

CASLM Service Highlights 2017-2018

- 8,297 Calls & Referrals
- 2,633 Protection Investigations Completed
- 211 *Crown Wards
- 108 *Children Living with Kin
- 523 *Children in Care
- 4 *Children in Customary Care
- 1,408 Families Provided Ongoing Services
- 179 Family Meetings
- 126 Case Conferences
- 39 Adoptions Completed
- 235 *Care Provider Homes

*As at March 31, 2018

125
Years
1893-2018



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*Safe Children,
Bright Futures*

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- Fostering/adoption
- Making a donation
- Volunteering your time



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About CASLM

The Children's Aid Society of London and Middlesex (CASLM) is a non-profit organization for the protection and safety and of children and youth. The agency was founded in 1893.

Our Mission: We promote the well-being of children/youth, families and communities. We protect and care for children/youth at risk.

CASLM Mandate

There are 47 children's aid societies in Ontario that keep children safe, help parents build healthy families and provide safe and nurturing environments for children and youth who are unable to live at home because of family issues.

CASLM is mandated by the Child, Youth and Family Services Act to:

- Investigate allegations or evidence of abuse or neglect of children and youth who may be in need of protection
- Protect children and youth where necessary
- Provide guidance, counselling and other services to families to protect children and youth or to prevent the circumstances that would require child protection
- Provide care for children and youth assigned to our care
- Supervise children and youth assigned to our supervision
- Place children for adoption

Protecting Children/Youth

CASLM must investigate complaints where children/youth are alleged to be "in need of protection" in accordance with section 37.2 of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act. The definition of a child/youth in need of protection focuses on acts or omissions of either a parent, guardian, or of a person who has charge of a child/youth and causes harm or creates a risk of harm to them. In January 2018, the age of protection in Ontario increased to include 16 and 17 year olds.

Duty to Report

Early intervention and support for families at times of crisis is a significant contributor to reducing the incidence of abuse and neglect in families. Section 72 of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act states that the public, including professionals who work with children, must promptly report any suspicions that a child/youth is or may be in need of protection to a Children's Aid Society.

If a person has made a previous report about a child/youth, and has additional reasonable grounds to suspect that someone is or may be in need of protection, they must make this report directly to CASLM. For information see, caslondon.on.ca/services/report_a_concern.

Reasonable Grounds

Many people are reluctant to call the Children's Aid Society, either because they don't want to interfere in someone else's family, or they don't have proof that abuse is actually happening. A call to CASLM is the best way to help a family. "Reasonable grounds" are what an average person, given his or her training, background and experience, exercising normal and honest judgement, would suspect.

Why call?

The effects of child abuse and neglect are lifelong, affecting future relationships, self-esteem and sadly putting even more children at risk of abuse as the cycle continues. A call to CASLM can help break the cycle. See numbers on back panel.

CASLM Services

CASLM provides the following services to children, youth and their families in the community.

- Alternate Care: Kinship Care, Customary Care, Foster Care, Adoption and Independent Living
- Family Visiting Program
- Youth Response Unit
- Adoption Disclosure/Personal Information Request
- Anti-oppressive Practice
- Duty to Report Presentations
- Services in English and French



Our hope: Our assistance will contribute to the well-being of children and youth through an effective, dynamic and child-centred organization.