



The Centre for Research on Children and Families

2022 Activities at a Glance

Who we are

The Centre for Research on Children and Families, is comprised of a thriving academic community with members from 12 universities, both Canadian and international, and who are affiliated with 4 faculties, 5 departments and 2 schools. The Centre also counts on 2 outstanding staff members that bring invaluable support to the Centre's activities.

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We aim to conduct and disseminate research on effective programs and policies for vulnerable children and youth and their families. What makes the CRCF so unique is the members' deep involvement and unceasing collaboration with practice and policy milieus allowing the research to make a true impact for children and families who live in vulnerable contexts.

What we do

In 2022, we ran 38 national and international projects.

Centre activities ranged from assisting agencies with program development and program evaluation activities, to conducting clinical studies, providing governments with policy advice, and leading provincial and national epidemiological studies.

We had projects that address many important social issues: maltreatment, violence, trauma, disability, poverty and homelessness. We pay particular attention to issues related to systemic violence, structural inequalities, and cultural safety among Indigenous peoples, Black communities, refugee and immigrant populations, the LGBTQ+ community, and other marginalized groups.

The Centre 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.



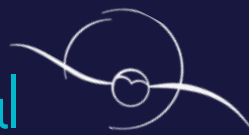
Some salient accomplishments

1st The CRCF has launched: *CRCF Illuminates Research*

a series of infographic sheets, such as this one, that provide a brief summary of our members' research and how it has impacted the well-being of children and families. The information is relayed with graphics and data visualizations like pie charts and bar graphs, and minimal text that gives an easy-to-understand overview of the topic. The infographic sheets can be found on the [CRCF website](https://www.mcgill.ca/crcf/)



The 2022 Annual 2nd Bilingual Symposium on Child and Youth Trauma



took place virtually on May 18th and 19th 2022 and gathered 1,300 participants from Canada, the U.S.,

Europe, Africa, and Australia. This event, which is organized by the **Canadian Consortium on Consortium on Child and Youth Trauma** through a **SSHRC Partnership Grant** bringing together McGill University and other partner organizations, is an opportunity for practitioners, policy-makers, researchers, and students to connect across sectors to improve the provision of trauma-informed care for children and youth. This year, the keynote speaker was **Dr. Sandra Bloom**, who presented her new organizational and clinical approach called **Creating PRESENCE**. The two-day Symposium also highlighted eight practice-based presentations, including several panels given by former youth in care who shared their reflections on how existing child welfare systems can be improved. To learn more, please visit the [Consortium website](#)

3rd Our researchers continue to shed light

on the impact of COVID-19 on individuals and communities. Some such projects include an investigation of effective interventions that reduce the risk of intimate partner violence during the shut-down and research into understanding the impact of the pandemic on the work experiences of peer researchers living with HIV. Through these projects, we hope to provide evidence and solutions to inform decision-making and address pressing challenges resulting from the rapid spread of COVID-19. For more information

on these and our other COVID Rapid Response projects, please [follow this link](#).



Who we train:

Graduate students collaborate closely with organizations and CRCF professors to form a unique and effective alliance to create transformational changes to our communities. In 2022, we provided training to 6 postdoctoral fellows, 37 graduate and non-graduate students, through the RBC Fellowship fund and other funding sources



In addition

we offer 2 awards to our members: the CRCF Graduate Student **Travel Grant** and the CRCF Child Protection Scholarship.

As a result of the travel restrictions put in place during the pandemic, the focus of the CRCF Travel Grant was temporarily changed to include student training.

2021-22 fiscal period, the Travel Grant was awarded to eight Master and PhD students in Social Work, Psychiatry and Educational and Counselling Psychology.

The **CRCF Child Protection Scholarship** was created in honor of Mr. Manuel Batshaw who bequeathed a generous donation to the Centre in 2017. This year, the award was offered to one Bachelor and two PhD students in Social Work.

We hope that our work can continue supporting prevention initiatives, early intervention, specialized services and effective policies to shift positively the trajectories of vulnerable populations.

