



# Taking Stock:

## Supporting Canadian Child and Youth Agencies in Economic Crisis



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National Alliance for  
Children and Youth

# Background: National Alliance for Children and Youth (NACY)

- Incorporated in 2007
- Second generation from National Children's Alliance (NCA)
- Member agencies in communities across Canada provide front-line services to children, youth and families



# Challenge: Resources



- Impact of economic crisis on Canadian children and youth (C&Y) services
- Demographic shift with low fertility and aging population
- C&Y with increased poverty, single parent and working parents
- Sustainability, capacity, efficiencies, resources
- Volunteers, donations, goodwill, patchwork resources

# Challenge: Demand



- C&Y with complex service needs
- Services struggling with capacity, delivery and sustainability
- Service delivery framework from 1960's

# Challenge: Reality



- Snapshot of C&Y services in Canada today
- Q: Can C&Y be better served?
- Q: How can C&Y be better served?
- Q: Outcomes for Taking Stock project?

# Project: NACY Taking Stock



- Facilitate leadership, knowledge and tools
- Take stock, identify economic impact on sector
- Support C&Y services through knowledge transfer
- Emerge with ongoing services within a more sustainable sector

# Taking Stock: Methodology



1. Use the knowledge, expertise and commitment of leaders within our membership to form a Sector Transformation Committee (STC)
2. Outreach and work with 5 pilot agencies in 3 communities (Pacific, Prairie and Atlantic Regions)



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3. Work with 3 pilot communities to:
  - (a) build increased capacity and/or more efficiencies;
  - (b) gain more knowledge/mentorship abilities to support agencies facing crisis;
  - (c) support and strengthen agencies to achieve greater sustainability



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4. Enable and facilitate the interaction between NACY's membership

# NACY Taking Stock Outcome



- Take stock of C&Y services in Canada
- Learn / transfer knowledge between STC and three pilot communities
- Identify how we can better serve C&Y





# Thank you!

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