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Director's Message

As I enter my tenth and final year as Director of the *Centre for Research on Children and Families* I am pleased to report that the Centre

Mission and Mandate

Mission Statement

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;
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with peers and a lack of pro-social behaviors, and (2) that the group intervention was beneficial in helping them deal with the issues reported above by offering support, which reduces their isolation, provides a better understanding of the role of traumas in the current problems, and assists in learning new strategies to better interact with the youth in their care.

2. Poverty and Ethnocultural Diversity as the Context for Parenting and Service Access for Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Montreal, Quebec

Principal Investigator: Lucyna Lach

Co-Investigators: David Rothwell, Cecile Rousseau, Sebastien Breau, Monica Ruiz-Casares, Dana Anaby, Daniel Amar, Peter Rosenbaum, Dafna Kohen, David Nicholas.

Funding Source: McGill University

Period: 2012-2014

Award: \$40,000 (\$19,345 allocated 2013-2013)

The objective of this proposal is twofold: to engage members of The CIHR Team in Parenting Matters! who have been studying parenting of children with NDDs with researchers studying ethnocultural diversity, poverty, and spatial inequality, to better understand the link between parenting in the context of ethnocultural diversity and poverty, and access to and delivery of health and social care services in Quebec.

Award: \$100,000 (\$20,000 allocated for 2012-2013, reported under RBC funds)
Funding Source: Office of the Vice Principal of Research
Period: 2012-2017
Award: \$100,000 (\$20,000 allocated for 2012-2013)
Funding Source: McGill Faculty of Arts
Period: 2012-2017
Award: \$7,500 (\$0 allocated for 2012-2013)
Funding Source: Canadian Foundation for Innovation
Period: 2012-2015
Award: \$133,234 (\$133,234 reported in 2012-2013)

The Building Research Capacity with First Nations and Mainstream Youth Protection Services in Quebec (BRC) is a SSHRC Partnership Grant developed to address the following objectives: (1) understand the dynamics and outcomes of child protection services delivered to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children; (2) support FN and YP organizations' capacity to analyze clinical, administrative



Exploring Differential Processes of Service Provision for non-Aboriginal and status First

Supporting Program and Policy Decisions Using Administrative Data, Centres jeunesse Outaouais (CJO). Assist in validation COGNOS data. Secondary analysis to understand who is most likely to experience a recurrence of maltreatment.

Service Trajectories for Children 0-5 and Comparison of Services for First Nations and non First Nations Children, Centre de protection et de réadaptation de la Côte Nord (CPRCN). Assist CPRCN and First nation child welfare agencies in the Côte-Nord region with conducting quantitative data analysis and interpretation regarding clinical administrative data extracted from their information systems.

Comparison of services for First Nations and non First Nations children, Centre jeunesse de Ž ĩ „ ‹ Témiscamingue (CJAT). Assist CJAT and First nation partners with conducting quantitative data analysis and interpretation regarding clinical administrative data extracted from their information systems.

Client Satisfaction, Batshaw Youth and Family Centres (BYFC). Assist BYFC with the development of a survey to measure client satisfaction of child welfare services in order to target areas in which BYFC can improve.

Clinical Integration Group on Sexual Abuse, Centres jeunesse de Outaouais (CJO). Assist CJO with integrating clinical and research knowledge on child sexual abuse (CSA) by providing recent empirical studies for review by group members, supporting CJO CSA research and clinical activities, providing research review workshops, recording and distributing meeting minutes.

Clinical Integration Group on Conjugal Violence,



capital, etc.). The asset-based framework suggests that asset holding positively influences individual, family, and community well-being in ways that income does not (Sherraden, 1991). Furthermore, scholars have estimated asset poverty rates in the US (Haveman & Wolff, 2005). An asset-based perspective is, however, largely absent from poverty discourse in Canada.

This project fills this gap by defining, measuring, and producing the first nationally-representative estimates of asset poverty in Canada. Four questions are addressed: (a) what is the prevalence of asset poverty? (b) how does the prevalence of asset poverty vary by demographic characteristics (ethnicity, age, immigration)?, and (d) what policies might reduce asset poverty? Secondary data from the 2005 Survey of Financial Security and the 2009 Canadian Financial Capability Survey gathered by Statistics Canada contain the variables necessary to analyze asset poverty. Data are being accessed via the Quebec Inter-University Centre for Social Statistics (QICSS) data laboratory at McGill University. Findings will lead to (1) a major contribution to the ways that Canadian scholars and citizens conceptualize poverty; (2) the first Canadian contribution to the international discourse on asset poverty; (3) social policy proposals aimed towards reducing asset poverty and social exclusion; and, (4) a long-term research agenda to understand Canadian poverty from an asset-based perspective.

Activities occurring during the previous fiscal year.

* Student training

* First analysis finished.

* Paper under review. Working paper available online:

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2367057

determine the factors that influence the fidelity of implementation of services in each of the DC, such as those related to the organization, the clientele, and stakeholders, (3) establish the congruence between the services available in each DC and the portrait of the victims of SA, (4) document the use of rape kits in each DC. The study combines quantitative and qualitative methods and includes four levels of data: (1) administrative data (completed in 2011), (2) surveys with health and social services providers (completed in 2013), (3) interviews with victims and parents of victims, as well as (4) interviews with regional respondents in sexual abuse and assault services. Each of these steps will bring a greater understanding of the DC and the services user.

10. Parenting for the Promotion of Adolescent Mental Health

Principal Investigator: Monica Ruiz-Casares

Co-Investigators: L. Lach, C. Rousseau, R. Sullivan, N. Carrey, B. Wong

Funding Source: Mental Health Commission of Canada

Period: 2011 2012

Award:



Research Watch meetings were held between April 2012 and March 2013, approximately 400 articles were reviewed, and 34 article summaries were published (were) 4

Funding Source: Canadian Foundation for Innovation
Period: 2009-2013
Award: \$34,349 (\$7,266 allocated 2012-2013)

regarding the provision of responsible care and intervention for sexual abuse victims, whether in

17. Outcome Trajectories in Children with Epilepsy: What Factors are Important? Quebec Subsample of the Canadian Study of Paediatric Epilepsy Health Outcomes

Principal Investigator: Lucyna Lach

Co-Investigators: M. Shevell, L. Carmant, G. Ronen, M. Boyle, C. Cunningham, P. Rosenbaum & D. Streiner

Funding Source: Ministère de la santé et des services sociaux

Period: 2008-2015

Award: \$55,820 (\$46,048 allocated for 2012-2013)

Funding Source: Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Period: 2009-2014

Award: \$50,430.13 (\$10,000 allocated for 2012-2013 + an additional one-time payment of \$20,430.13)

Funding Source: Fonds de recherche sur la société et la culture & Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire en réadaptation du Montréal

Period: 2009-2014

Award: \$15,000 (\$3,000 allocated for 2012-2013)

Funding Source: McGill Research and International Relations / Faculty of Medicine / Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre

Period: 2009-2013
Award: \$376,566 (\$75,675 allocated for 2012-2013)

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

19. Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect (CIS) 2008

Principal Investigator: Nico Trocmé

Award: \$39,582 (\$0 allocated for 2012-2013)
 Funding Source: Government of Quebec
 Period: 2008-2013
 Award: \$116,723 (\$0 allocated for 2012-2013)
 Funding Source: In Kind
 Period: 2008-2013
 Award: \$18,784

This fund ensures the development of the SAT Lab, a data lab on sexual abuse and trauma. The goal of this lab is 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 Montreal, the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission in order to target First Nations communities. In addition, data from the CIS (1998, 2003 and 2008) will be analyzed to grasp the extent of child sexual abuse incidence in Canada.

21. Strengthening Black Families Program Evaluation

Principal Investigator: Anne Kumpfer
 Co-Investigator: Vandna Sinha
 Funding Source: National Crime Prevention Centre/Black Community Association
 Period: 2011-2016
 Award: \$50,000 (\$10,000 allocated 2012-2013)

The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) was initially developed and evaluated by Dr Kumpfer and her team in the United States and has since been adapted for Black families. The National Crime Prevention Centre (NCPC) has agreed to fund the Cote des Neiges Black Community Association (CDNBCA) a 5-year process evaluation on the implementation of the Black SFP model in two high-need communities in Montreal. The process evaluation aims to monitor how well the program is being implemented as it changes and adapts against expectations. An outcome evaluation, involving pre-post results on a range of parent-completed questions will also be conducted.

disabilities. The funds allowed her to advance her research training, dissertation work and covered travel costs for conference presentations.

24. Gender and Child Welfare Network: Sustaining activities in the area of gender and clinical social work practice with families

Principal Investigator: Linda Davies

Period: 2009-2012

Award: \$ 32,532 (\$2,466 allocated 2012-2013)

Retraining in the use of therapeutic approaches has resulted in the offering of clinical training and research on social work practices in the area of children and families, specifically in relation to the MSW Use of Self course. Remaining funds used to support the initial stages of a research project undertaken in conjunction with Dr. E. Ramvi (U-BDC B5r. E. Raities. cl1pcac3(NferenTJEwa)-4(I)1a(s)3(r15(U

data collection. Ainsley Jenicek, an MSW student was hired to assist with the baseline interviews. All of the baseline interviews were carried out in the fiscal year 2013 with clinical staff have been carried out and were transcribed at the beginning of the 2014 fiscal year. Additionally, the baseline file



Publications

Centre members published 59 articles in peer reviewed journals, 2 books, 10 book chapters and 19 reports in 2013.

Journal Articles

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Centre Development

Governance

The Board met once in June 2013, to review and ratify the 2012-2013 activities and budget for 2013-2014. The CRCF Annual Report 2012 was also presented at the CRCF Annual General Meeting (August 29, 2013)

The Board includes:

Christopher Manfredi (CRCF Board Chair, Dean of Arts)
 Nico Trocmé (Centre Director)
 Sarah Stroud (Associate Vice-Principal of Research and International Relations)
 Wendy Thomson (Director of the SSW)
 Margaret Doueck (Executive Director, Batshaw)
 Lucyna Lach (Faculty Rep)
 Delphine Collin-Vézina (Faculty Rep)
 Gina Glidden (Graduate Student Rep)
 Sydney Duder (Honorary)
 Michael Udy (Honorary)

Infrastructure

There have not been any major infrastructure updates in the last year.

Membership

There are approximately 70 faculty, students, staff and community members



CRCF Student Travel Grants

The Social Work Fellowship Fund (CRCF Travel Grant) (see Appendix B) produced an income of \$2,739.02 in 2012-2013. Nine students received travel grants for a total expenditure of \$6,545.19.

Funds

Appendix C summarizes research funds run through the Centre. Over \$850,000 in research grants and contracts were run through the Centre in 2012-2013. We are projecting a similar level of grant and contract funding over the next year, a level of research activity that is in keeping with the available research space and infrastructure and that is consistent with an increased focus on training and dissemination activities.

APPENDIX C Project Funds Managed Through CRCF

Project name

17. Outcome Trajectories in Children with Epilepsy: What Factors are