

FACT SHEET

The Right to a Caring Home Environment

In the children's words...

Every child has the right to love.

Success by 6 Peel, Status of Children in Peel 2009

- In Canada, 1 in 100 babies are born with FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder); that translates into an estimated 160 babies born with FASD in 2007 in Peel Region.
- The Peel Region Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Clinical Service assesses and diagnoses children from 0-6 years of age for whom prenatal alcohol exposure is confirmed and where there is a developmental or behavioural concern.
- 1 in 5 women suffer from PMD and 40% of women with severe postpartum blues subsequently develop a depressive disorder.
- For about 12% of women, symptoms begin while they are pregnant.

Peel Children's Aid Society 2008-2009 Annual Report

- Between April 2008 and March 2009, Peel Children's Aid received more than 11,000 calls relating to children or youth who might be in need of protection. Of these calls, nearly 5,000 resulted in investigations.
- In its 2008 report on Finance and Economic Affairs, the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies reported child-protection caseload increases of up to 45% within six to 12 months after jobs were lost in areas experiencing economic distress.
- In 2008-09, 1,025 domestic violence cases were opened for investigation and support; 103 of these families required ongoing child protection support.
- In 2008-09, 112 children were placed with kin rather than foster care.
- With their partners and other service agencies, Peel Children's Aid has supported families and children in the following ways:
 - Group homes cared for 739 children 2008-09; with a focus on safety and permanency, the number of youth admitted to care has dropped by 47% over the past five years.
 - In 2007, 146 foster families provided safe and supportive homes for children in the care of the Peel Children's Aid.
 - In 2007, Peel Children's Aid found adoptive families for 57 children.
- In 2008-09, 185 children were returned to their families as a result of work with families and extended supports to create safe and stable environments.

Peel Regional Police, Annual Performance Report 2008

- Domestic/Family disputes/disturbances increased by 9.5% (2008 over 2007) with 12,731 reported cases in Peel.

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