

BECAUSE  
EVERY CHILD  
DESERVES  
TO BE SAFE  
ANNUAL REPORT 2025





# Vision Mission Values

A world where every child is safe, valued and can thrive.

Boost CYAC exists to protect, support and empower children affected by abuse.

## Values – BRAVE

### **Bring together**

We unite clients, communities, and team members.

*Because connection makes us all stronger.*

### **Responsive**

We proactively address the needs of our clients, community, and staff.

*Because acting inspires confidence.*

### **Advocate**

We stand up for children's needs across systems and throughout their journey.

*Because we are passionate about advancing our purpose.*

### **Value**

We champion each other and our clients.

*Because building each other up elevates us all.*

### **Equity**

We strive to advance equity for all clients, communities, and staff. *Because meaningful progress starts with intentional action.*

# Letter from the CEO

To our Community of Supporters,

This past year at Boost CYAC has been nothing short of transformative.

I feel deeply humbled and honoured to be part of this work and to witness, each day, the strength and resilience of the children, youth, and families we serve. In 2025, we saw a continued increase in the number of children we support through our front-line services, with each referral carrying its own complexity, unique needs, and incredible resilience. At the same time, the systems surrounding them are under real pressure, making timely, multidisciplinary, coordinated, and compassionate responses even more critical.

There is also growing national and international attention on child maltreatment in all its forms, creating important responsibilities for advocacy and system change. This is fast-moving work, and it is work Boost CYAC is committed to. Boost CYAC is stepping into these new frontiers by strengthening our voice in advocacy with government and systems partners, while ensuring that the lived experiences of children, youth, and families continue to inform the systems meant to support them. Our new strategic plan reflects this moment and sets a clear direction for how we will move forward with intention.

In the midst of this, our staff continue to show

up with care, skill, and a steady presence. Their commitment is both professional and deeply personal. The work is profoundly impactful. Every day, there are quiet acts of patience, empathy, and courage that make a lasting difference. I am continually inspired by the integrity and dedication of this team.

Our partners are essential to this work. The strength of our relationships and the shared commitment to children and families allows us to respond more effectively and advocate more meaningfully. This work is strengthened by collaboration, trust, and a shared sense of purpose.

I would also like to extend sincere thanks to our funders across municipal, provincial, and federal levels, as well as the passionate group of community members who continue to support and champion the work we do. Your trust and investment make this work possible and help sustain services for those who need them most.

To our Board of Directors, thank you for the expertise, care, and steady governance you bring. Your leadership ensures we remain focused, accountable, and well-positioned for what lies ahead.

Looking forward, we are focused on strengthening how we work, formalizing key processes, building consistency across programs, and ensuring our systems can support both our team and the growing demand for our services. This strength will allow us to move with clarity and purpose, while maintaining the quality and care that define Boost CYAC.

*Thank you to everyone who contributes to our mission each day. It is a privilege to do this work alongside you.*

Warmly,



Kayla Yama  
President & CEO



# Letter from Chair

Dear Boost CYAC Community,

This has been a defining year for Boost Child & Youth Advocacy Centre.

Over the past twelve months, the Board of Directors has been focused on strengthening the governance, oversight, and long-term positioning of the organization. That work is deliberate. As demand for our services continues to evolve, it is critical that Boost CYAC is not only responding to today's needs, but is structured and governed to meet the challenges ahead.

As part of this, we have also welcomed new members to the Board, adding a depth of experience and perspective that will strengthen our ability to guide the organization through its next phase of growth. This continued renewal at the Board level is an important part of ensuring strong governance and sustained leadership.

A key milestone this year was the successful achievement of accreditation through the Canadian Centre for Accreditation, aligned with internationally recognized standards. This is an important validation of the quality, rigor, and integrity of the services delivered at Boost CYAC, and reflects a commitment across the organization to meeting the highest standards of care for the children, youth, and families we serve.

The Board also approved a new five-year strategic plan, setting a clear direction for the organization's next phase of growth. It sharpens our focus, aligns our priorities, and ensures that we are directing our efforts and resources where they will have the greatest impact, while remaining grounded in our core mission.

None of this happens without people.

To our leadership team and staff, thank you. The work you do every day requires not only expertise, but compassion, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to those who rely on our services. You are the foundation of this organization.

To our partners across government, law enforcement, child protection, healthcare, and the broader community, thank you for your continued collaboration. The multidisciplinary model that defines Boost CYAC is only possible because of your shared commitment to putting children first.

And to our supporters and donors, thank you for your continued belief in this work. Your support enables everything we do.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am proud of the progress we have made this year and confident in the path ahead. Boost CYAC plays a vital role in this community, and we remain committed to ensuring that every child who comes through our doors is met with care, coordination, and a clear path toward healing.

With appreciation,



Regan P. Watts  
Chair, Board of Directors



# About Boost Child & Youth Advocacy Centre

The Boost CYAC team brings together professionals from law enforcement, child protection, health care, justice, and mental health, working collaboratively in a shared space to support children, youth, and families as they heal and move forward following interpersonal abuse.

As a multi-disciplinary team, Boost CYAC addresses complex cases of child maltreatment by leveraging a wide range of expertise and resources to deliver a coordinated, child-centred response. We work across systems to provide education, training, and capacity building aimed at preventing child abuse and strengthening community responses throughout Toronto and across Ontario.

**910**  
TORONTO POLICE SERVICE  
OCCURRENCES

**825**  
CHARGES

**229**  
ARRESTS

**1,284**  
INTERVIEWS

**355**  
INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY CAST

**233**  
INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY CCAS

**170**  
MEDICAL EXAMS CONDUCTED BY  
SICKKIDS SCAN PROGRAM

**121**  
CLIENT WHO RECEIVED SHORT-TERM  
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

## Our Partners



Victim/Witness  
Assistance Program

# Child & Youth Advocacy Program

The Child & Youth Advocacy Program (CYAP) is a voluntary service offered to all families involved with Boost CYAC for a child abuse or human trafficking investigation. Child & Youth Advocates provide immediate and ongoing support, education, advocacy and referrals services to children, youth and their families.

The CYAP service delivery model is designed to reduce system-induced trauma for children, youth, and their caregivers involved in the justice system. Advocates help children and youth feel calmer and more prepared for investigative interviews, while equipping caregivers with the knowledge and confidence to support their child after a disclosure of abuse, strengthening the family's immediate response to trauma.

*“We really appreciated seeing the location and learning more about the processes within Boost.”*

*~Testimonial from a new CYAC's Advocacy Program*

During investigations, Advocates welcome families and help them become familiar with the centre. They introduce the Investigative Team and remain available throughout the process to provide emotional support and address any questions or concerns. Advocates also guide families on next steps and connect them with services available through the CYAC and the community

Building on strong growth in 2024, CYAP expanded its reach in 2025, supporting more children, youth, and families. Driven by the dedication of its Advocates, the program achieved a 71% increase in clients served and an 89% increase in one-on-one single caregiver sessions compared to 2024. In addition to driving direct service growth, CYAP played a key role in supporting new CYACs' advocacy programs by sharing expertise, resources, and best practices to strengthen their service delivery models.

345

CLIENTS SUPPORTED  
DURING INVESTIGATIONS

142

CAREGIVERS WHO RECEIVED  
SINGLE SESSION SUPPORT



# Child Victim Witness Support Program

The Child Victim Witness Support Program (CVWSP) believes that every child and youth has the right to be thoroughly prepared for their role as witness in court. By teaching children and youth their job as witnesses and educating them about the criminal justice system, we lessen their anxiety about attending court.

The CVWSP supports witnesses attending Toronto courts and those attending in the Central Region of Ontario, including Peterborough, Lindsay and Cobourg.

2025 was a significant year for victim services in Ontario, as the Ministry of the Attorney General expanded child victim witness services to several

new communities across the province. With this exciting expansion, came the difficult decision for Boost CYAC to transition our Barrie program to a local organization, better positioned to serve the entire Simcoe-Muskoka region.

This expansion of services provided an opportunity for Boost CYAC to demonstrate its long-standing leadership, expertise, and innovation in victim witness support. The Ministry of the Attorney General engaged Boost CYAC to lead mandated training for all newly established Child Victim Witness programs. This training focused on Boost CYAC's established practices, including both service delivery and program administration. Training sessions were attended by representatives from newly implemented CVW programs across the province. Following the initial training, several sites requested additional tailored sessions, which Boost CYAC delivered both virtually and in person to meet the specific needs of each program.

*"I was a participant in the training you provided yesterday – we're one of the new sites with funding and I'll be taking on the CVW role. I wanted to reach out and just tell you how excited and impassioned the training has made me and thank you for your time, energy, and information."*

*~Training participant*

149  
CLIENTS PREPARED  
FOR COURT

196  
CROWN ATTORNEY  
MEETINGS ATTENDED

251  
CLIENTS ACCOMPANIED/  
SUPPORTED AT COURT

39  
CLIENTS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
REMOTE TESTIMONY

# Trauma Therapy Program

Boost CYAC's Trauma Therapy Program provides trauma assessment and treatment to children and youth after a traumatic event. In 2025, our focus was on growing our team and finding better ways to help families get the support they need as quickly as possible.

**A Growing Team:** We expanded to 12 staff members this year. Our team now includes a Clinical Director, two Team Leads, eight therapists, and a Clinical Systems Navigator to help families move through our services more smoothly.

**Creating Efficiencies:** We spent the year refining our programs to work more effectively. These changes helped us manage our resources better and work toward reducing our waitlists.

**Team Development & Connection:** To keep our team strong, we held a team-building outing at an escape room and attended a conference together on supporting survivors of sexual violence. These were valuable opportunities to learn new skills while bonding as a group.

**Clinical Training:** Our clinicians completed Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) training. This has given us more practical tools to help youth manage intense emotions and stay safe during difficult times.

**Commitment to Equity:** We continued our regular racial trauma consultations. This ongoing work helps us grow our practice around equity, diversity, and inclusion to ensure every family feels they belong here.

This year was about more than just growth; it was about making sure our team has the skills and the systems in place to provide the best care possible for our community.

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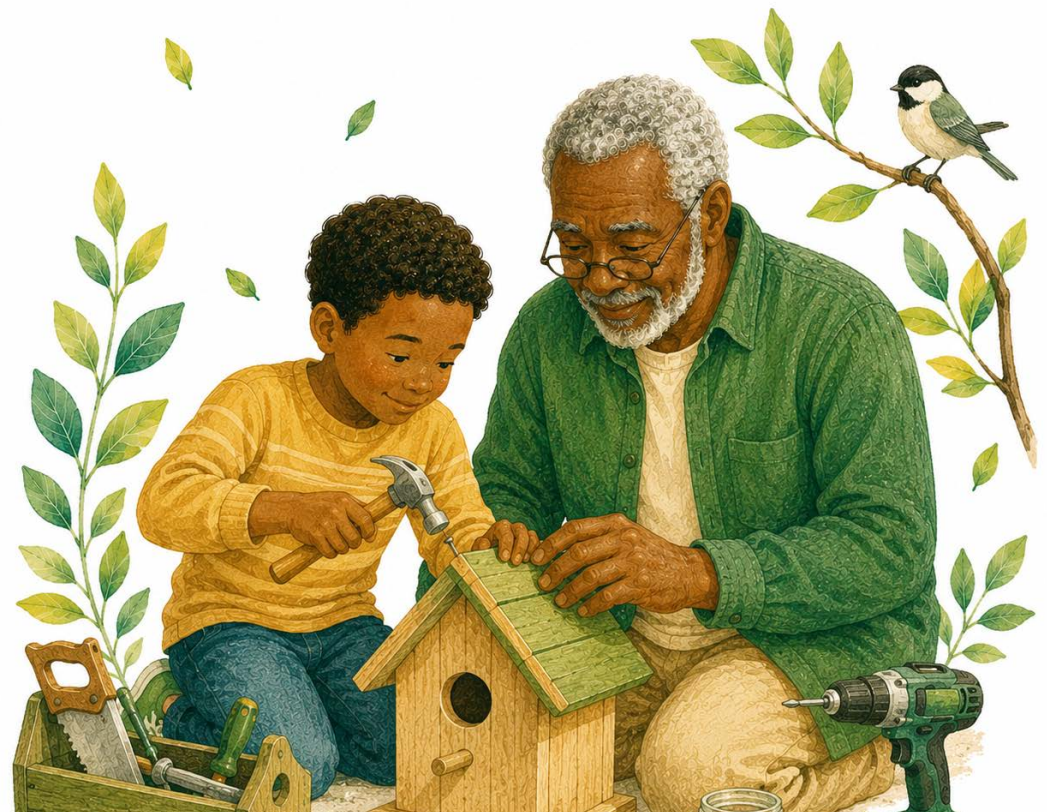
CAREGIVERS SUPPORTED

85

SHORT TERM THERAPY CLIENTS

56

TRAUMA ASSESSMENT AND  
LONG-TERM THERAPY CLIENTS



# Prevention Education Program

The Prevention Education Program (PEP) consists of four pillars that include Training, Prevention Education, Research & Knowledge Mobilization, and Community Crisis Response programs for children, youth and adults. The Prevention Education pillar creates, develops and facilitates classroom-based programming; the *PEP Talk* programs for children and youth include resources and support for educators. Our Training pillar provides education, information, and public awareness on child safety for youth serving organizations, professionals who work with children, caregivers, and the broader community. The Research and Knowledge Mobilization pillar facilitates and participates in research, as well as creates and disseminates evidence-based prevention education through knowledge products such as white papers, literature reviews, infographics and curriculum. Finally, our Community Crisis Response program supports youth-serving organizations in crisis, particularly involving an investigation of a staff person, by providing consultation and intervention services to help reestablish safety within the organization.

In 2025, Boost CYAC strengthened our partnership with the ThRIve Lab, led by Ramona Alaggia

at the University of Toronto Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work. As the Lab's inaugural community partner, this work has positioned Boost CYAC at the forefront of a national effort to improve responses to child and youth trauma—ensuring that the experiences of the children, youth and families we serve are informing research, training and system-level change. This collaboration is already generating impact. Through joint research and early evaluation work, including on forensic interviewing, we are strengthening our practices while contributing to broader sector learning. The partnership reinforces Boost CYAC's leadership in trauma-informed practice, continuous learning, and evidence-driven service.

We continue to strengthen our prevention messaging through an EDI-informed lens. In partnership with Jewish Family and Child Services (JF&CS), we delivered facilitator training to 15 staff members, followed by intensive in-class mentoring with two JF&CS social workers. Partnerships like this one have expanded the reach of the *PEP Talk* program and further strengthened its relevance and effectiveness across diverse settings.

*“The PEP Talk program at Boost for Kids is an absolute must in every school. It is what students need as they navigate the intricacies of adolescence. Duane has a tremendously charismatic way of engaging the students and getting them to quickly engage in what are intense but imperative topics. I just wish Duane and PEP Talk were given more time, as this is a much-needed program for adolescents in our current time period. It was an absolute pleasure to shadow Duane’s work, and I am incredibly honored to bring this program and Duane’s shining light into our relationship wellness program at our agency.”*

Marco Falsetti, RSW, JF&CS

974

STUDENTS ENGAGED IN *PEP TALK*

52

WORKSHOPS DELIVERED

1947

PROFESSIONALS TRAINED

11

COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE SESSIONS

41

PROFESSIONALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE

323

STUDENTS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE

550

PARTICIPANTS IN COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

# BARK Accredited Facility Dogs

In 2025, Boost CYAC had four Accredited Facility Dogs, Aria, Grumman, Harley, and Jersey.

All our dogs are graduates of the National Service Dogs (NSD), Canine Assisted Intervention Program. Our facility dogs live with a primary handler and come to Boost CYAC or go out into the community daily to work. They are specially trained to support children and youth throughout a child abuse investigation, including the forensic interview, during counselling and court preparation sessions, and while attending court proceedings. Boost CYAC's dogs provide comfort and support during what can be stressful and difficult experiences for children and youth.

In June of 2025, we said farewell to Jersey, who retired after eight incredible years of service. Jersey was our first facility dog to provide support to children & youth in our Peterborough office. Jersey joined Boost CYAC in 2017 and provided exceptional support and comfort to hundreds of children and youth who testified in Peterborough and the surrounding areas. The impact of Jersey's work was felt deeply by the many children &

youth he supported over the years. Families often shared that his gentle presence made the difference in their child's willingness and ability to testify. Boost CYAC staff and partners celebrated Jersey with a retirement party in June 2025, and his work was highlighted on [Global News](#).

In November, Boost CYAC welcomed a new facility dog, Harley, who supports children & youth navigating the criminal justice system in Toronto.

Harley, Aria and Grumman have been working hard to ensure children & youth feel safe, supported, and comforted throughout their journeys at Boost CYAC.

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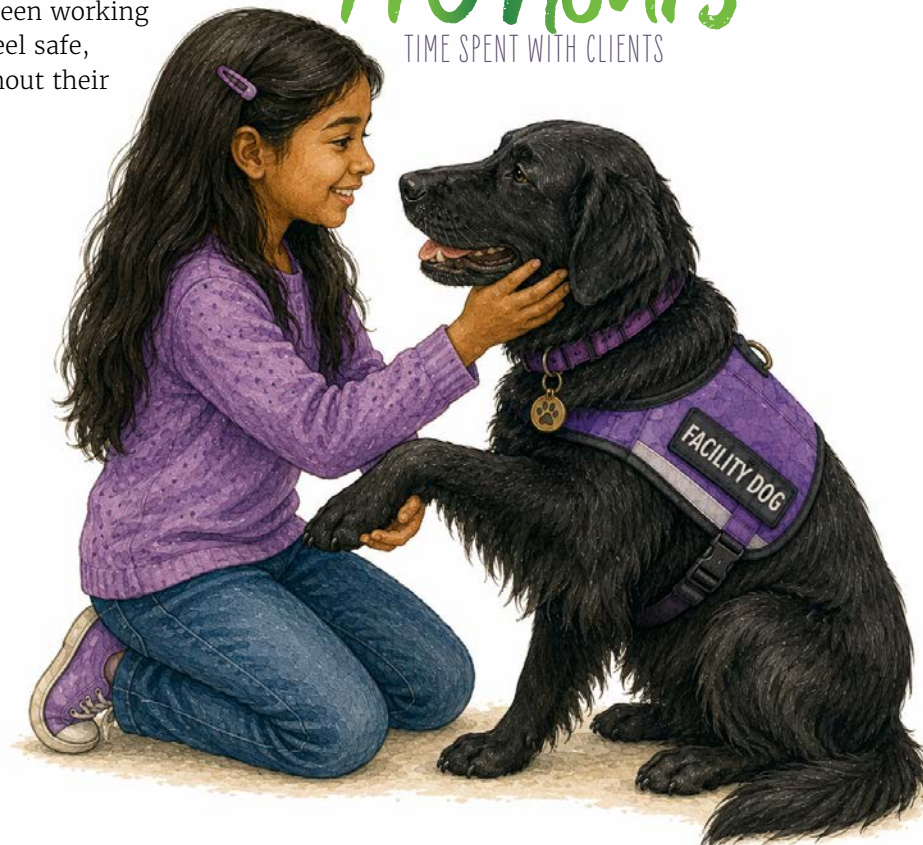
CLIENTS SUPPORTED

434

SESSIONS ATTENDED

746 hours

TIME SPENT WITH CLIENTS



Aria, Grumman,  
Harley, & Jersey



# 2025–2029 Strategic Plan

In 2025, Boost CYAC proudly launched a new five-year strategic plan, setting a clear direction for our organization's growth, impact, and priorities.

Our strategy is built on three pillars that work together to strengthen outcomes for children, youth, families, and the systems that support them. Together, these pillars guide how Boost CYAC grows impact, measures what matters and champions learning and leadership.

## Brave Spaces & Services

Outcome: Scale impact by strengthening system collaboration, expanding reach, and enhancing positive outcomes for children, youth, and families across communities.

### Priorities:

- Removing barriers, opening doors
- Expand our reach, double our impact
- Transform our space
- Empower people to lead with courage

## Measuring What Matters

Outcome: Implement trauma-informed evaluation systems and embed these findings into practice to improve outcomes for children, families, and organizations.

### Priorities:

- Establish efficient and effective data management practices
- Consistently measure and improve impact
- Secure research partnerships
- Enhance digital infrastructure to strengthen engagement and impact
- Enhanced governance and leadership, through utilizing a data driven approach
- Measure the progress of the Strategic Plan

## A Culture of Learning & Leading

Outcome: Embed leadership development, sector influence, and values-based practice into every part of our work to strengthen our internal culture and sector-wide impact.

### Priorities:

- Establish policies and programs that give team members clarity and confidence
- Recognize team members who reflect our values and contribute to Boost CYAC's success
- Equip teams with the resources, skills, and expertise to deliver high-quality results
- Lead nationally in CYAC practice and trauma-informed systems, increasing national visibility



# Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging

In 2025, Boost CYAC continued to advance its commitment to Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging (EDIB) through coordinated efforts across leadership, organizational practices, and service delivery. This work focused on strengthening inclusive environments, building internal capacity, and ensuring that staff, children, youth, and families feel respected, reflected, and supported.

## Highlights

- Expanded Diversity Calendar to recognize and celebrate a wide range of cultural, religious, and community observances, fostering ongoing awareness and inclusivity for both staff and clients
- Created a Reflection Room at Boost CYAC which provides a protected, welcoming, and inclusive space for staff and clients to engage in religious, spiritual, and culturally grounded practices.
- Developed and implemented the Smudging Ceremony Policy, to support culturally respectful and responsive practices at Boost CYAC
- Prevention Education Program, Trauma Therapy Program, Child Victim Witness Support Program, and Child & Youth Advocacy Program engaged in individual and team consultation with racial trauma expert, Charmaine Lane.
- Partnered with ONE DEI Consulting to support administration and communication activities
- Formalized and practiced race-based data collection across front line programs to recognize, understand and affirm our clients' identities, and to enable Boost CYAC to advocate to address systemic inequities

- *PEP Talk* training to social workers with Jewish Family and Child Services

Together, these efforts reflect meaningful progress toward a more inclusive, responsive, and equitable organization—one that is committed not only to supporting diverse communities, but to continuously learning from and alongside them.

Through learning and reflection-based initiatives, we engaged staff organization-wide to honor Black History Month, Pride Month, and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

## Black History Month

During Black History Month 2025, Boost CYAC staff engaged in shared readings on the experiences and systemic challenges faced by Black communities, followed by group discussions that fostered reflection, learning, and accountability. The group discussion encouraged staff to reflect on how we can better serve Black children, youth, and families in our care. At Boost CYAC, this work is part of our ongoing commitment to culturally responsive practice, where we continuously examine our approaches,

challenge bias, and strengthen how we show up as allies within the communities we serve. As we support children and youth who have experienced abuse, we recognize the importance of addressing the unique barriers faced by Black families and remain dedicated to ensuring our services are inclusive, respectful, and grounded in understanding.



## Pride Month

In June 2025, Boost CYAC recognized Pride Month through learning, reflection, and engagement based activities that advanced inclusion and allyship for 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. Staff were encouraged to participate in city-wide Pride events across Toronto and took part in internal educational opportunities, including a virtual workshop, *Transforming Awareness into Action: Bringing Trans Allyship to Life in the Workplace*, facilitated by Jo Jefferson from The 519 Community Centre, which explored the historical and human rights context of trans communities and provided practical tools to challenge transphobia.

Activities also included a documentary screening of *Any Other Way: The Jackie Shane Story*, highlighting the life and legacy of pioneering Black trans artist, Jackie Shane, independent learning focused on Two-Spirit identities and Indigenous perspectives, and the sharing of resources and supports for 2SLGBTQIA+ children, youth, and families to promote awareness, inclusion, and access to affirming services.

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

In September, Boost CYAC engaged in several activities to honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day through learning, reflection, and engagement, reinforcing our commitment to reconciliation and to supporting Indigenous clients and families. During Truth and Reconciliation Week (September 22–26), staff attended virtual Lunch & Learn webinars, offered by *The National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation*, on topics such as residential school experiences, ground searches, child welfare impacts, the TRC Calls to Action, and confronting denialism. We were honoured to welcome Anishinaabe Knowledge Keeper, Patrick Carpenter, who led a meaningful discussion, exploring cultural humility, Indigenous practices, and ways to create

culturally safe services for children, youth and families. Patrick kindly gifted Boost CYAC sage and a hide to include in our medicine box available to clients and visitors to Boost CYAC. Teams later reflected on how to apply this knowledge in their work to strengthen culturally responsive service delivery. On September 30, the Boost CYAC team wore orange shirts and came together to watch a commemorative gathering, entitled *Remembering the Children: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*, a special broadcast by Aboriginal Peoples Television Network, the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation and CBC/Radio-Canada.



# Major Initiatives

## 2025 Annual National CAC/CYAC Meeting

The 2025 Annual National CAC/CYAC Meeting was held on May 8 and 9, 2025, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with funding from the Department of Justice Canada. The meeting was delivered in a hybrid format, welcoming 93 CYAC professionals from across Canada in person and approximately 40 participants virtually. To ensure accessibility, simultaneous interpretation was provided, and all materials were available in both official languages.

The two-day program featured sessions on National CAC/CYAC Guideline 3: Diversity and Inclusion; Guideline 7: Mental Health Evaluation and Treatment; and Guideline 2: The Multidisciplinary Team. Participants were also introduced to the newly established National Association, Child & Youth Advocacy Centres of Canada (CYACC), and engaged in discussions on strengthening provincial, territorial, and regional networks and their connection to the national association. Attendees had the opportunity to tour SeaStar Child & Youth Advocacy Centre, the Halifax-based CYAC, followed by a social reception attended by approximately 80 participants, fostering connection and collaboration among professionals nationwide.

## Impact at a Glance –

### 2025 National CAC/CYAC Meeting

- 133 participants from across Canada (93 in person, ~40 virtual)
- 100% of respondents agreed the meeting strengthened national knowledge sharing and capacity
- More than 80% reported increased knowledge and understanding of key practice areas
- 73% plan to apply learnings directly to their day-to-day work
- Fully bilingual & accessible, with simultaneous interpretation and translated materials
- Strong national connection, with participants highlighting the value of peer learning, shared best practices, and collective problem-solving

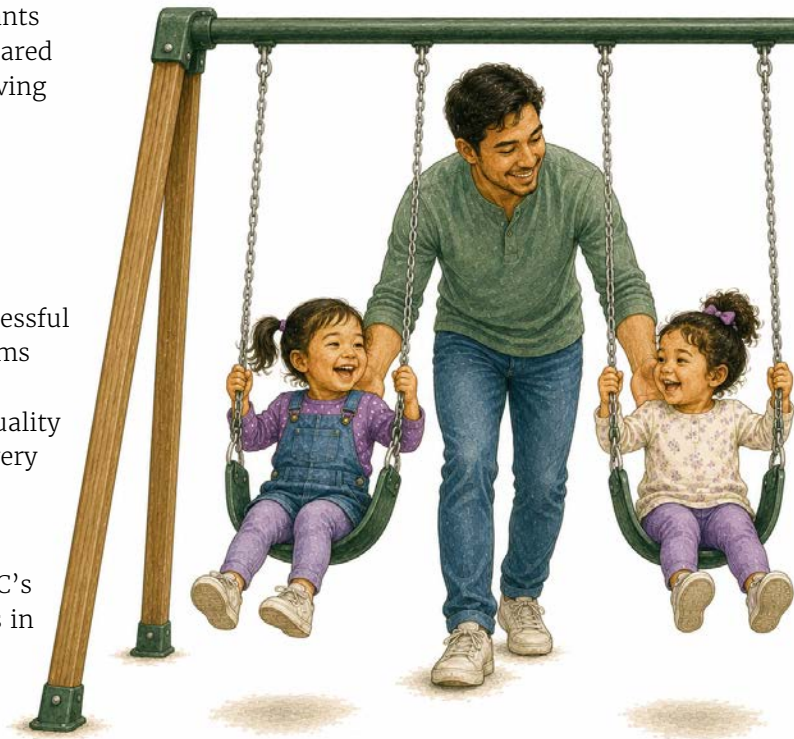
## Accreditation

In 2025, Boost CYAC successfully upheld its accreditation with the Canadian Centre for Accreditation (CCA), marking its second successful accreditation cycle. This achievement reaffirms the organization's sustained commitment to excellence, accountability, and continuous quality improvement across all areas of service delivery and operations.

The reaccreditation process involved a comprehensive external review of Boost CYAC's governance, leadership, and service practices in

alignment with nationally recognized standards. Successfully maintaining CCA accreditation demonstrates that Boost CYAC continues to meet rigorous quality benchmarks while strengthening and embedding best practices over time.

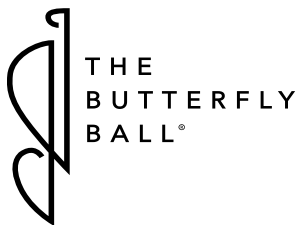
This accomplishment reflects the ongoing dedication of staff, leadership, partners and the Board of Directors to developing and delivering safe, responsive, and client-centred services for children, youth, and families, and to fostering a culture of continuous learning and improvement.



# Fundraising Events

## The Butterfly Ball raises 1.3M+ to help kids and teens who have experienced abuse.

Thursday, May 22, 2025, marked Boost CYAC's signature fundraising gala co-chaired by Claire MacNamara and Trish Del Sorbo at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. The evening brought together more than 400 guests for an inspiring evening of philanthropy.



The gala featured a keynote address from Tanya Deurvorst Smith, RN, MN Nurse Practitioner & Co-Director, of The Suspected Child Abuse

& Neglect (SCAN) Program at the Hospital for Sick Children, who spoke about collaboration with the Boost CYAC team, why all kids should have access to a medical professional and exam, and how these pieces together help kids and their recovery journey.

At this year's gala, Board Chair, Regan Watts, honoured Vanessa and Mark Mulrone and Luke Leon with the Jonathan & Georgia Aune Award.

Sprott was the Presenting Sponsor of the evening, with Max Mara returning as the Red Carpet sponsor with a stunning photo backdrop. The live auction featured donated items from Air Canada, Cabot golf and Brunch with the Chief of Police raising more than \$115,000.



# JUMP FOR BOOST

**Jump for Boost raises \$150,000 during a fun, filled morning for the whole family!**

On September 21, at Sky Zone Leaside, Boost CYAC held its third annual Jump for Boost fundraising event bringing

together 400 supporters and their families. Farm Boy Inc returned as the Presenting Sponsor, ensuring that the guests had plenty of snacks and bubbly water. Magen Boys DJ and Dancing were back again this year for non-stop excitement. The guests also had an opportunity to purchase miniature stuffed Aria and Jersey dogs to help raise money for Boost CYAC.



## Milos 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Event in support of Boost CYAC

Hosted by Vanessa Mulroney and Jay McCauley, Milos partnered with Boost CYAC to mark its first anniversary in Toronto with a fundraising event at their downtown restaurant. Featuring Milos' specialties and cocktails, and with more than 300 tickets sold, \$75,000 was raised for the organization.



estiatorio **Milos**



## Dare to Dip! Polar Bear Dip raises \$50,000 for Boost CYAC.

On January 1, 2025, Boost CYAC held the annual Polar Bear Dip at Sunnyside Beach to raise vital funds for the programs and services that help kids and teens at the centre. With more than 400 brave Dippers coming out, and in partnership with Access Storage, the Presenting Sponsor, the Dip raised \$50,000 for Boost CYAC programs and services.



# Donors and Funders

Boost CYAC's impact would not be possible without the continued commitment and generosity of our donors and funders. Thank you!

## Government Funders

City of Toronto  
Ministry of the Attorney General  
(Ontario)  
Ministry of Children, Community and  
Social Services (Ontario)  
Ministry of Health (Ontario)  
Ontario Trillium Foundation  
Department of Justice Canada

## \$100,000+

Aune Foundation  
The Saputo Foundation

## \$50,000+

Paul Bailey  
Shantelle & Yannick Bisson  
Blue Lupin Foundation  
Claire & Tyler MacNamara  
Peter Gilgan Foundation  
Scotiabank  
Sprott Inc  
The Tourney

## \$25,000+

Air Canada Foundation  
Eva & Peter Cordy  
Trish and Nick Del Sorbo  
Echo Foundation  
Farm Boy Company Inc.  
Sondi & Brett Lindros  
Vanessa & Mark Mulrone  
Scotia Wealth

## \$10,000+

David Anderson  
Deborah and Michael Arblaster  
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The Audra Group  
Shelby Austin  
Carol Bagozzi & Jim Byrd  
Bell Canada  
BMO Commercial Bank, Canada FCP  
Jennifer & Addison Clarke  
Deal Maker  
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TD Bank Group  
Kelly Tkachuk  
The Thor E. and Nicole Eaton Family  
Charitable Foundation  
Joseph Viola  
Jesse & Wojtek Wolski

## \$5,000+

Matteo Del Sorbo  
Finch Auto Group Ontario  
Groundworks Canada  
Jane Hanrahan & Rohan Dixon  
Kinross Gold Corporation  
Kothari Group Inc.  
Felix-Etienne Lebel

Terrence and Mary Leon  
Leon's Furniture Limited  
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Sofina Foundation  
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Sybil Veenman

## \$1,000+

Maggie Adhami-Boynton  
Wendy Aggarwal  
Shelley Arrowsmith  
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David Barnes  
Julian Battiston  
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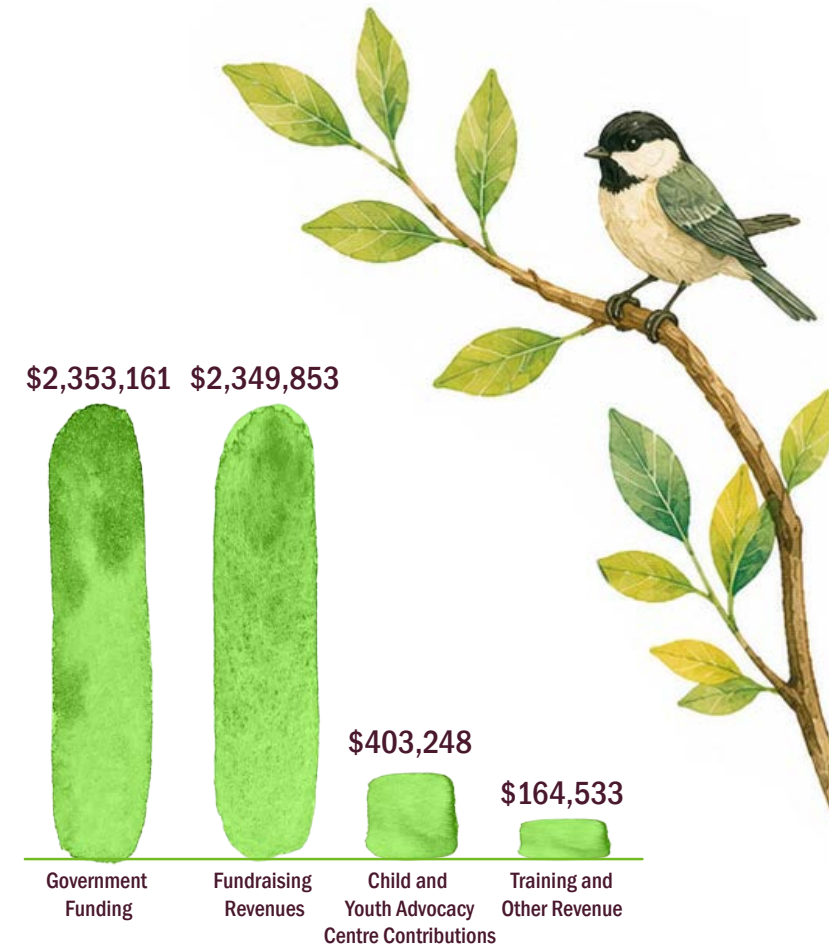
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# Finances

Statement of Operations For The Year Ended December 31, 2025

REVENUE	2025	2024
Government funding	\$2,353,161	\$2,327,527
Fundraising revenues	2,349,853	1,985,109
Child and Youth Advocacy Centre contributions	403,248	392,023
Training and other revenue	164,533	190,096
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>5,270,795</b>	<b>4,894,755</b>
EXPENSES		
<b>Program expenses</b>		
Assessment-Directed Therapy Program	1,365,408	1,162,072
Central Child Victim-Witness Support Program	353,942	445,813
Toronto Child Victim-Witness Support Program	324,371	316,232
Prevention and Public Education Program	645,766	585,313
Child and Youth Advocacy Program	1,393,573	1,448,914
Internet Child Exploitation Counselling Referral Program	-	29,996
	<b>4,083,060</b>	<b>3,988,340</b>
Administration and development	992,173	957,352
Total expenses	5,075,233	4,945,692
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year</b>	<b>\$195,562</b>	<b>\$(50,937)</b>



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