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AID SOCIETY  
*of* TORONTO

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# Children's Aid Society of Toronto

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# Who We Are

- ▶ 1 of 47 CAS' across the province
- ▶ Ministry of Children and Youth Services
- ▶ Operate under the Child, Youth & Family Services Act
- ▶ Mandated by Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS)
  - ▶ Board of Directors
  - ▶ Chief Executive Officer: Paul Rosebush
  - ▶ Chief Operating Officer: Mahesh Prajapat

# Service Philosophy

- ▶ We believe in the strength of families
- ▶ We believe the voice of the child needs to be heard
- ▶ We believe that children are best served in the community

# Areas of Service

- ▶ Intake & Investigation
  - ▶ 24 hour a day service by Emergency After Hours
  - ▶ Adolescent teams
  - ▶ Domestic Violence teams
- ▶ Ongoing Services & Community Based Branches
  - ▶ Toronto
  - ▶ Northwest
  - ▶ Scarborough
- ▶ Resources – Adoption / Kinship / Placement
- ▶ Child & Youth Services
- ▶ Community Development / Volunteer Services

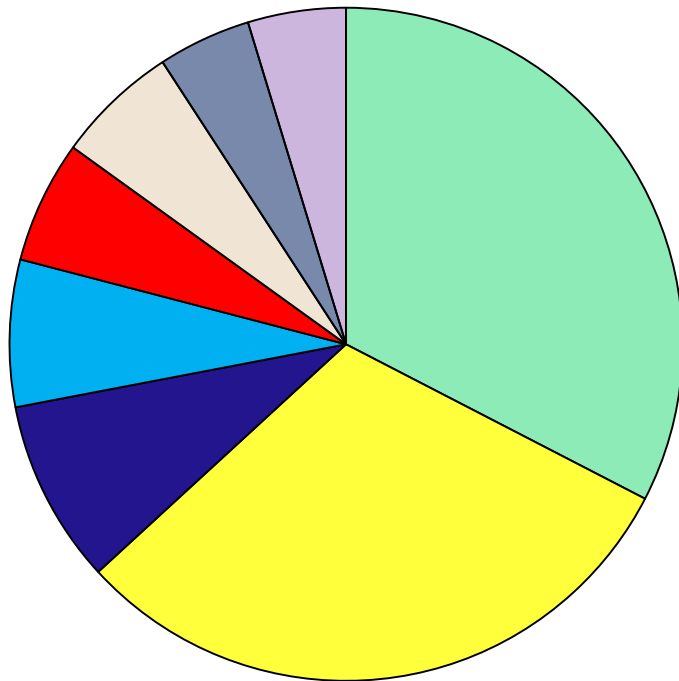
# Who We Serve

- ▶ Families with children / youth under the age of 18
- ▶ 30 000 calls per year
- ▶ 7000 child protection investigations
- ▶ 86% of cases closed after investigation

# Types of Cases

- ▶ 40% - previous child protection involvement
- ▶ 48% - domestic violence
- ▶ 24% - neglect
- ▶ 13% - physical abuse
- ▶ 13% - emotional maltreatment
- ▶ 2% - sexual abuse

# Top Referral Sources



■ Schools (27.7%)

■ Police & Court Services (25.6%)

■ Physicians & Health Services (7.5%)

■ Anonymous (6%)

■ Other (5%)

■ Other CASs (4.7%)

# Reporting to CAS

- ▶ Determine which agency to contact
  - ▶ Toronto Children's Aid Society
  - ▶ Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto
  - ▶ Jewish Child & Family Services
  - ▶ Native Child & Family Services of Toronto
- ▶ Call Telephone Intake Department for a consultation / report
  - ▶ 416-924-4640 option 5



# What happens after a report is made?

- ▶ Intake – documented & closed OR sent for investigation
- ▶ Investigation closed OR transferred to ongoing services
- ▶ Consults with community partners throughout entire process
- ▶ Use of ABR (Anti-Black Racism) Integration Lead & family conferencing
- ▶ Use of Kinship, Foster Care, and Legal Services when required

# Duty to Report

- ▶ We all have a duty to report any suspected abuse or neglect of a child
- ▶ You have to report directly to your local CAS and cannot delegate another person to make the report

# Other Initiatives

- ▶ Creation of Equity and Prevention departments
- ▶ Training opportunities
- ▶ Signs of Safety Framework (<https://safegenerations.org/>)
- ▶ Anti-Black Racism Integration leads and training
- ▶ One Vision One Voice (<http://www.oacas.org/>)

# Partnerships

- ▶ Caring Dad's
- ▶ Child Development Institute
- ▶ Jean Tweed Centre
- ▶ Child Youth Advocacy Centre / BOOST
- ▶ Yonge Street Mission
- ▶ VAW partnerships
- ▶ Millan & Associates
- ▶ East Metro Youth Services
- ▶ PARC – Pape Adolescent Resource Centre
- ▶ Turning Point Youth Services

# Questions