

WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO OUR CHILDREN...

Our Mission Statement: We will work in partnership with our increasingly diverse community to protect our children from abuse and neglect and provide a safe, secure and caring environment.



Learn more about the York Region Children's Aid Society.
Learn how you can help protect children in your community.

CALL US TODAY.

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STRENGTHENING FAMILIES



ABOUT US:

The York Region Children's Aid Society is a non-profit organization that protects children from abuse and neglect. The agency is one of 53 children's aid societies (CAS's) in Ontario operating under the legislative mandate of the Ontario Child and Family Services Act.

Our goal is to keep children safe. We do this by helping parents strengthen family relationships and by providing secure, nurturing environments for children who are unable to live at home due to safety concerns. We strive to achieve the best possible outcomes for children by working in collaboration with families and other community agencies that can help.

With our increasingly diverse community, cultural sensitivity is essential to the effective delivery of our services. Where needed, we will endeavour to provide interpreters to facilitate communication with families.

CHILD PROTECTION:

Child abuse and neglect are serious problems in our society. The best way to deal with child abuse and neglect is to prevent it. That is why we encourage families in crisis to contact the CAS before problems escalate. We can assist families in strengthening their parenting capacity to help build strong, healthy families. We have a network of other support organizations and social services that may be of assistance to families in need.



CALL US TO:

- Report a suspected case of child abuse or neglect or consult as to whether a situation may require a report.
- Obtain help if you or a family member are experiencing family conflict.
- Obtain information on volunteering, Society membership, adoption, foster parenting or donating to the Foundation.

WHEN YOU CALL:

If your call is concerning a child who may be suffering from abuse or neglect, you will be connected with a child protection worker who will be able to assist. We will ask for some information about the child and family concerned, including their name, age and address and why you are concerned about the child's safety.

Immediately following a call of this nature, a determination is made regarding the need for further investigation. If the answer is yes, an investigation will take place to establish if the child is at risk and in need of protection. If it is determined that an investigation is not required, the information is recorded should a future concern emerge. Where appropriate, suggestions or referrals to community organizations that can assist the family will be made.

Because of strict rules of confidentiality, we cannot disclose the status of cases involving the children and families we serve.

HOW WE PROTECT CHILDREN:

We provide a wide range of services for families to help ensure children are safe from harm. While the vast majority of children served by the CAS continue to live in their own homes, if the family home is not a safe place, the child must be cared for in a setting provided by the Society.

This setting is most frequently a foster home. However, as a result of special needs some children are placed in residential treatment settings.

At times, despite the best efforts of all concerned, attempts at family rehabilitation are unsuccessful and children are unable to be reunited with their families. For these children we make more permanent plans such as finding adoptive families, long-term foster homes or planning for independence.

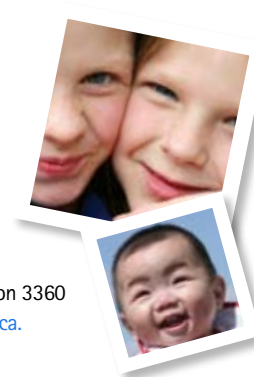
FUNDING:

The government of Ontario funds CAS's to provide child protection services as required by the Child and Family Services Act. The CAS Foundation fundraises and welcomes donations for programs and services not funded by the Government.

The Society and its Foundation are committed to fundraising in order to help ensure that children and youth are able to participate in activities such as summer camp, cultural experiences, post-secondary education and childhood milestones such as grade eight graduation trips.

GOVERNANCE:

The Society is governed by a board of directors made up of people from the community who have diverse backgrounds and experience and share a passion for ensuring the well-being of children. For more information on how you can become a board member or a member of a board standing committee, call 905-895-2318 extension 3360 or visit our website at www.yorkcas.on.ca.



SERVICES OFFERED:

- Consultation and advice on child protection issues
- Investigation and assessment of child protection concerns
- Ongoing services related to child protection matters
- Foster care services
- Adoption and adoption disclosure services
- Support & counseling to parents including adoption planning
- Community education
- Volunteer programs

If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child, call us IMMEDIATELY.

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