



FACS at a Glance

Family and Children's Services Niagara is your local **children's aid society**, serving Niagara since 1898. Governed by a volunteer board of directors, funded by the Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services- we are mandated by the **Child and Family Services Act** to:

- Investigate all reports of abuse or neglect of children (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)
- Provide ongoing child protection services
- Provide foster care
- Provide adoption services
- Offer programs that support children, youth and families and prevent the need for protection services

Fourth largest of 52 children's aid societies in Ontario, we employ approximately 400 professional social work, program and support staff. FACS Niagara serves **all 12 municipalities in Niagara**, from Grimsby to Fort Erie, from 3 main offices in St. Catharines, Welland and Niagara Falls; as well as a number of satellite offices and program locations.

Vital Statistics

- 5 903 child protection concerns each year
- 3 888 child abuse investigations
- 1 434 ongoing child protection families
- 640 children in foster care
- 249 approved foster homes
- 37 children placed for adoption
- 51 youth in residence at the Regional Adolescent Centre
- 93 youth in preparation for independent living program
- 300 volunteers, 55 467 volunteer hours, 1.9 million kilometers driven

(over)

Community Programs

- Ontario Early Years Centre located in Welland
- Mobile Toy Lending Library
- Mobile Resource Program
- Family Counselling Centre (numerous groups and programs)
- 7 Early Learning and Parenting Centres throughout Niagara
- FACS' Foundation- raising funds for education and enrichment

Funding

FACS Niagara receives the majority of its funding from the **Province of Ontario (Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services): \$35 841 000 in child welfare funding** as well as some program/special funding and a relatively small amount of United Way funding for our Family Counselling Centre.

Contact

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