perception of their use. The study combines quantitative and qualitative methods and includes three levels of data: (1) administrative data (completed in 2011), (2) interviews with victims and parents of victims, (3) surveys with heads of agencies and health and social services providers, as well as (4) a focus group with partners involved with DC. Each of these steps will bring a greater understanding of the DC and the services user.

3. Parenting for the Promotion of Adolescent Mental Health

Principal Investigator: Monica Ruiz-Casares
Co-Investigators: L. Lach, C. Rousseau, R. Sullivan, N. Carrey, B. Wong
Funding Source: Mental Health Commission of Canada
Period: 2011-2012
Award: \$ 135,000 (funds administered by MUHC)

Our research team is collaborating with and advising the Child and Youth Advisory Committee of the Mental Health Commission of Canada (CYAC-MHCC) in the development of a family-centered framework on parental mental health education and support for parents of adolescents that is relevant to families from diverse ethno-cultural backgrounds. To inform the development of the framework, the research team has conducted an extensive review of domestic and international literature pertaining to parent education, information and support programs as well as an environmental scan of agency practices across Canada, each of which address methods of supporting parents of adolescents; individual interviews with selected stakeholders completed the latter. The framework will be tested across the country through focus group discussions and an online survey with a diverse group of families. Results from the group discussions will help refine the final framework and inform the development of a draft plan for its future piloting and evaluation. Three graduate students at McGill were hired to assist with the literature review and environmental scan. An Advisory Committee was set up across the country.

4. Child Welfare Research Portal

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé
 Co-Investigators: A. Shlonsky, B. Fallon
 Period: 2010–2018
 Award: \$ 80,000 / year
 Funding Source: RBC Children’s Services Research & Training Program
 Period: 2010–2018
 Award: \$ 35,000 / year
 Funding Source: Alberta Centre for Child, Family & Community Research
 Period: 2010–2012
 Award: \$ 25,000 / year
 Funding Source: University of Toronto, RBC Internship
 Period: 2010–2012
 Award: \$ 20,000 / year (Administered at UofT)

The Child Welfare Research Portal (CWRP) (www.cwrp.ca/) is Canada’s national clearinghouse for child welfare research. Since the launch of the website in May 2009, visits to the new website have consistently increased to several thousand visits a month. Between June 1, 2010 and May 31, 2011, there were 68,859 visits to the site and 244,236 page views. The portal is also the site for Research Watch, an inter-university collaboration that uses a monthly journal club format with faculty and graduate students to review research articles published in leading child welfare journals. The most relevant and well-designed international studies as well as all Canadian studies are summarized and disseminated through the CWRP’s list of approximately 7,500 subscribers. Ten Research Watch meetings were held over the course of 2011, where 587 articles were reviewed and 21 article summaries were published.

5. National Outcomes Matrix: Phase V

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé
 Co-Investigators: A. Shlonsky
 Period: 2010-2012
 Award: \$95,000 (\$ 20,000 allocated 10-11)
 Funding Source: Provincial/Territorial Directors of Child Welfare

The National Child Welfare Outcome Matrix (NOM) was developed in consultation with provincial, territorial, and First Nations service providers as an initiative of the provincial and territorial Directors of Child Welfare (DCW) and Human Resources Development Canada. The NOM provides a framework for tracking outcomes for children and families receiving child welfare services that can be used as a common set of indicators across jurisdictions. For the past five years, a team of researchers from McGill and the University of Toronto has collaborated with the Federal/Provincial/Territorial [FPT] Child Welfare Outcomes Committee to provide support in operationalizing and testing the NOM indicators. Each participating province and territory has contributed significant staff time to support this operationalization and pilot testing phase, in addition to contributing funds to support travel to FPT Child Welfare Outcomes Committee meetings. In order to continue with further testing the indicators, provinces and territories have contributed funding to support the ongoing work required. A total of 8 indicators have been tracked from 2003/04 to 2009/10, with up to 10 jurisdictions providing partial to complete data for each. The research team has continued work on NOM through

the development of a secure website to allow for centralization of working documents to facilitate the next phase of data collection and analysis. Further, an inter-jurisdictional thesaurus has been developed to track differences in terminology and the organization of child welfare service in Canada for the purposes of better comparing data collected.

6. Ethics studies of childhood: Developing an interdisciplinary research program

Principal Investigator: Franco A. Carnevale

Co-Investigators: A. Campbell, D. Collin-Vézina, M. E. Macdonald

Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada

Period: 2010-2012

Award: \$ 38,532 (\$29,835 allocated 10-11)

This grant supports the development of an innovative and truly inter-disciplinary research team that is articulating a new field of inquiry: Interdisciplinary Studies of Childhood Ethics. In its first year, four research assistants helped the investigators critically examine the literature across a wide range of diverse disciplines, to identify current research priorities in childhood ethics. Moreover, the team has conducted ongoing consultations with an Interdisciplinary Panel of Expert Consultants. To date, the team has one publication in press and is currently working on four additional manuscripts as well as an operating grant proposal to be submitted in fall 2012.

Ongoing Grants

7. Évaluation des initiatives actuelles et émergentes en pédiatrie sociale

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé

Co-Investigators: V. Sinha, & C. Roy

Funding Source: Fondation pour la promotion de la pédiatrie sociale

Period: 2009 - 2011

Award: \$ 59,103 (\$ 19,701 allocated in 10-11)

Funding Source: RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program

Period: 2009-2011

Award: \$ 11,000

The two social pediatrics clinics currently running in Montreal offer preventive health services based on a global approach that links with and addresses the many systems with which children interact. The aim of this project was to describe the clinics' clientele and activities so as to develop a set of indicators that will be useful for subsequent evaluation of impacts. Computerized databases and paper files were reviewed to describe client profiles and service trajectories and to support the development of outcome indicators to be used by the clinics. A final confidential report was provided to the clinic in the fall of 2011.

8. Canadian Child Welfare Data Lab Infrastructure Support

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé
Funding Source: Canadian Foundation for Innovation
Period: 2009-2013
Award: \$ 34,349 (\$ 0 allocated 09-10)

This supplemental CFI grant provides support for maintaining the CFI funded Child Welfare Data Lab infrastructure. It covers salary costs associated with programming and maintenance of the lab.

9. Community Capability & Development in Nunavik: mobilizing knowledge in the transition to self government

Principal Investigator: Nicole Ives
Co-Investigators: V. Sinha, W. Thomson
Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada
Period: 2009-2011
Award: \$ 147,458 (\$ 0 allocated in 10-11)

This project builds on the “Community Capacity and Development in Nunavik” (CCDiN) study, funded by SSHRC (2008-2010), by bringing together researchers, policy experts and community members to mobilize and widely discuss the knowledge gathered through CCDiN and the “Rethinking Social Work Education in First Nations and Inuit Communities” project funded by Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport de Québec (MELSQ; 2006-2008). Conducted in the prelude to regional governance in Nunavik (2011), the CCDiN project explored issues of key concern for the new Nunavik government: the relevance and appropriateness of existing social policies in Nunavik and the support/training needed by frontline social service workers who implement many social policies. This project's activities have extended beyond basic knowledge dissemination by engaging community members and researchers in a collaborative process of knowledge mobilization. Researchers and Advisory Community members have been working closely together to produce dissemination materials and facilitate community dialogues around issues raised in the CCDiN data. This partnership has provided critical knowledge and insight to the research team and supports the development of a core group of community members who are knowledgeable about issues of social policy and social services capacity-building.

10. Decline in Sexual Abuse Cases

Principal Investigator: Delphine Collin-Vezina
Co-Investigators: N. Trocmé, C. Walsh
Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada
Period: 2009-2014
Award: \$ 181,231 (\$66,583 allocated 10-11)

Rates of sexual abuse reported to and substantiated by Child Protection Services (CPS) have dropped by nearly a third in Canada, from 0.89 per 1,000 children in 1998 to 0.62 in 2003 (Trocmé et al., 2001; 2005). Although we would hope that this decline reflects a true diminution of SA perpetrated on children in the population, it is also possible that victims and non-offending parents are less likely than before to disclose abuse to authorities, and/or that changes in the management of sexual abuse



cases by CPS could explain this decline. The present study, based on the work of Finkelhor & Jones (2004), seeks to explore various potential sources of explanations for the decline in sexual abuse investigations by CPS in Canada, including: (1) stricter measures to retain sexual abuse cases reported to CPS, (2) a reduction in CPS involvement in some sexual abuse cases and (3) increasing reserve to report sexual abuse to authorities. In the course of the year 2010-2011, data was collected from 60 survivors of child sexual abuse from two Canadian provinces (Quebec, Ontario) to explore the factors that facilitated or inhibited their disclosure processes. Qualitative analysis was initiated.

11. Canadian Research Chair in Child Welfare Research Support Fund

Principal Investigator: Delphine Collin-Vezina
Funding Source: Canadian Research Chair
Period: 2008-2014
Award: \$ 60,000 (\$ 12,000 allocated 10-11)

Dr. Collin-Vézina's CRC research program has three objectives: (1) to assess the current processes of reporting child sexual abuse (CSA) in Canada; (2) to measure the scope of sequels related to CSA, with the help of multiple youth samples selected from at-risk groups and clinical settings; and (3) to better understand the overrepresentation of CSA cases in population groups considered at-risk, such as Aboriginal youth and teenagers with eating disorders. This program is rooted in psychosocial child development theories and the results are expected to have clinical, social, and political application. During the year 2009-2010, this secondary fund enabled the main researcher to further the education of a graduate student by involving her in the research program.

12. Community Capability and Development in Nunavik

Principal Investigator: Wendy Thomson
Co-Investigators: V. Sinha, O. Aitken, N. Ives
Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada
Period: 2008-2011
Award: \$ 40,000 (\$ 0 allocated 10-11)

The research studies are overseen by a Steering Group with a majority of members who are Inuit from Nunavik and is funded by the SSHRC Strategic Northern Development program. The people of Nunavik are preparing to assume self government in 2011. On the eve of another milestone in ongoing social transformation of the region's Inuit communities, researchers have conducted 35 semi-structured, face-to-face interviews with leaders and residents of Kuujuaq, Puvirnituq and Inukjuak. Drawing on these data, we explore the meaning of family in Nunavik today, from the perspective of both administrators and beneficiaries of important social services. Our analysis examines the family's role in addressing major social themes identified by interviewees and the notion of Inuit families as an under-utilized resource for communal improvement. Policy recommendations for the future Nunavik government, including those for strengthening Inuit families, will be shaped by the findings of this study.

13. Outcome Trajectories in Children with Epilepsy: What Factors are Important? Quebec Subsample of the Canadian Study of Paediatric Epilepsy Health Outcomes

Principal Investigator: Lucyna Lach

Co-Investigators: M. Shevell, L. Carmant, G. Ronen, M. Boyle, C. Cunningham, P. Rosenbaum & D. Streiner

Funding Source: Ministère de la santé et des services sociaux

Period: 2008–2015

Award: \$ 255,820 (\$ 46,048 in10-11)

Funding Source: Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Period: 2008–2015

Award: \$ 30,000 (\$ 10,000 in10-11)

Funding Source: Fonds de recherché sur la société et la culture & Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire en réadaptation du Montréal

Period: 2009-2015

Award: \$ 15,000 (\$ 3,000 in10-11)

Funding Source: McGill – Research and International Relations / Faculty of Medicine / Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre

Period: 2009-2015

Award: \$ 15,000 (\$ 3,000 in10-11)

Epilepsy is one of the most common neurological disorders in childhood and is increasingly understood as a complex, pervasive, neuro-behavioural and social condition. Health policy is shifting away from physician driven disease management to a Chronic Disease Model where the patient and his family act as the day-to-day managers of the health condition while health care professionals are the coach. Outcomes studies conducted in the treatment of epilepsy typically evaluate success of treatment using medical parameters. Not much is known about other outcomes such as quality of life and participation both of which are at the heart of how children, adolescents, and their caregivers define as important to them. Even less is known about the determinants of quality of life and participation in these children. The primary objective of this longitudinal study is to quantify the relative contributions of biomedical and psychosocial factors to the physical health, functional status, and quality of life outcomes among children with epilepsy. Data is being collected at the Montreal Children's Hospital and at Ste. Justine. Both sites are part of a larger pan-Canadian study funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. The findings will have both policy and service delivery implications.

14. Parenting Matters! The Biopsychosocial Context of Parenting Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Canada

Principal Investigator: Peter Rosenbaum (Nominated)

Co-Principal Investigators: L. Lach, & D. Kohen

Co-Investigators: R. Birnbaum, J. Brehaut, R. Garner, M. McKenzie, T. McNeill, A. Niccols, D. Nicholas & M. Saini

Funding Source: Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Period: 2009-2013

Award: \$ 376,566 (\$ 89,266 in 10-11)

Surprisingly little is known about the processes involved in parenting children and adolescents with neurodevelopmental disorders (NDD) given the complex emotional, behavioral and social problems that are either features or correlates of these conditions. The main goal of these studies are to gain a better understanding of the extent to which parenting children with NDD differs from parenting in general, what makes a difference to parenting, the difference that parenting makes to child outcomes, and whether there are ways of understanding parenting that is unique to this population.

Four multi-method projects address these questions: 1) Using an internationally recognized protocol for conducting a systematic review of quantitative and qualitative research, parenting behavior, cognition and style as well as social, family and child correlates of parenting will be established; 2) Secondary data analyses of the Canadian population-based National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth (NLSCY) will quantitatively compare parenting children with NDD to parenting typically developing children; 3) A clinical study will examine predictors and experiences of parenting children with NDD; 4) A review of the legislation as well as a survey of existing policies and programs will be conducted to document those services available to Canadian parents of children with NDD in the areas of income support, respite/alternative care and case management. This will provide a solid basis against which to develop policy and practice recommendations.

15. Evidenced-Based Management in Child Welfare Services

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé

Co-Investigators: W. Thomson, B. MacLaurin, A. Shlonsky, S. Hélie & J. Levesque

Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada

Period: 2006-2011

Award: \$ 298,872 (\$ 0 allocated 10-11)

Funding Source: McGill Faculty of Arts / VP Research and Internal Relations

Period: 2006-2010

Award: \$ 120,000

Funding Source: Association des Centre Jeunesse du Québec

Period: 2006-2010

Award: \$ 20,000

Funding Source: Batshaw Youth and Family Centres

Period: 2006-2009

Award: \$ 70,000 (in kind)

Funding Source: RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program

Period: 2010-11

Award: \$ 30,000

The Evidence-Based Management project was a four-year knowledge-mobilization initiative designed to develop and evaluate a model for supporting greater use of research as a management tool in child welfare organizations. The final year of the project was used to complete an evaluation as well as support the transition to sustainable on-going activities, including (1) maintaining two Clinical Integration Groups – one on sexual abuse and one on conjugal violence -- supported by researchers and graduate students, (2) supporting analysis of outcome indicators for In-The-Know, a joint Batshaw/CRCF research publication, (3) supporting the province-wide outcome indicators initiative (see *Gestion fondée sur les indicateurs de suivi clinique en protection de la jeunesse* below), and (4) disseminating findings from the study.

16. Understanding Meta Analysis: a subjective interpretation of an 'objective' analysis

Principal Investigator: Mary Ellen Macdonald

Co-Investigators: J. Boivin, J. Brophy, F. Carnevale, A. Furlan, R. Kakuma, R. Platt, M. Rossignol & R. Steele

Funding Source: Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Period: 2008–2012

Award: \$ 38,033 (\$ 0 allocated 10-11)

This project is designed to better understand how meta-analysts interpret meta-analyses, and in so doing, to characterize convergences and divergences in how meta-analysts believe they interpret meta-analyses and how they actually interpret meta-analyses. Using a three phase design, we will: a) capture the frameworks and reasoning processes meta-analysts believe they use when interpreting meta-analysis; b) assist meta-analysts to make explicit the frameworks and reasoning processes they actually employ in doing such a review; and ultimately c) bring meta-analysts together to reflect as a group on discrepancies in the review processes vis-a-vis current research standards.

17. Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect (CIS) 2008

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé

Co-Investigators: B. Fallon, B. MacLaurin & V. Sinha

Funding Source: Public Health Agency of Canada

Period: 2007–2012

Award: \$ 1,455,000 (\$ 280,000 allocated 10-11)

The CIS-2008 is the third cycle of a national survey examining investigations of child maltreatment conducted in Canada. The 2008 cycle gathered data on 15,980 child maltreatment related investigations conducted in a representative sample of 112 child welfare agencies from every Canadian province and territory. The study includes five oversampling provincial sub-studies conducted in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec as well as the first national study of investigations conducted by First Nations service providers. The CIS-2008 Major Finding report was released at the opening plenary of the ACJQ-Looking After Children International Conference in October 2010 in Montreal. During 2010-11 the PHAC CIS funds were used to support the finalization of the dataset, preparation of the Major Findings Report and dissemination.

18. CIS 2008: First Nations Oversampling

Co-Principal Investigators: Vandna Sinha & Nico Trocmé

Co-Investigators: B. Fallon, & B. MacLaurin

Funding Source: Government of Manitoba*

Period: 2007–2011

Award: \$ 100,000 (\$ 0 allocated for 10-11)

The goal for the CIS-2008 was to increase the sample of First Nations child welfare agencies from eight to twenty. In total, twenty-two Aboriginally governed agencies participated in the CIS-2008. The increased sample size will yield a more detailed understanding of the nature of and response to maltreatment of First Nations children. Specifically, secondary analyses will focus on comparing the profiles of investigations, involving First Nations children, which were conducted by



provincial/territorial agencies to those conducted by Aboriginally governed agencies. As in prior CIS cycles, a key priority has been to ensure First Nations' ownership of, control over, access to and possession of the knowledge produced by CIS-2008. A nationally representative, First Nations advisory committee assisted with recruitment of First Nations service agencies, offered cultural/ethical guidance, and is currently overseeing primary analysis. The advisory committee has prioritized secondary analyses and is actively facilitating dissemination of primary analyses of data from the First Nations component of the CIS.

(*) Additional funds were provided through the CIS PHAC study.

19. Invisible Victims of Sexual Abuse: Study of clinical and at risk children and adolescent Canadian populations

Principal Investigator: Delphine Collin-Vézina
 Funding Source: Canadian Foundation for Innovation
 Period: 2008-2013
 Award: \$ 116,722 (\$ 0 allocated for 10-11)
 Funding Source: McGill Faculty of Arts
 Period: 2008-2013
 Award: \$ 39,582
 Funding Source: Government of Quebec
 Period: 2008-2013
 Award: \$ 116,723
 Funding Source: In Kind
 Period: 2008-2013
 Award: \$ 18,784

This fund ensures the development of the LAB-DASE, a data lab on child sexual abuse. The goal of this lab will be to access a representative population of abused children and adolescents. A unique Canadian dataset will be created through data collection from various locations, such as the Montreal Children's Hospital and Batshaw Youth and Family Centres, and collaborations with the Network for Aboriginal Mental Health Research and the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission, in order to target First Nations communities. In addition, data from CIS (1998, 2003 and 2008) will be analyzed to grasp the extent of child sexual abuse incidence in Canada.

20. Strengthening Black Families Program Evaluation

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé
 Co-Investigator: Vandna Sinha
 Funding Source: African Canadian Prevention Development Network / Health Canada
 Period: 2009-2012
 Award: \$ 30,000 (\$ 10,000 allocated 10-11)

The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) was initially developed and evaluated by Dr Kumpfer and her team in the United States to serve high-risk African American families. This evaluation marks phase II of an evaluation that: 1. Describes the implementation of this program in Montreal's Black Anglophone communities and 2. Tracks the impact of SFP by measuring participant's learning and

behaviour changes, satisfaction and improved functioning in the areas covered by the SFP evaluation tools. The final report that will track all phases of this evaluation will be completed by the fall of 2012.

21. Engaging mothers and fathers: Challenges for social service practices with parents

Principal Investigator: Julia Krane

Co-Investigators: L. Davies, & B. Featherstone

Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada

Period: 2007-2010

Award: \$ 97,500 (\$ 0 allocated 10-11)

This research investigates social work relationships with mothers and fathers in response to their children's difficulties by undertaking qualitative case studies of three distinct social service settings that respond to the needs of families during times of difficulty with a child: a hospital social service department, a community-based family service agency, and child welfare agency. This project has direct appeal to social workers and allied professionals who will be invited to rethink policies, procedures and practices that often unwittingly reproduce both mother blame and the invisibility of fathers in relation to their children's well-being. The results of this research will be disseminated to include training materials and workshop presentations to professionals dealing with children and their families.

RBC Funded Research

22. RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé

Funding Source: Royal Bank of Canada

Period: 2008-2018

Award: \$ 2,000,000 (\$ 150,000 allocated 10-11)

The RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program was established with a \$2 million gift from Royal Bank of Canada. An annual allocation of \$150,000 for ten years is being used to support community research projects and maintain a data laboratory set up to extract and house administrative children services data from across the country, including full funding of the seven projects described below as well as additional funds provided for project 4, 7 and 15 described above. Some of these projects have or will include a cost recovery component, recovered funds will be made available to future projects.

In addition, a \$500,000 endowment is being established to support an RBC Internship Program to allow community professionals and students with research internship and training opportunities to develop their capacity to use research tools to evaluate the effectiveness of programs and services. The internship funding program is in development.



23. Gestion fondée sur les indicateurs de suivi clinique en protection de la jeunesse

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé
Co-investigator: Tonino Esposito
Funding Source: RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program
Period: 2010-2012
Award: \$ 78,000

The project entitled "Gestion fondée sur les indicateurs de suivi Clinique" is a knowledge mobilization initiative between McGill University's Centre for Research on Children and Families (CRCF) and sixteen child protection jurisdictions across Québec, Canada. The project draws its origins from a partnership between (CRCF) and Batshaw Youth and Families Centres. The proposed partnership was developed in order to (a) better understand the dynamics of child protection services and to (b) support the organization's capacity to bring together questions of evidence to the forefront of management and service delivery decisions. In spring 2009, three additional child protection jurisdictions joined the project: (1) le Centre jeunesse de Chaudière-Appalaches; (2) le Centre jeunesse de Montréal – Institut universitaire and ; (3) le Centre jeunesse de Québec – Institut universitaire, along with l'Association des Centre Jeunesse du Québec (ACJQ). Two working groups were established which led to the development of a harmonization strategy in order to refine the treatment of the clinical administrative data and create a dashboard reflecting shared concerns across youth protection jurisdictions. We are currently in Phase II of the project which include all 16 child protection jurisdictions in Québec. Data extraction, treatment and analysis is complete and in Fall 2011, the McGill and ACJQ research team has began a presentation series across all 16 child protection jurisdictions with the following specific objectives: 1) describe the service trajectories of children in the Québec child protection system; 2) describe variations in service trajectories over time and between child protection jurisdictions in Québec; and 3) describe the integration of service statistics to inform child protection service planning and policy development. The rate of (a) recurrence of maltreatment (b) placement in out-of-home care (c) placement instability (d) reunification (e) youth criminality and (f) family court appearances is reported for each child protection jurisdiction and the province using three longitudinal cohorts ranging from 34,339 to 99,278 maltreated children in Québec.

24. Supporting access to administrative data for Kahnawake Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services

Principal Investigator: Vandna Sinha
Period: 2009-2011
Award: \$ 5,000

The goal of this project is to provide technical support to Kahnawake Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS) in order increase their capacity to collect and analyze administrative data. The initial stage of collaboration between CRCF and KSCS focused on two tasks: analysis of administrative data already collected by the agency and drafting of a proposal to develop alternate data collection instruments/processes.

25. Traumatic life events of youth in care (attachment, self regulation, competency)

Principal Investigator: Delphine Collin-Vézina
Co-Investigators: I. Daigneault
Funding Source: RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program
Period: 2011
Award: \$ 5,000

This research project seeks to explore the traumatic events lived by youth in group home care, as well as to identify the sequelae associated with these experiences. Over 70% of the adolescent clientele in the child protection system is taken in charge not because of family dysfunction or experiencing maltreatment, but due to behavioural problems, (Pauzé et al., 2004). Therefore, the traumatic events lived by these youth may go unnoticed and/or not be considered while preparing the treatment plan. A better understanding of the traumatic events lived by these youth, as well as the sequelae of these on their mental health state, would enable better services to be offered to these youth. Most notably, sexual abuse is recognized as being infrequently disclosed to the child protection authorities (MacMillan et al., 2003), thus limiting accessibility to specialized services. In order to get a better picture of the traumas lived by the youth in group home care and the associated sequelae, 53 youth in group home care were recruited for this project. The results from this study have been disseminated in the *International Journal of Mental Health & Addiction* (Collin-Vézina, Coleman, Milne, Sell, & Daigneault, 2011). Another manuscript has been submitted to the *Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma* (Milne & Collin-Vézina). This project has laid the groundwork for a community-university partnership grant that was submitted to CIHR in the fall 2011 (results to be announced in April 2012).

26. Gender and Child Welfare Network: Sustaining activities in the area of gender and clinical social work practice with families

Principal Investigator: Linda Davies
Period: 2009-2011
Award: \$ 32,532

Retraining in the use of therapeutic approaches has resulted in the offering of clinical training and research on social work practices in the area of children and families, specifically in relation to the MSW Use of Self course. Professional development time release to attend related activities.

Remaining funds will support the initial stages of a research project undertaken in conjunction with Dr. E. Ramvi (University of Stavanger, (Norway) and Dr. L Froggett (University of Lancashire U.K). who offer similar courses. The planned research project which will include an exploration of the methods of teaching use of self and the subsequent practice experiences of practitioners who have taken this course and the impact it has had on their professional practice.

27. Evaluation of the Family TIES program

Principal Investigator: Stephen Ellenbogen
Co-Investigators: N. Trocmé, C. Laurendeau, N. Pare, & R. Calame
Funding Source: RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program
Period: 2006-2011
Award: \$ 10,000

Funding Source: Batshaw Youth and Family Centres
Period: 2006-2011
Award: \$ 13,000 (in kind)

The Family TIES program at Batshaw Youth and Family Centres is a unique family-centered approach to treating problems of youth aggression and family dysfunction. A study to test feasibility and track change in the participants is near completion. The CRCF had committed \$10,000 to supporting pilot research; Batshaw provided \$10,000 in matching funds, and contributed additional funds as required. Measures were administered to youth and parents both immediately before and a few weeks after the program. The ultimate goal is to identify problems that might threaten the validity of an eventual outcome study, and evaluate whether the youth and parents improve in areas targeted by this intervention. According to youth and parent reports, youth were found to have lower levels of aggression, anger, and other problems at the end of the program, as compared to before. Parents reported lower levels of anger, fewer problems related to supervising their children, and sweeping improvements in family functioning. However, there was considerable attrition from the study. A final report is being prepared.

28. Recherche sur la trajectoire des enfants des Premières Nations dans le système de la protection de la jeunesse

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé
Funding Source: RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program
Period: 2009-2012
Award: \$10,000

The global purpose of this project is 1) to enable all partners, to the extent possible, to have data regarding the child welfare status of First Nations children and families, and of the services they receive; 2) to provide all partners with analysis of the data that contributes to understanding needs and trends and that will contribute to better planning, coordination and intervention and 3) to contribute to the autonomy of First Nations regarding this type of data and its interpretation. This project is a partnership between members of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Service Commission, the Association des centres jeunesse du Québec, the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and the Centre for Research on Children and Families. In keeping with the approach to other collaborative, capacity development projects in which CRCF is engaged, the role of CRCF staff in the proposed project is to serve as technical consultants providing assistance with data interpretation and development of project design.

4. Dissemination & Training

Research Seminars

The 2010-2011 series of research seminars provided an opportunity for faculty, visiting scholars and graduate students to share and discuss their research. One presentation was scheduled for each meeting. Presenters used the seminar to discuss preliminary results, data interpretation issues and methodological questions arising from their research. The following is a chronological list of the 2010-11 seminars:

1. Delphine Collin-Vézina, Kim Coleman & Lise Milne, Assessing traumatic events in a child welfare youth population: A multiple source informant comparison
2. Lucyna Lach, Separation/divorces rates among families whose child has a neurodevelopmental disorder: Results from the NLSCY
3. David Rothwell, Exploring Assets and Family Stress
4. Andreas Jud, Growing up protected? Swiss child protection and its children
5. Wendy Thomson, A Strategy for Sustainable Child Welfare in Ontario
6. Anne-Marie Piché, The social construction of the adoptive relationship: Parental experiences of adopting older children abroad
7. Nico Trocmé, Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse & Neglect -2008: Major Findings

For more information and all of the presentation slides, visit the www.mcgill.ca/crcf/seminar/

Website

There have been a total of 252,426 hits (compared to 604,915 in 09-10) and 204,678 downloads (compared to 294,984 in 09-10) from January 1st 2011 to December 31st 2011. The Centre also hosts the Canadian Child Welfare Research Portal (www.cwrp.ca), which serves as a clearinghouse for child welfare research and policy across Canada (see project #4)

Publications

Centre members published 37 articles in peer reviewed journals, 2 books, 24 book chapters and 23 reports in 2011. Comparative data for previous years is not available.

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Student Training

The Centre provided research training to approximately 30 students through a variety of programs including external graduate scholarships (FQRSC & SSHRC), research assistantships, the Faculty of Arts Work Study program, participation in Journal Watch, thesis research support and statistical consultation. In addition, the Centre hosted 7 training workshops:

Training Event	Number of Participants
N'Vivo software training	14
How to present research findings	10
EndNote workshop	5
Methods for connecting islands of knowledge: overview of qualitative synthesis	12
CIS data utilization training	18
Mixed methods research	10
Using census and survey microdata files at the Quebec Interuniversity Center for Social Statistics (QICSS)	5

5. Centre Development

Governance

The Centre's Board met twice in 2010-2011, in the Fall to review and ratify the Centre's financial statement and receive the Director's Annual Report and in the Spring to review the planned activities and budget for 2010-2011. The Board includes:

Christopher Manfredi (CRCF Board Chair, Dean of Arts)
Nico Trocmé (Centre Director)
Rima Rozen (Rep for Vice President of Research)
Wendy Thomson (Director of the SSW)
Margaret Doueck (Executive Director, Batshaw)
Lucyna Lach (Faculty Rep)
Delphine Collin-Vézina
Gina Glidden (Graduate Student Rep)
Sydney Duder (Emeritus)
Michael Udy (Emeritus)

Infrastructure

There have not been any major infrastructure updates in the last year.

Membership

The Centre's membership includes approximately 60 faculty, students, staff and community members who are actively involved in the Centre's activities. We are pleased to welcome **Dr. Heather Macintosh** who has joined the School of Social Work as an Assistant Professor. Heather is a Clinical Psychologist who specializes in working clinically with individuals, couples and families in the context of trauma.

Faculty

Sharon Bond, McGill Social Work
Angela Campbell, McGill Law
Franco Carnevale, McGill Nursing
Delphine Collin-Vézina, McGill Social Work
Linda Davies, McGill Social Work
Myriam Denov, McGill Social Work
Sydney Duder, McGill Social Work
Stephen Ellenbogen, Memorial, Social Work
Barbara Fallon, Toronto, Social Work
Nicole Ives, McGill Social Work
Julia Krane, McGill Social Work

Lucyna Lach, McGill Social Work
Jo Ann Levesque, McGill Arts
Mary Ellen Macdonald, McGill Dentistry
Heather MacIntosh, McGill Social Work
Anne-Marie Piché, UQAM Social Work
David Rothwell, McGill Social Work
Mónica Ruiz-Casares, McGill Social and Transcultural Psychiatry
Aron Shlonsky, Toronto, Social Work
Vandna Sinha, McGill Social Work
Wendy Thomson, McGill Social Work
Aron Shlonsky, Toronto, Social Work
Nico Trocmé (Director), McGill Social Work

Students

Bree Akesson, PhD student
Sacha Bailey, PhD student
Irene Beeman, MSW student
Tara Black, PhD student
Aline Bogossian, MSW student
Ye Ri Choi, PhD student
Traci Cimino, MSW student
Kim Coleman, PhD student
Mireille De La Sablonnière-Griffin, MSW student
Jennifer Drummond, MSW
Toni Esposito, PhD student
Elizabeth Fast, PhD student
Kristin Gionfriddo, MSW student
Elena Giudice, PhD student
Gina Glidden, MSW student
Andreas Jud, Postdoctoral fellow
Anna Kozlowski, MSW student
Jules Lajoie, MSW student
Radha Macculloch, PhD student
Lise Milne, PhD student
Jennifer Nutton, PhD student
Stéphanie Pelletier, MSW student
Catherine Roy, PhD
Jody Sell, MSW student
David Silva, MSW student
Nahid Sultana, PhD student
Melissa Van Wert, PhD student
Pamela Weightman, MSW student

Community

Stephen Abrams, BYFC

Lorry Coughlin, BYFC
Margaret Doueck, BYFC
Sue Gallo, BYFC
Claude Laurendeau, BYFC
Michael Udy, Consultant

Research and Administrative Staff

The Centre also operates with support from the following research and administrative staff:

Martin Chabot, Data Analyst
Heather Fewtrell, Senior Administrative Coordinator
Kelly Finnerty, Administrative Coordinator
Jules Lajoie, CWRP Webmaster
Meena Mohan, Administrative Coordinator
Abu Sayem, Research and Technology Assistant & CRCF Webmaster
Pamela Weightman, Research, Dissemination & Training Coordinator.

6. Financial Report

The Centre manages funds from four sources: (1) the CRCF Endowed Income Fund which is used to cover centre operating costs, (2) the CRCF Endowed Social Work Fellowship Fund which is used for student travel grants, (3) research project funds and (4) the RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program fund. Annual financial reports for the two endowed funds and a summary of research funds are included in the attached Appendices. Detailed financial reports specific to externally funded research projects and the RBC funds are filed separately. All financial information is reported on a fiscal year basis.

CRCF Operating Fund

The CRCF Operating Fund (see Appendix A) supports the Centre's administration and its research and dissemination infrastructure. The operating costs for the Centre exceeded the available income, as a result the 2009-10 surplus was spent in 2010-11. Operating costs for 2011-12 have been reduced by shifting project support funding and some dissemination support (in the form of a part-time salary) to the RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program fund.

CRCF Student Travel Grants

The Fellowship Fund (see Appendix B) produced \$ 2,483.68 in income in 2010-2011 which was added to carry-forward from 2009-2010. Seven students received travel grants, for a total expenditure of \$4,890.18. As a result of the relatively large carry forward, 10,387.72 were removed from the operating fund and returned to the endowment through a recapitalization payment.

Research Project Funds

Appendix C summarizes research funds run through the Centre. Close to \$1million in research grants and contracts were run through the Centre in 2010-2011. We are projecting a similar level of grant and contract funding over the next year, a level of research activity that is in keeping with the available research space and infrastructure and that is consistent with an increased focus on training and dissemination activities.

APPENDIX A: CRCF Operation Fund

CRCF Operating Fund

June 1st 2010 to April 30th 2011

Income

Carry forward	\$36,701.00
Endowment	\$96,176.00
Transfers	\$431.00
	\$133,308.00

Expenses

Salaries	\$110,800.00
Materials & Supplies	\$2,498.00
Stationery	\$1,150.00
Photocopies	\$1,255.00
Printing	\$265.00
Postage/Courier	\$100.00
Telephone Equipment/Services/Conference calls	\$4,910.00
Lan Jack	\$1,863.00
Long Distance/Fax	\$274.00
Cell Phones	\$1,831.00
Travel - General	\$305.00
Non-Travel Related Meal Expense	\$550.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,021.00
Project Support	\$5,500.00
	\$132,322.00

Surplus or deficit **\$986.00**



APPENDIX B: CRCF Travel Grant

Social Work Fellowship (CRCF Travel Grant)

June 1, 2010 – April 30, 2011

BALANCE AS OF JUNE 1, 2010		\$ 15,180.16
INCOME		
Income from Endowment		2,483.68
EXPENDITURES		
Travel awards		
Elizabeth Fast	\$750.00	
Lindsay Jones	\$750.00	
Bree Akesson	\$789.45	
Kim Coleman	\$760.77	
Anne-Marie Piché	\$750.00	
Crystal Noronha	\$335.00	
Monica Ruiz Casares Yebenes	\$754.96	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		4,890.18
CAPITALIZATION AS OF APRIL 18, 2011		<u>-10,387.72</u>
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 2011		\$ 2,385.94

APPENDIX C: Project Funds

#	Project	Source	Amount
1	Community partnerships for educational success: Exploring Inuit conceptualizations of parent/family involvement in secondary school in Nunavik	SSHRC	\$ -
2	Organisation des services pour les victimes d'agression sexuelle au Québec: portrait et pistes d'action	FRSSC	\$ 164,225
3	Parenting for the Promotion of Adolescent Mental Health	MUHC	\$ -
4	Chld Welfare Research Portal	ACCFCR	\$ 25,000
5	National Outcome Matrix Phase 4	BC MCF	\$ 20,000
6	Ethics studies of childhood: Developing an interdisciplinary research program	SSHRC	\$ 29,835
7	Évaluation des initiatives actuelles et émergentes en pédiatrie sociale	FPPS	\$ 19,701
8	Children's Services Data Lab Infrastructure Development	CFI	\$ -
9	Community Capability and Development in Nunavik: Mobilizing knowledge in the transition to self government	SSHRC	\$ -
10	Decline in Sexual Abuse Cases	SSHRC	\$ 66,583
11	Canadian Research Chair Support Fund	CRC	\$ 12,000
12	Community Capability and Development in Nunavik	SSHRC	
13	Outcome Trajectories in Children with Epilepsy: What Factors are important?	MSSS/CIHR FRSC/CRIR/ McGill RIR/Fac. Medicine/	\$ 62,048
14	Parenting Matters!	CIHR	\$ 89,266

#	Project	Source	Amount
15	Evidence-Based Management in Child Welfare Services	SSHRC/Fac. Of Arts/VP RIR/ACJQ/	
16	Understanding Meta Analysis: a subjective interpretation of an 'objective' analysis	CIHR	\$ -
17	Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect	PHAC	\$ 280,000
18	CIS 2008: First Nations Oversampling	Govt. of Manitoba	\$ -
19	Invisible Victims of Sexual Abuse	CFI/Fac. Of Arts/ Govt. Québec	\$ -
20	Strengthening Black Families Program Evaluation	ACDPN / Health Canada	\$ 10,000
21	Engaging mothers & fathers: Challenges for social service practices with parents	SSHRC	\$ -
22	RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program	RBC	\$ 150,000
23	Gestion fondée sur les indicateurs de suivi clinique en protection de la jeunesse	RBC	
24	Supporting access to administrative data for Kahnawake Shakotiiia'takehnhas Community Services	RBC	
25	Traumatic life events of youth in care (attachment, self regulation, competency)	RBC	
26	Gender and Child Welfare Network: Sustaining activities in the area of gender and clinical social work practice with families	RBC	
27	Evaluation of the Family TIES program	RBC	
28	Recherche sur la trajectoire des enfants des Premières Nations dans le système de la protection de la jeunesse	RBC	
	Total		\$ 928,658