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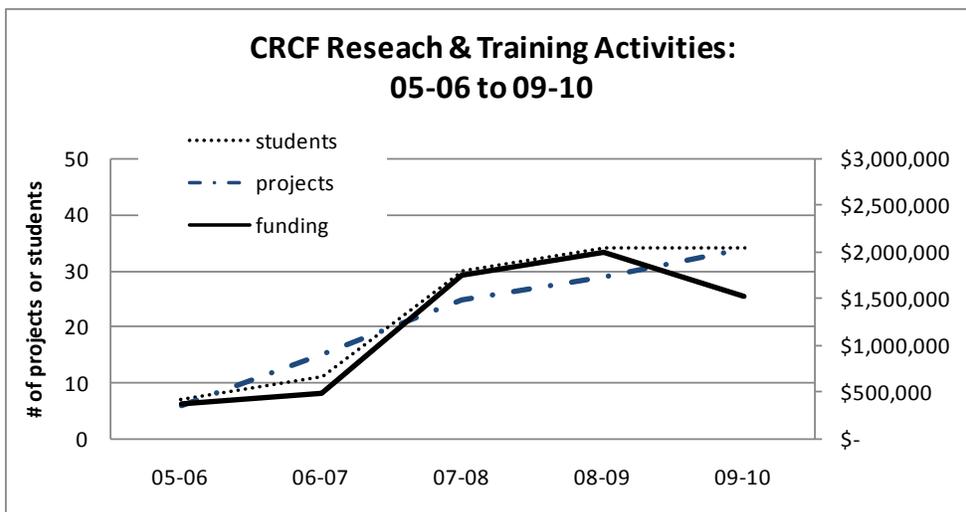


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1. Director's Message

On October 8th and 9th 2009, The Centre hosted the Second National Roundtable on Child Welfare Outcomes, bringing together child welfare policy makers from all provinces and territories, from various departments in the Federal Government and from First Nations organizations with leading outcomes researchers from across North America. The meeting was an opportunity to review the progress that had been made on coordinating a common set of outcome indicators¹, and developing a common vision for a national data collection strategy. The meeting also provided an opportunity to formally launch the Children's Services Data Lab (CSDL) and Data Analysis Internships and thank RBC for its generous gifts. Three major sets of databases are being prepared for analysis at the CSDL: (1) the three Canadian Incidence Study cycles (approximately 30,000 child maltreatment investigations) including a dozen oversampling studies; (2) longitudinal administrative data from Youth Centres across Quebec; and (3) aggregate data from provinces and territories through the national outcome indicator initiative.



After a period of rapid expansion, research activity at the Centre is stabilizing, with 34 projects receiving over 1.5 million dollars in funding. The projects range from evaluations of community-based prevention and early intervention programs, to systematic literature reviews, to analyses of administrative

data, to data cleaning and analysis for the 2008 cycle of the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect. Thirty five students and trainees have been involved in centre research activities. Through the lunch time research seminar series (see page 17) and two monthly journal clubs (child welfare² and children's disabilities), the Centre continues to be a dynamic site for exchange between faculty, students and community professionals. The Centre's reach across Canada and internationally has expanded through hosting the Canadian Child Welfare Research Portal (see project # 18)).

Our fifth year of operation marks a transition point for the Centre as we move from serving primarily as a research support centre to developing and formalizing our dissemination and training activities. Over the past year we have worked with Centre researchers to transfer grant administration functions to their project managers. This has also been the final year for completing CFI (Canadian Foundation for Innovation) supported renovations and equipment purchases (see projects # 2), 19) & 24)).

¹ National Outcomes Matrix: http://www.cwrp.ca/sites/default/files/publications/en/NOM_Sept09.pdf

² Research Watch: <http://www.cwrp.ca/researchwatch>

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 projects³ that were being run out of the Centre in 2009-2010. Five new research grants or contracts were successfully obtained, in addition to 22 continuing grants or contracts and 7 Centre funded grants or contracts. 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 (FQRSC); grants and contracts from Federal and Provincial governments, including Health Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada, the Governments of Québec and Manitoba; 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 and the Centre of Excellence for Child Welfare.

New Centre Based Research Funds

1) **Évaluation des initiatives actuelles et émergentes en pédiatrie sociale (219907)**

Principal Investigator:	Nico Trocmé
Co-Investigators:	V. Sinha, & C. Roy
Funding Source:	Fondation pour la promotion de la pédiatrie sociale
Period:	2009 - 2010
Total Award:	\$ 59,103 (\$ 39,402 allocated in 09-10)
Funding Source:	Centre for Research on Children and Families
Period:	2009-2010
Total Award:	\$ 11,000
Cost Recovery:	\$ 11,000
Recovery source:	Fondation pour la promotion de la pédiatrie sociale

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 is to describe the clinics' clientele and activities so as to develop a set of indicators that will be useful for subsequent evaluation of impacts. There is currently a momentum for such a description of the clinics as not only a new database is about to be implemented but new clinics are also about to open elsewhere in the province. Paper files as well as computerized databases will be looked at. A first for whom files have been opened in 2005 and another one for whom files have been opened in 2009. This will allow for both a cross-sectional and longitudinal analysis. Interviews will also be conducted with clinics' directors and staff. Two cohorts will be examined. Consequently, this project aims at 4 specific objectives:

1. Describe the social pediatrics program as it is currently implemented in two Montreal settings, namely AED (Assistance d'Enfants en Difficulté) & CSPE (Centre de Services Préventifs à l'Enfance).
2. Examine the potential utility of existing information systems within the clinics in order to:
 - a) Give a portrait of children and families receiving services from AED and CSPE;
 - b) Develop monitoring and/or success indicators to be used by the clinics in the medium/long run.

³ 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.

3. Describe the implementation process of new social pediatrics clinics in different regions of Quebec.
4. Develop a longer term evaluation proposal focusing on impacts.

2) Canadian Child Welfare Data Lab (217017)

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

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

3) Community Capability & Development in Nunavik: mobilizing knowledge in the transition to self government (217484)

Principal Investigator: Nicole Ives
 Co-Investigators: V. Sinha, W. Thomson
 Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada
 Period: 2009-2011
 Total Award: \$ 147,458 (\$ 147,458 allocated in 09-10)

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 self 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.

4) Community-University Alliance for Aboriginal Child Welfare Research (217255)

Principal Investigators: Nico Trocmé & Vandna Sinha
 Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada
 Period: 2009-2010
 Award: \$ 20,000 (\$ 20,000 allocated 09-10)

These funds were provided to support development of a full proposal for a SSHRC funded Community-University Alliance. Had the proposal been successful, SSHRC would have provided five years of support for an alliance dedicated to the capacity building, knowledge translation and research in the domain of Aboriginal child welfare.

5) Decline in Sexual Abuse Cases (217575)

Principal Investigator: Delphine Collin-Vezina
Co-Investigators: N. Trocmé, C. Walsh
Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada
Period: 2009-2012
Total Award: \$ 181,231 (\$ 69,359 allocated 09-10)

Rates of sexual abuse (SA) 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 SA 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 SA investigations by CPS in Canada, including: (1) stricter measures to retain SA cases reported to CPS, (2) a reduction in CPS involvement in some CSA cases and (3) increasing reserve to report CSA to authorities. In the course of the year 2009-2010, data was collected from child welfare experts in focus group sessions and administrative files from one child welfare agency were reviewed in order to seek potential answers to the second hypothesis.

Continuing Centre Based Research Funds

6) Canadian Research Chair Research Support Fund (218437)

Principal Investigator: Delphine Collin-Vezina
Funding Source: Canadian Research Chair
Period: 2008-2013
Total Award: \$ 60,000 (\$ 12,000 allocated 09-10)

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.

7) Community Capability and Development in Nunavik (216399)

Principal Investigator: Wendy Thomson
Co-Investigators: V. Sinha, O. Aitken, N. Ives
Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada
Period: 2008-2011
Total Award: \$ 40,000 (\$ 11,500 allocated 09-10)

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 Kuujjuaq, Puvirnituk 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.

8) Outcome Trajectories in Children with Epilepsy: What Factors are Important? Quebec Subsample of the Canadian Study of Paediatric Epilepsy Health Outcomes (218162, 218620, 218895, 120395, 120386, 219117)

Principal Investigator:	Lucyna Lach
Co-Investigators:	M. Shevell, L. Carmant, G. Ronen, M. Boyle, C. Cunningham, P. Rosenbaum & D. Streiner
Funding Source:	Ministere de la santé et des services sociaux
Period:	2008–2013
Total Award:	\$ 255,820 (\$ 46,048 in 09-10)
Funding Source:	Canadian Institutes of Health Research
Period:	2008–2013
Total Award:	\$ 30,000 (\$ 10,000 in 09-10)
Funding Source:	Fonds de recherché sur la société et la culture & Centre de recherché interdisciplinaire en réadaptation du Montréal
Period:	2009-2014
Total Award:	\$ 15,000 (\$ 3,000 in 09-10)
Funding Source:	McGill – Research and International Relations
Period:	2009-2014
Total Award:	\$ 7,500 (\$ 1,500 in 09-10)
Funding Source:	McGill – Faculty of Medicine
Period:	2009-2014
Total Award:	\$ 5,000 (\$ 1,000 in 09-10)
Funding Source:	Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre
Period:	2009-2014
Total Award:	\$ 2,500 (\$ 500 in 09-10)

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.

9) Parenting Matters! The Biopsychosocial Context of Parenting Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Canada (218370)

Nominated Principal Investigator: Peter Rosenbaum

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:	2009-2011
Total Award:	\$ 780,114 (\$ 96,000 in 09-10)

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.

10) Quantitative Methods for Aboriginal Child Welfare Research (216647 & 216652)

Principal Investigator:	Vandna Sinha
Co-Investigators:	N. Trocmé, B. Fallon, & B. MacLaurin
Funding Source:	National Network for Aboriginal Mental Health Research
Period:	2008-2009
Amount of Award:	\$ 20,000
Funding Source:	Centre of Excellence for Child Welfare, Centre for Research on Children and Families
Period:	2008-2009
Amount of Award:	\$ 20,000
Funding Source:	National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health
Period:	2008
Amount of Award:	\$ 10,000
Funding Source:	Jewish General Hospital
Period:	2009
Amount of Award:	\$ 10,000
Funding Source:	McGill School of Social Work
Period:	2008-2009
Amount of Award:	\$ 10,000

On May 19-22nd, 2009, the Centre for Research on Children and Families hosted the 2nd annual workshop on the use of quantitative methods for Aboriginal researchers. Participants from across Canada included child welfare managers, workers, university students and researchers. The Aboriginal component of the 2003 Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect was used to teach participants the possibilities of working with quantitative information about children and families. It also provided support on the design of research projects at local and community levels.

11) RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program (216954 & 216859)

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé
Funding Source: Royal Bank of Canada
Period: 2008–2018
Award: \$ 2,000,000 (\$ 152,400 allocated 09-10)

In support of two key initiatives over the next ten years, The Royal Bank of Canada has generously granted \$2 million to create the RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program. These initiatives will provide technical support and research training to assist policy makers and community-based children's mental health service providers in developing their research and program evaluation capacity. An annual allocation of \$150,000 for ten years will staff and maintain a data laboratory set up to extract and house administrative children services data from across the country. A \$500,000 endowment supports an RBC Internship Program that allows 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.

A portion of the first year's funding was used to sponsor a national child welfare outcomes roundtable in October 2009, which brought together provincial and territorial Directors of child welfare, policy analysts, Directors of major child welfare agencies, and key international researchers. This two-day forum helped set priorities for the Children's Services Data Laboratory, introduced key stakeholders to the Laboratory, and stimulated a renewed interest and commitment in the collection, analysis, and use of data in social policy development. A second portion of the first year's funding has also been used to update the data security infrastructure for the Children's Services Data Laboratory, including new hardware along with consultation fees for Network and Communications Services. A portion of this funding was also used to finance technical supports to various community-based child welfare projects, including but not limited to the ACJQ (Association des Centres Jeunesse de Québec) outcome indicators project, the Batshaw Youth and Family Centres evidence-based management indicators project and performance indicators project.

12) Understanding Meta Analysis: a subjective interpretation of an 'objective' analysis (216380)

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: 2008–2010
Award: \$ 38,033 (\$ 0 allocated 09-10)

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.

13) An Anthropology of Bereavement: A sociocultural analysis of parental grief and mourning (213127)

Principal Investigator: Mary Ellen Macdonald
Co-Investigators: L. Mitchell, P. Stephenson, & S. Cadell
Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada

Period: 2007–2010
Total Award: \$ 75,000 (\$ 28,844 allocated 09-10)

This program of research seeks to understand, culturally and socially, what is the "bereaved parent" in Canadian society today, and what are the corresponding implications for the health and well-being of this population. Increasingly, bereavement care is being recognized as an essential component in interdisciplinary palliative care models, the goal being to help the bereaved arrive at a healthy adjustment to their loss. Studies show that while bereavement programs and practices may be clinically and intuitively based, they are rarely theoretically or empirically evidence-based. The clinical models and theories upon which bereavement interventions are designed have not been proven effective. Some evidence suggests that bereaved parents may derive little or no benefit from bereavement counseling, and that further harm may occur from the interventions.

Research Questions: 1. How is "parental bereavement" socially and culturally constructed in our society? 2. What are the corresponding implications for the health and well-being of these parents? 3. How do these constructions affect or impact the health and social services available to this population? This study will provide an important contribution to the interdisciplinary world of palliative care research and practice. Phase one (complete): A literature review was completed from which an orienting frame was constructed. Phase two (ongoing): An empirical project is being conducted, which includes interviewing bereaved parents and health care providers in Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia. Phase three (future): A participatory symposium will be held to advance clinical practice guidelines around parental bereavement.

14) Anorexia Nervosa in Young Female Adolescents: Risk and Protection Factors, Concomitant Disorders, and Symptoms' Evolution Following Clinical Management (215982)

Principal Investigator: Delphine Collin-Vézina
Co-Investigators: J.-Y. Frappier, J. Wilkins, D. Taddeo, O. Jamouille, & D. Meilleur
Funding Source: Fonds Québécois de Recherche sur la Société et la Culture
Period: 2008–2010
Total Award: \$ 13,500 (\$ 0 allocated 2009-10)

This clinical study, conducted in collaboration with the Sainte-Justine Hospital, aims to identify the psychiatric, psychosocial and biological factors that can help distinguish the different profiles of young female adolescents (10 to 17 years old) who obtain services at the Clinique de l'Adolescence of the Sainte-Justine Hospital after having received a diagnostic of anorexia nervosa (according to the DSM IV TR criteria), as well as to measure the evolution of their symptoms, six months after the beginning of the treatment. Participants were recruited and the first phase of data collection has been completed. During the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the follow-up collection was completed and the databases were created.

15) Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect (CIS) 2008 (215201)

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé
Co-Investigators: B. Fallon, B. MacLaurin & V. Sinha
Funding Source: Public Health Agency of Canada
Period: 2007–2011
Amount of Award: \$ 1,305,000 (\$ 437,935 allocated 09-10)

The CIS is designed to examine the incidence of reported child maltreatment and the characteristics of the children and families investigated by Canadian child welfare services. Phase three (August 2009 to April 2010) of this project involved data cleaning, data analysis and the drafting of the final report. Phase four

(April 2010 to January 2011) will involve the production of the final report, database and related technical documentation delivery and participant focused evaluations and dissemination of the results.

16) CIS 2008: First Nations Oversampling (215721)

Co-Principal Investigator: Vandna Sinha & Nico Trocmé
Co-Investigators: B. Fallon, & B. MacLaurin
Funding Source: Government of Manitoba*
Period: 2007–2011
Amount of Award: \$ 100,000 (\$ 0 allocated for 09-10)

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 First Nations 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, it will allow for closer examination of the different forms of neglect that contribute to First Nations' overrepresentation in the child welfare system. 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 will also prioritize secondary analyses and to facilitate dissemination of results.

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

17) CIS 2008: Québec Oversampling (215521)

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé
Co-Investigators: D. Turcotte, & S. Hélie
Funding Source: Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux
Period: 2007–2010
Total Award: \$ 200,000 (\$ 100, 000 allocated 09-10)

The Canadian Incidence Study sample is designed to derive national annual estimates only. In the 2008 cycle of the CIS, Quebec is one of the provinces which provided additional funds for oversampling to produce provincial estimates. The specific objectives of provincial oversampling are: to determine provincial estimates of the incidence of physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, emotional maltreatment and exposure to domestic violence in 2008; to investigate the severity of maltreatment as measured by forms of maltreatment, duration and physical and emotional harm; to examine selected determinants of health that may be associated with maltreatment; to monitor short-term investigation outcomes including substantiation rates, placement in care, use of child welfare court and criminal prosecution, and to provide a baseline for comparison of future cycles of the incidence study or to compare 2003 and 2008 rates for those provinces that oversampled in the previous cycle(s).

16 youth centres in Quebec participated in the study with cases being randomly sampled by the client information system which prompted the youth protection worker to complete the electronic form at the conclusion of the investigation. This procedure generated a final sample of approximately 3000 investigations. Much of the last year has been spent on data cleaning and data analysis.

18) Centre for Excellence on Child Welfare: McGill Site (209427)

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé

Funding Sources: Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) / Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR)
 Period: 2005–2010
 Amount of Award: \$ 502,590 (PHAC) /\$ 111,000 (CIHR) (\$ 235,504 allocated 09-10)

For the past decade the CECW has been a research and policy network involving three universities and two NGOs. The McGill site at the Centre has taken the lead on four projects: (1) Research Watch uses a monthly journal club format with faculty and graduate students to review research articles published in the leading child welfare journals. The most relevant and well designed international studies as well as all Canadian studies are summarized and disseminated through the CECW's list of approximately 6,700 subscribers. (2) The Centre has been redeveloping the CECW Website into the Child Welfare Research Portal (CWRP) (www.cecw-cepb.ca), Canada's national clearinghouse for child welfare research. Since the launch of the new website in May 2009, monthly visits to the new website have consistently increased to over 8,000 visits a month. (3) The Centre coordinated a Federal-Provincial-Territorial outcome data harmonization project, the National Outcome Matrix (NOM). Preliminary data from 8 jurisdictions were shared at a two-day national roundtable event held in Montreal in October 2009. (4) Finally, CECW funds have been used to initiate several data analysis support projects with Aboriginal researchers and service providers, including week-long data workshops (next to be held in February 2011) and an examination of the application of NOM with several First Nation service providers. Funding for the CECW ended on March 31, 2010. Continued support for the CWRP will be provided through the RBC Children's Data Lab as well as a partnership agreement entered into with the Alberta Centre for Child, Family and Community Research.

19) Children's Services Data Lab Infrastructure Development (216691)

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé
 Funding Source: Canada Foundation for Innovation
 Period: 2008–2011
 Amount of Award: \$ 171,746 (\$ 0 allocated 09-10)
 Matching Funds: \$ 259,160 (Government of Quebec, McGill Faculty of Arts, CRCF)

The 3-year Canadian Foundation for Innovation Leader Opportunity Funds grant of \$429,364 awarded to Dr. Trocmé in 2007 came to a close in January 2010. A portion of the fund was used last year to complete major renovations and set up an infrastructure for a secure data lab. The balance has supported on-going researcher training, salaries for a database developer and a database editor, as well as on-going software and equipment upgrades. A remaining balance of \$7,000 was used to fund the data security infrastructure for the Children's Services Data Laboratory, including the purchase of a server and updated licenses for statistical software packages which include SAS, STATA, MPlus, StatTransfer and SPSS.

20) Engaging mothers and fathers: Challenges for social service practices with parents (213871)

Principal Investigator: Julia Krane
 Co-Investigators: L. Davies, & B. Featherstone
 Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada
 Period: 2007–2010
 Total Award: \$ 97,500 (\$ 34,504 allocated 09-10)

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.

21) Evidenced-Based Management in Child Welfare Services (210303 & 210533 & 212119)

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:	2006–2010
Total Award:	\$ 298,872 (\$ 0 allocated 09-10)
Funding Source:	McGill Faculty of Arts
Period:	2006–2010
Total Award:	\$ 20,000
Funding Source:	McGill VP Research and Internal Relations
Period:	2006–2010
Total Award:	\$ 100,000
Funding Source:	Association des Centres Jeunesses du Quebec
Period:	2006–2010
Total Award:	\$ 20,000
Funding Source:	Batshaw Youth and Family Centres
Period:	2006-2009
Total Award:	\$ 70,000 (in kind)

The Evidence-Based Management project is a four-year (2006-2010) knowledge-mobilization initiative designed to develop and evaluate a model for supporting greater use of research as a management tool in child welfare organizations. During its last year of implementation the project has focused on 8 key activities: (1) Client and service outcome data from Batshaw Youth and Family Centres' information system continue to be retrieved and analyzed with respect to 7 out of the 10 indicators from the Canadian Child Welfare Outcome Indicator Matrix, with additional secondary analyses to answer more specific questions. (2) The initiative is serving as a pilot site for a 1-year ACJQ-led project using these outcome indicators with three youth protection agencies in order to demonstrate their feasibility and utility at the provincial level. (3) The systematic use of clinical expertise at Batshaw has been further supported through two surveys with Batshaw staff and clients, as well as in the continued operation of two Clinical Integration Groups in the areas of Sexual Abuse and Conjugal Violence. (4) Knowledge brokers continue to work with several Batshaw Management teams and committees. (5) Research Seminars are held on a regular basis to provide an opportunity for researchers to share and discuss their research with Batshaw clinicians among other participants. (6) A publication has been developed in partnership with Batshaw for clinical staff as a knowledge dissemination vehicle to report on research and other EBM activities. (7) The EBM portion of the CRCF website has been updated to provide current information on all aspects of the project. (8) Finally, an evaluation of the EBM project is in progress, the report for which will be completed November 30, 2010.

22) Follow-up analysis of the second cycle of the CIS (209498)

Principal Investigator:	Nico Trocmé
Funding Source:	Public Health Agency of Canada
Period:	2005–2010
Total Award:	\$ 129, 950 (\$ 0 allocated 09-10)

CIS secondary analyses funds were used to assist with several research initiatives. Dr. Claire Chamberland was supported in two papers: one explored the increase in reports of emotional maltreatment between the

CIS-1998 and the CIS-2003; the other focused on the predictors associated with emotional abuse versus emotional neglect. An Ontario child welfare agency used data from the CIS-2003 study to examine the placement decision by geographic region. A factsheet was developed and published on the CECW website. Student research projects were also supported through these funds involving various topics from the child welfare system's response to investigations involving Asian caregivers to the intersect of the child welfare system with the Youth Criminal Justice system.

23) Implementation evaluation of “Le Cercle de l’Enfant” (216114)

Principal Investigator:	Nico Trocmé
Co-Investigators:	A.-M. Piché, A. Campbell, & E. Fast
Funding Source:	Fondation pour la promotion de la pédiatrie sociale
Period:	2008–2010
Total Award:	\$ 69,790 (\$ 5,340 allocated 09-10)
Funding Source:	Centre for Research on Children and Families
Period:	2009–2010
Total Award:	\$ 3,350

'The Child's Protective Circle (Le Cercle de l'Enfant)' is a preventive model aimed at lowering the state of vulnerability of a child experiencing various family, health or social difficulties. The Circle targets children using services from social paediatrics centres established in two socially disadvantaged communities of Montréal, Québec. The model is based on aboriginal decision-making philosophy and family group conferencing, and uses mediation tools to create and strengthen a partnership among families, communities and institutions. Le Cercle advocates for a more active participation of families and their informal networks in determining the best course of actions to protect the child and support his development.

The Circle model is presently the object of an evaluation study in partnership between McGill University's Centre for Research on Children and Families and Montreal based Fondation pour la promotion de la pédiatrie sociale. In 2009-2010, the first phase of the evaluation was completed and the final report was submitted to the Fondation. The possibility of a second phase is being explored.

24) Invisible Victims of Sexual Abuse: Study of clinical and at risk children and adolescent Canadian populations (217408)

Principal Investigator:	Delphine Collin-Vézina
Funding Source:	Canadian Foundation for Innovation
Period:	2008–2012
Total Award:	\$ 116,722 (\$ 0 allocated for 09-10)
Funding Source:	McGill Faculty of Arts
Period:	2008-2012
Amount of Award:	\$ 39,582
Funding Source:	Government of Quebec
Period:	2008-2012
Amount of Award:	\$ 116,723
Funding Source:	In Kind
Period:	2008-2012
Amount of 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. In the year 2009-2010 fiscal year, infrastructure was renovated and equipment was purchased in order to develop the LAB-DASE.

25) National Arts and Youth Demonstration Project: Phase II (213299)

Principal Investigator: Robin Wright
Co-Investigators: G. Burgos
Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada
Period: 2007–2011
Amount of Award: \$ 140,000 (\$ 0 allocated for 09-10)

The main objective of the present study is to explore the long-term impact of a structured after-school arts program on the psychosocial functioning of youth residing in low-income, multicultural, and Aboriginal communities in five sites across Canada. The study is following-up of 183 (between 30-35 youth per site) participants, now 14-20 years of age, 4 ½ years after the end of the after-school arts programs..

26) Parenting Children and Adolescents with Chronic Health Conditions and Disabilities: A Synthesis of the Research (215246)

Principal Investigator: Lucyna Lach
Co-Investigators: D. Nicholas, & T. McNeill
Funding Source: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council – Research Development Initiative
Period: 2008–2009
Total Award: \$ 39,983 (\$ 0 allocated 09-10) / \$ 5,000 McGill research stipend

Mothers and fathers are instrumental in facilitating the growth and happiness of children and adolescents with chronic health conditions and disabilities (CHCD). In practice, there is an implicit understanding that the type and quality of parenting plays a significant role in the emotional, behavioural, social and quality of life outcomes of this vulnerable population. Although studies in general child health literature increasingly demonstrate the difference that parenting behaviors, cognitions and styles make to child health, they do little to help us to understand what constitutes parenting and what it is about the context within which parenting takes place that facilitates or hinders how effective and supportive their parenting is.

The main goal of this study is to gain a thorough understanding of the conceptual basis, empirical literature as well as the measures used to study parenting in this population. 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. This will provide a solid basis against which to develop future research questions.

27) Pediatric Life-Support Decisions by Physicians and Nurses in France and Quebec: An experiential and socio-cultural examination (214113)

Principal Investigator: Franco Carnevale
Funding Source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (McGill internal)
Period: 2007–2010
Total Award: \$ 4,000 (\$ 0 allocated for 09-10)

This is a study of ethical dilemmas surrounding life-support decisions for critically ill children in France and Quebec. The study involves focus groups interviews with physicians and nurses. This is a follow-up to a prior (published) study of parental perspectives.

Centre Funded Research

28) Understanding emotional maltreatment in the CIS

Research Coordinator: Claire Chamberland
Period: 2009-2010
Total Award: \$ 10,000
Cost recovery: \$ 10,000
Recovery source: Le GRAVE-ARDEC

Secondary analysis of CIS-2003 dataset from June 2009-February 2010 for two publications exploring profiles of children and families in situations of emotional and psychological maltreatment.

29) Child maltreatment and custody disputes

Principal Investigator: Michael Saini
Period: 2009
Total Award: \$ 2,000
Cost recovery: \$ 2,000
Recovery source: University of Toronto, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work

Secondary analysis of CIS-2003 dataset from during the summer and fall of 2009 for two publications examining relationship between child abuse and custody disputes.

30) Making Gender Visible in Child Welfare: An International initiative

Principal Investigator: Linda Davies
Co-Investigators: J. Krane, B., D. Damant, B. Featherstone, J. Scourfield, & C.A. Hooper
Period: 2009-2011
Total Award: \$ 32,532

The Canadian Branch of the Gender & Child Welfare Network was formed in 2009 by scholars with a commitment to examining the impact of gender on child welfare which brings together approximately twenty Canadian researchers and several U.K. colleagues. The Gender and Child Welfare Network Website provides links to scholarly articles and other key resources which capture the most recent thinking on the relation of gender to child welfare, contact information on Canada wide social work organizations and links to all of the relevant legislation. The website address is: <http://www.mcgill.ca/gender-child-welfare>.

Future activities include keeping the Gender & Child Welfare website active and retraining in specific therapeutic approaches that can be incorporated into teaching and research in working with children and their families.

31) Supporting access to administrative data for Kahnawake Shakotii'a'takehnhas Community Services

Principal Investigator: Vandna Sinha
Period: 2009–2011
Total Award: \$ 5,000
Anticipated cost recovery: undetermined

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

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

Principal Investigator: Delphine Collin-Vézina
Co-Investigators: I. Daigneault
Funding Source: Centre for Research on Children and Families
Period: 2009
Total Award: \$ 10,000
Funding Source: Fonds Québécois de Recherche sur la Société et la Culture
Period : 2009-2010
Total Award : \$ 4,320

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, 50 youth in group home care were recruited for this project. Data collection was conducted during the course of the year and a database was created. Analysis of the data has begun.

33) Evaluation of the Family TIES program

Principal Investigator: Stephen Ellenbogen
Co-Investigators: N. Trocmé, C. Laurendeau, N. Pare, & R. Calame
Funding Source: Centre for Research on Children and Families
Period: 2006–2011
Total Award: \$ 10,000
Funding Source: Batshaw Youth and Family Centres
Period: 2006-2011
Total Award: \$ 10,000

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 is currently underway to test feasibility and track change in the participants. 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. The CRCF had committed \$10,000 to supporting pilot research; Batshaw provided \$10,000 in matching funds, and is contributing additional funds as required. From a preliminary examination of the results, there is some evidence of positive change in parents and youth. However, the coordination data collection remains a challenge, and efforts are underway to streamline procedures. A final round of testing is scheduled for the Fall of 2010, and a final report will be submitted in the Spring of 2011. External funding for a full outcome study (with comparison group) will then be sought.

34) Observatoire sur les mauvais traitements envers les enfants

Principal Investigator: Sonia Hélie
Co-Investigators: N. Trocmé & D. Collin-Vézina
Period: 2009–2011
Total Award: \$ 10,000

The Observatoire includes administrative data from public registries and populational studies. Currently, the data comes from 1) the youth protection system, 2) the Coroner's office, 3) the police and justice systems and 4) the health care system. This combination of data and their comparison allow for a more complete and better understanding of child maltreatment. It also allows for a more complete understanding of its distribution across time and space, independent of the social lens (or system) through which it is studied. This past year has focused on redeveloping the Observatoire and establishing partnerships with supporting organizations such as the CRCF's RBC data laboratory

4. Dissemination & Training

Research Seminars

The 2009-2010 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 09-10 seminars:

Delphine Collin-Vézina & Mireille De La Sablonnière, *University-Organization collaboration for enhanced access to mental health services for First Nations peoples*

Bruce MacLaurin, *Examining factors leading to placement in child welfare: The impact of organizational variables*

Christine Wekerle, *Are females doing worse in child welfare? Considerations from the Maltreatment and Adolescent Pathways (MAP) longitudinal study*

Hélène Trudel & Anne-Marie Piché, *The Child's Protective Circle' (le Cercle de l'Enfant): A tool of community social pediatrics*

Vandna Sinha & Elizabeth Fast, *The First Nations Component of the CIS: A Capacity Building Approach to National Level Aboriginal Research*

Angela Campbell & Nico Trocmé, *Legislation's influence on judicialization: Examining the effects of statutory structure and language on rates of court use in child welfare contexts*

Lucyna Lach, Sacha Bailey & Aline Bogossian, *Parenting children with neurodevelopmental disorders: Overview of a program of research and preliminary findings*

Mónica Ruiz-Casares, *Children home alone or inadequately supervised in Montreal and across Canada*

John Eckenrode, *The Nurse Family Partnership Program: Adolescent outcomes in the Elmira Randomized Controlled Trial*

Claude Laurendeau, Steven Abrams & Susan Gallo, *An Evidence-Based Approach to Program Development in Neglect at Batshaw Youth and Family Centres and Program Development and Neglect McGill*

Stephen Ellenbogen, *Child protection workers' perception of the resiliency of their neglect clients*

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

Website

There have been a total of 604,915 hits (compared to 880,545 in 08-09) and 294,984 downloads (compared to 168,056 in 08-09) from June 1st 2009 to May 31st 2010. The Centre also has been leading the redevelopment of Centre of Excellence for Child Welfare website (www.cwrp.ca), which now serves as a clearinghouse for child welfare research across Canada (see project # 18))

Publications

Research conducted at the Centre has been disseminated in over 20 peer reviewed publications in 2009. A data-base is being developed that will allow for more systematic tracking of publications and conference presentations related to research conducted at the Centre.

Journal Articles

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Campbell, A., Springate, M., & **Trocmé, N.** (2009) Legislation's Influence on Judicialization: Examining the effects of statutory structure and language on rates of court use in child welfare contexts. *Windsor Yearbook of Access to Justice*, 26(2), 1-28

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Knoke, D., **Trocmé, N.,** MacLaurin, B., & **Fallon, B.** (2009) Reliability of the Canadian Incidence Study Data Collection Instrument. *Canadian Journal of Program Evaluation*. 23 (1) , 87-112

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L. Davies, M. Mulcahy, K. Mechan, Jean-Paul Deslauriers, (2009) "Perspective et place des peres dans les services de protection de l'enfance et de la jeunesse". *Reflets: Revue d'intervention sociale et communautaire*. Vol. 15, pp. 38-59

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Book Chapters

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Student Training

The Centre provided research training to approximately 35 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. Two data analysis seminars were held during 08-09: (1) Quantitative Methods for Aboriginal Child Welfare Research (see project # 10) and (2) a summer seminar series on data analysis for graduate social work students. A data-base is being developed that will allow for more systematic tracking of students supported by the Centre.

5. Centre Development

Governance

The Centre's Board met twice in 2009-2010, 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 2009-2010. 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)
Sydney Duder (Faculty Rep)
Tony Esposito (Graduate Student Rep)

Infrastructure

Updates to the Children's Service Data Lab (CSDL) are being completed with support from CFI and RBC funds, these include a range of data analysis software (qualitative and quantitative), secure access systems that allow CRCF researchers and visiting scholars to access datasets, and full data back-up mechanisms. Tonino Esposito, a PhD Student affiliated with the CRCF, has been hired to develop and manage the data lab. Over the next year, with support from Martin Chabot and Abu Sayem, Toni will be developing data access protocols and formalizing the lab's data support services.

Membership

The Centre's membership includes approximately 40 faculty, students, staff and community members who are actively involved in the Centre's activities. We are particularly pleased to welcome **Dr. David Rothwell** who has joined the School of Social Work as an Assistant Professor. David earned his doctorate in social welfare from University of Hawaii where his dissertation examined social development among Indigenous Native Hawaiians. He studies poverty and economic inequality and specializes in social developmental and asset-based interventions that address poverty.

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
David Rothwell, McGill Social Work
Aron Shlonsky, Toronto, Social Work
Vandna Sinha, McGill Social Work
Wendy Thomson, McGill Social Work
Nico Trocmé (Director), McGill Social Work

Students

Bree Akesson, PhD student
Sacha Bailey, PhD student
Tara Black, PhD student
Aline Bogossian, MSW student
Ye Ri Choi, PhD student
Kim Coleman, PhD student
Mireille De La Sablonnière-Griffin, MSW student
Toni Esposito, PhD student
Elizabeth Fast, PhD student
Kristin Gionfriddo, MSW student
Gina Glidden, MSW student
Anna Kozlowski, MSW student
Lise Milne, MSW student
Anne-Marie Piché, PhD student
Mónica Ruiz-Casares Post-Doc
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

Abu Sayem, Research and Technology Assistant & CRCF Webmaster

Michelle Sullivan, Administrative Consultant

Pamela Weightman, Research, Dissemination & Training Coordinator

6. Financial Report

The Centre receives funds from three sources: an Endowed Income Fund, an Endowed Social Work Fellowship Fund and Research Project funds (including RBC funds). 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 are filed separately with each funding agency.

Endowed Income Fund

The Endowed Income Fund (see Appendix A) supports the Centre's administration and its research and dissemination infrastructure. It should also be noted that printing, photocopying and telephone/LAN costs have more than doubled over the past two fiscal years (average of \$8,000 from 05 to 07 to an average of close to \$17,000 from 07 to 09). We now have procedures in place that allow us monitor these costs more closely and charge back a larger portion to research projects. RBC funds supported a large portion of the Centre's maintenance costs. With the growing volume of students & staff the Centre's yearly costs have increased, even without the salary costs that have transferred to RBC. The endowment fund continues to support the general maintenance of the Centre.

Social Work Fellowship Fund (CRCF Travel Grant)

The Fellowship Fund (see Appendix B) produced \$ 2,661.04 in income in 2009-2010 which was added to carry-forward from 2008-2009. Students involved with the Centre are eligible to apply to the fund for travel support to present at academic conferences. Two travel fellowship were awarded during the 09-10. The remaining funds were added to the unspent balance from previous years, leaving a carryover of \$13,491.48. While this fund continues to be under-spent, we anticipate more demand over the next year as the Centre develops a training and dissemination initiatives.

Research Project Funds

Appendix C summarizes research funds run through the Centre. Over \$1.5 million in research grants and contracts were run through the Centre in 2009-2010, a 25% decrease over the previous year but a four-fold increase over 2004-2005. Funding in 2008-2009 was unusually high in part as a result of two CFI infrastructure development grants and an unanticipated increase in the final year of funding from the Centre of Excellence for Child Welfare. We are projecting a further decrease in grant and contract funds over the next year, a leveling off of research activity that is in keeping with the available research space and infrastructure and that is consistent with the decision to focus more CRCF and RBC resources on training and dissemination activities.

APPENDIX A

Endowment Income Fund (227581)

June 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010

INCOME

Income from Endowment **\$ 104,701.88**

EXPENDITURES

Salaries

Administrative Coordinator	3,525.25
Administrative Assistant	14,547.92
Research & Dissemination Coordinator	16,544.00
Benefits	<u>3,415.11</u>
	38,032.28

Other

Materials & Supplies	2,795.68
Printing/Photocopying/Postage/Courier	7,418.30
Miscellaneous**	2,207.73
Stationery	894.02
Telephones/Fax/Cell/LAN	10,112.09
Travel/Transportation	3,926.72
Project Support	15,051.00
Office Equipment	738.31
Non-Travel Related Meal Expenses	2,342.23
Translation	2,375.39
Repairs/Maintenance	<u>6,518.31</u>
	54,379.78

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ 92,412.06

*Miscellaneous also includes Books, Software, Special Events

APPENDIX B

Social Work Fellowship (CRCF Travel Grant) (222589) June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009

BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 2008 **\$ 11,579.94**

INCOME

Income from Endowment 2,661.04

EXPENDITURES

Travel awards

William Affleck	749.50
Anne-Marie Piché	750.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1499.50

BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 2009 **\$ 12, 741.48**

APPENDIX C

Project Funds

June 1, 2009-May 31, 2010

Project	Source	Amount
RBC Children's Services Research & Training Program	RBC	\$152,400 (year 2)
Children's Services Data Lab Infrastructure Development	CFI/Govt. Quebec/Fac. Arts/CRCF	\$0.00 (year 3)
Canadian Child Welfare Data Lab	CFI	\$0.00 (year 2)
Évaluation des initiatives actuelles et émergentes en pédiatrie sociale	FPPS	\$39,402 (year 1)
Community Capability and Development in Nunavik: Mobilizing knowledge in the transition to self government	SSHRC	\$147,458 (year 2)
Community-University Alliance for Aboriginal Child Welfare Research	SSHRC	\$20,000 (year 2)
Decline in Sexual Abuse Cases	SSHRC	\$69,359 (year 1)
Canadian Research Chair Support Fund	CRC	\$12,000 (year 2)
Community Capability and Development in Nunavik	SSHRC	\$11,500 (year 2)
Outcome Trajectories in Children with Epilepsy: What Factors are important?	MSSS/CIHR	\$56,048 (year 2)
Outcome Trajectories in Children with Epilepsy: What Factors are important?	FRSC/CRIR/ McGill RIR/Fac. Medicine/ MUHC	\$6,000 (year 1)
Parenting Matters!	CIHR	\$96,000 (year 2)
Quantitative Methods for Aboriginal Child Welfare Research	JGH	\$10,000 (year 2)

Understanding Meta Analysis: a subjective interpretation of an “objective” analysis	CIHR	\$0.00 (year 2)
An Anthropology of Bereavement: A sociocultural analysis of parental grief and mourning	SSHRC	\$28,844 (year 3)
Anorexia Nervosa in Young Female Adolescents	FQRSC	\$0.00 (year 3)
Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect	PHAC	\$437,935 (year 3)
CIS 2008: First Nations Oversampling	Govt.of Manitoba	\$0.00(year 3)
CIS 2008: Québec Oversampling	MSSS	\$100,000 (year 3)
Follow up analysis of the second cycle of the CIS	PHAC	\$0.00 (year 5)
Centre of Excellence for Child Welfare: McGill Site	PHAC/CIHR	\$235,504 (year 10)
Engaging mothers & fathers: Challenges for social service practices with parents	SSHRC	\$34,504 (year 3)
Evidence-Based Management in Child Welfare Services	SSHRC/Fac. Of Arts/VP RIR/ACJQ/ BYFC	\$0.00 (year 5)
Implementation evaluation of “Le Cercle de L’Enfant”	FPPS/CRCF	\$9,440 (year 3)
Invisible Victims of Sexual Abuse	CFI/Fac. Of Arts/ Govt. Québec	\$0.00 (year 3)
National Arts and Youth Demonstration Project: Phase II	SSHRC	\$0.00 (year 4)
Parenting Children and Adolescents with Chronic Health Conditions and Disabilities	SSHRC	\$0.00 (year 3)
Pediatric Life-Support Decisions by Physicians and Nurses in France and Quebec	SSHRC	\$0.00 (year 3)