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A Message from the Board Chair

When I first joined the Board of NACY six years ago, I was new to the children and youth sector and seeking ways to connect with other leaders and organizations to broaden my knowledge and understanding about youth development and youth programming. I was not disappointed; over the years I have had the honour of getting to know and work with some amazing people who are serving our community in different ways. This is a sector where passion and commitment have often had to substitute for resources – at no time other than the past two pandemic years has the issue of under-resourcing of children and youth programs and services been more evident. Without hesitation, agencies and organizations rose to the added challenges and needs of this lock-down generation. Entering a third year of disruptions and

continued uncertainty, we know that children and youth continue to require more supports, more opportunities, and more optimism about their future – actions that are best fuelled by robust, healthy, equally accessible children and youth-serving organizations. NACY rose to the challenge to support THEM, bringing organizations together to amplify their concerns and provide support to each other.

Perhaps not surprisingly, even in these challenging times, individuals and organizations working across Canada came together to help animate NACY in ways it had not seen in over a decade. We owe a debt of thanks to the many volunteers and contributors who hosted and participated in workshops at our national Professional Development Conference last April and in our online webinars offered throughout the year. Others contributed to the shaping of federal policy priorities and recommendations to guide us through pandemic recovery. Today new teams are forming to help plan or next Biennial Conference and move forward on an extensive research project to “map the sector” against SDG targets. I am very proud of what we have built together so far, but also believe this is an ideal time to bring fresh voices and perspectives to NACY’s leadership team, starting with the Chair’s position.



Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me, in the organization, and the amazing people that drive it – especially our formidable Executive Director Laura Kathler. It’s been an honour to serve this community and look forward to continuing to support this important work to ensure the needs and children and youth in Canada remain priorities not just in our hearts, but in public policy and program actions as well.

- Deborah Morrison, President and CEO of Experiences Canada and NACY Board Chair



To our Members: We found our voice in you

A message from the ED

Throughout this report you will find updates on programs, advocacy and community building and learn more about our plans for the coming year. These activities however, while an exciting and important part of the continued work to bring the vision of a stronger, more connected, valued and heard sector to life, are just part of the NACY story. The other part, begins with you.

An important part of our members journey is our on-boarding interview. Through these one-hour sessions, I have had the privilege of listening as you've shared your passions for working for and with young people, improving research, empowering youth voice and advocating for better future for children and youth in Canada for generations to come. You also told stories about the risks of closures, staff lay-offs, lack of core funding and a deep frustration with systems that continue to fail both children and youth and the organizations designed to support them. These stories, your stories, are the stories of our community.

Your trust in us to amplify these stories, to ensure the work and the people of this sector are valued, respected and heard is a responsibility I do not take lightly. I know we have a lot of work to do to maintain and build on that trust and to follow through on our commitments. I hold a tremendous amount of gratitude for your support over the past two years while we have been learning to walk and talk as the new NACY. Your trust in us has led us to walk, and your stories have helped us find our voice. Because of you, we're ready to use of voice, and run. Thank you.

- Laura Kathler, Executive Director

Connecting the Sector

NACY 2022

In April 2022, we gathered for the first time, in-person as a community for the inaugural Connecting the Sector Conference. The first in-person event for most attendees since 2019, the conference brought together folks from across the sector to share their expertise and build a stronger community of practice.

"Thank you for leading out and being a first, in-person event after a season of disconnect" - Conference attendee

Highlights included an update from the Honourable Landon Pearson on the UN Special Session on Children, a panel discussion on Backing Blacks in the Children and Youth Sector, a keynote address from Dr. Heather Lawford on Youth Generatively and of course, a round of networking bingo! Most importantly, the three days of Connecting the Sector were a time of deep and meaningful connection, where coworkers met for the first time after working together online for 2 years, where old friends and colleagues were reconnected, a place where new connections were made, and of course a place to laugh, spread joy and celebrate our successes together, as a community.

YCRH Co-Executive Directors, Stacie Smith & Raissa Amany at NACY 2022: Connecting the Sector. (Photo used with permission)



NACY 2022 in numbers:

- 117 attendees (includes presenters)
- 54 presenters delivered 30 workshops and presentations
- 3 Panel discussions
- 8 attendees trained in SafeTalk
- 3 Keynote presentations
- 48 hours of active programming
- 5 volunteers, 8 Board Members and 1.5 staff

Community of Practice

We are building a community of practice and invite you to join us the 2nd Wednesday of the month at our monthly Coffee Shop. This is a member-driven space to come together as members of the children and youth sector to discuss pressing topics, share best practices, provide advice and more. Visit www.nacy.ca to register.

Total number of Coffee Shops in 2022 – Seven.

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Professional Development and Knowledge Exchange

Our partners:

- TakingItGlobal
- Wisdom2Action
- Young Canadians Roundtable on Health
- BGC Canada
- BGC Winnipeg
- YMCA Greater Vancouver

Launching in June 2022, our Summer Speaker Series was created to provide access to engaging and relevant learning opportunities for those participating in the children and youth serving sector. With a focus on using our platform to amplify the work and voices of our community, these sessions create spaces for members across Canada to connect, share expertise and grow. In the coming year, we are committing to:

- *Expanding our Summer Speaker Series to be a year-round program.*
- *Creating an online space where members can access panel and webinar recordings.*
- *Building an active community of practice for folks from across the sector to come together to discuss topics impacting the sector, share resources and build community.*

Total attendance: 113

Total number of panels and webinars: 5



Photo description (left to right): (1) Dr. Melanie Doucet (CWLC) presents at NACY2022 Supporting Equitable Transitions to Adulthood for Youth in Care in Canada. (2) CEO and Co-Founder TakingItGlobal moderating a panel discussion on Designing Supports for Youth Led Action. (3) International Youth Day Panel, Moderated by Dr. Heather Lawford (not pictured).

Policy Priorities and Government Relations

In fall of 2021, NACY released its first set of policy priorities (<https://nacy.ca/policy-recommendations/>). These priorities, developed in consultation with our members, were an important step in having a stronger, louder, more unified voice on the national stage. Since their release, we have worked to disseminate these policies to policy makers, while also striving for a meaningful relationship with our (federal) government partners. In our 2023 Pre-budget consultation submission we furthered our call for meaningful engagement between the sector and our government partners to call for, not just for one-off consultations and symbolic roundtables, but for sustained mechanisms for engagement. While we have certainly gained momentum, we recognize that we have a long way to go. Over the next year we will:

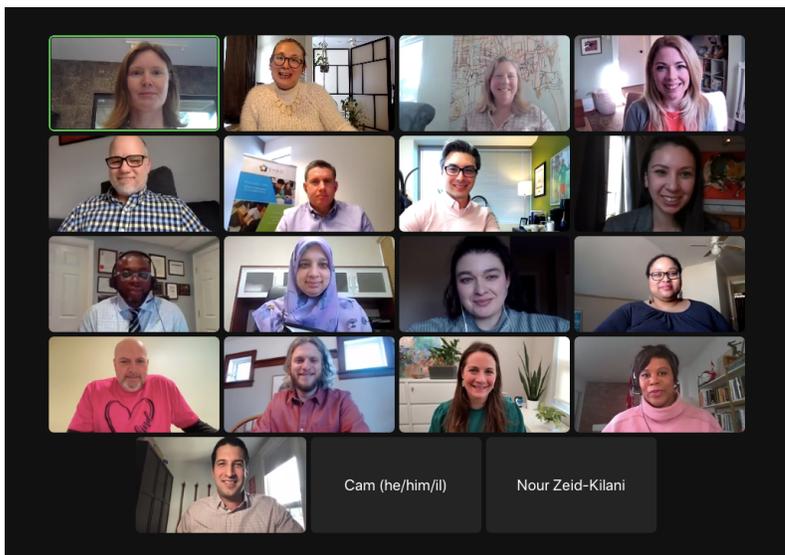


Photo description: Group photo from the February 2022 Members Roundtable with the Honourable Marcie Ien, Minister of Women, Gender Equality and Youth



number of federal agencies funding NACY Members

- early data from 2022 Member Survey

- *Continue to disseminate our 2021 Policy Recommendations to policy makers, funders and stakeholders.*
- *Echo calls from across the sector for a national mapping project, focused on collecting data identifying the reach and impact of the children and youth sector.*
- *Work to engage the Minister of Children, Families and Social Development in a conversation on the role of the sector in supporting young Canadians in COVID-19 recovery.*
- *Ensure that the wellbeing of frontline workers is part of the national dialogue on the mental health crisis facing Canadians.*
- *Create regular opportunities for member input and feedback, including ensuring an active Government Relations Working*

What's Next?

NACY 2024: Connecting the Sector

Still full from our 2022 Connecting the Sector Conference, discussions have begun for our 2024 gathering. We learned a lot through our experience hosting the spring conference, among those lessons was: plan early and ask for help. To ensure NACY 2024, like all NACY programming is an event driven by members, for members, we need your voices at the planning table(s). To kick-off our planning, we are looking for support in the following areas: fundraising and sponsorship, programming and logistics.

Additional opportunities to support will be available in the lead up to the event. Contact info@nacy.ca.



Photo descriptions: Marcie Casler (Wisdom2Action), Preventing and Addressing Gender-based Violence Panel Moderator (top). Jean-Claude Nguyen (TakingItGlobal), Designing Supports for Youth-led Action Panelist (bottom right). Agnes Chen (Starling Community), NACY2022 Presenter and grant recipient (bottom left)

Website Upgrades

Thanks to the support of Students Commission of Canada, we are hiring two new team members to help us bring our visions to life. With their support we are looking forward to updating our website to be more user friendly, including the update and re-launch of the NACY Members SuperSearch, with additional plans to begin the development of a members only portal. This portal will be a place for members to access webinars, find the latest policy, research and best practices and connect with other members across the NACY Network.

The NACY News

In addition to expanding our community of practice and committing to providing year-round learning opportunities, our 2022 Member Survey made it clear that a regular newsletter, sharing updates from NACY and the sector should be a priority. With this feedback in mind, we are reimagining the NACY News to better meet the needs of our members and will be working towards a consistent monthly newsletter beginning in 2023.

On average 46% of members spend 26-37.5 hours per month reporting

Staff

Laura Kathler – Executive Director

Nour Zied-Kilani – Program Coordinator (Connecting the Sector 2022)

Karl Zhu – Communications Assistant (Art of Work)

Might Gouta – Program Assistant (Art of Work)

Board of Directors

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Sarah Attia – Muslim Association of Canada

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Owen Charters – BGC Canada

Marie Christian – Voices: Manitoba Youth in Care Network

Dennis Stuebing – Wisdom2Action

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4-H Canada Children First Canada FRAYME/CADRE Starling Community
United Nations Association in Canada Wayfinders Manitoba Wisdom2Action
YWCA Canada Young Canadians Roundtable on Health Voices: Manitoba's Youth in Care Network

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**National Alliance for
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Financial Statements

FY April 1, 2021 – March 30, 2022

National Alliance for Children and Youth/ L'Alliance nationale pour l'enfance et la jeunesse

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended March 31, 2022

(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

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NOTICE TO READER

On the basis of information provided by management, I have compiled the balance sheet of National Alliance for Children and Youth/ L'Alliance nationale pour l'enfance et la jeunesse as of March 31, 2022 and the statement of retained earnings and income for the year then ended.

I have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, I express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

19-May-22

DATE

Signature _____

Ellen Glouchkow

**National Alliance for Children and Youth/ L'Alliance
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BALANCE SHEET

For the Year Ended March 31, 2022

(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash and Deposits	\$46,152	\$13,945
Taxes Receivable	\$62	\$165
Machinery, equipment, furniture and fixture		
Accumulated amortization of machinery, equipment, furniture and fixture		
Computer equipment/ software		
Accumulated amortization of computer equipment / software		
Accounts Receivable & Prepaid Expenses	<u>\$2,132</u>	<u>\$372</u>
	<u>\$48,346</u>	<u>\$14,482</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Amounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$462	\$362
Deferred income - shown current		
	<u>\$362</u>	<u>\$362</u>
EQUITY		
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>\$47,884</u>	<u>\$14,120</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	<u>\$48,346</u>	<u>\$14,482</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board

Director

**National Alliance for Children and Youth/ L'Alliance
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STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS

For the Year Ended March 31, 2022

(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	2022	2021
BALANCE - BEGINNING of Year	\$14,120	\$2,497
Net Income	<u>\$33,764</u>	<u>\$11,623</u>
BALANCE - END of Year	<u><u>\$47,884</u></u>	<u><u>\$14,120</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF INCOME

For the Year Ended March 31, 2022

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	2022	2021
REVENUE		
Non-Profit Organizations amounts received		
Membership Fees	\$102,050	\$40,100
Other Income	<u>\$60</u>	<u>\$ 48</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$102,110</u>	<u>\$40,148</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Bank Charges	\$90	\$175
Memberships	\$150	\$150
Insurance	\$804	\$307
Conference Costs	\$10,680	
Professional Fees	\$54,744	\$25,266
Travel Expenses	\$412	
Telephone and telecommunications	<u>\$1,422</u>	<u>\$2,227</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$68,302</u>	<u>\$28,525</u>
NET INCOME	<u>\$33,808</u>	<u>\$11,623</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended March 31, 2022

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1 National Alliance for Children and Youth/ L'Alliance nationale pour l'enfance et la jeunesse (NACY) is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the federal laws of Canada on July 18, 2006.

As of April 1, 2015, NACY qualifies as a registered charity.