2025-2026

Annual Report

Child and Family Services of Grand Erie







Proudly serving the communities of Brantford, Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk and Mississaugas of The Credit First Nation

Message from the Executive Director and Board Chair

As we reflect on the past year, we do so with a sense of gratitude and pride. 2025-26 was a year of growth, resilience, and progress as our organization continued to respond to the evolving needs of our communities while remaining firmly grounded in our vision, mission and values. The achievements highlighted throughout this report are a testament to the dedication of our staff, volunteers, Board members, community partners, donors, and supporters, all working together to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

The year was not without its challenges. Like many organizations across the children's services sector, we have experienced greater complexity in the needs of children, youth, and families, and ongoing financial pressures resulting from rising costs. At the same time, we remained focused on strengthening our programs, supporting our workforce, and ensuring that we continued to deliver high-quality, responsive services. The resilience, adaptability, and commitment demonstrated by our team throughout these challenges have been remarkable.

This year also marked an important point in our organization's journey following amalgamation. The Board of Directors extends its sincere appreciation to our outgoing Executive Director for her leadership, vision, and commitment during this transformative period. Her guidance helped establish a strong foundation and position the organization for continued success.

Building on that foundation, we were pleased to welcome Gabe Minor as Executive Director in 2026. While the achievements outlined in this report largely reflect the efforts of the year prior to his arrival, we look forward to the leadership and new perspectives he brings as we continue to advance our mission and build on the momentum created by those who came before him.

The accomplishments highlighted in this report reflect not only the hard work and professionalism of our team, but also the trust our community continues to place in us. It is a responsibility we value deeply and strive to honour every day.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to fostering meaningful partnerships, embracing opportunities for innovation, and ensuring that the people we serve remain at the centre of all we do. Together, we are optimistic about the future and grateful for the continued support that makes our work possible.

Thank you for your trust, partnership, and commitment to our mission.

Rhonda Morley

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Board of Directors, Chair





Gabe Minor.

Gabe Minor
Executive Director

By the Numbers

2025–2026 fiscal year

3518
Referrals Received

250
Total number of families connected to community supports at intake

Investigations completed
1698

431
Families receiving ongoing services as of March 31

146
Children in CFSGE care as of March 31

12
Young people receiving Voluntary, Youth Service Agreement support as of March 31

103
Young people receiving Ready, Set, Go support as of March 31

61
Children in Kinship service placements as of March 31

55
Foster and Kinship Care Providers as of March 31

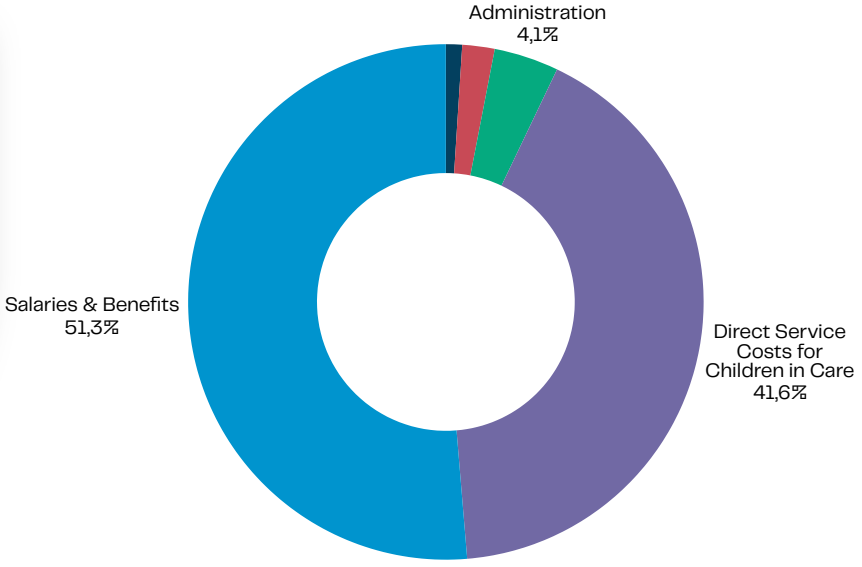
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Adoptions completed

Financials



**For complete Audited Financial Statements, visit cfsge.ca*

Expenditures by Category for the Period
April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026



Foster Caregiver Recruitment

- 127 Foster Care and Adoption inquiries received
- 9 prospective foster homes currently in the assessment process
- Launch of Virtual Information sessions - have hosted 10 since November 2025
- 23 prospective caregivers participated in virtual sessions
- 5 community events attended in 2026, with additional events planned
- Launch of a dedicated Foster Caregiver Recruitment Facebook page
- Enhanced recruitment and screening practices focused on inclusive and affirming care for children and youth

127

Foster and Adoption Inquiries since April 2025

10

Virtual Information Sessions held









Looking Ahead

Through continued community partnerships, public awareness initiatives, and targeted recruitment strategies, CFSGE is building a diverse and responsive network of Foster Caregivers committed to providing safe, stable and nurturing homes for children and youth requiring out of home care.

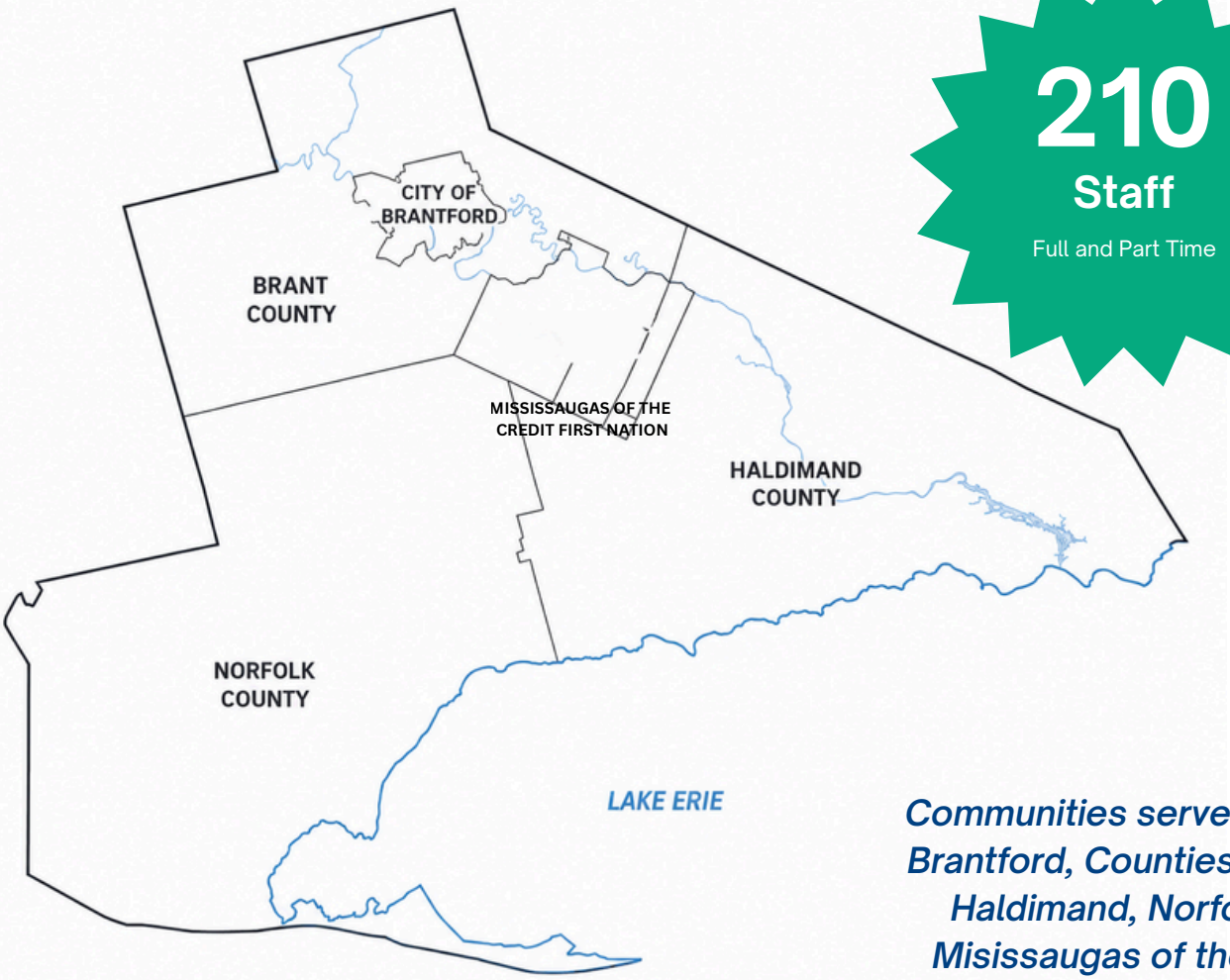
Service Area



221 Henry Street,
Brantford



70 Town Centre Dr.,
Townsend



210
Staff
Full and Part Time

Communities served: City of Brantford, Counties of Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk and Misissaugas of the Credit First Nation

CHILD DEVELOPMENT UNIT

1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026





EarlyON

By the Numbers

14, 509
Total number of visits by children

13
Total number of EarlyON Centres

Total number of visit by adults
11, 244

Total number of unique children served
1396

6878
Total number of direct service hours provided

1194
Total number of unique adults served

Program Highlights

- January 2026: Started full-day hours, 9:00-4:00, at the Henry St location- with much success!
- 9 Circle of Security programs were co-facilitated for families, with 61 parents/caregivers completing the program
- 9 events were hosted in our Resource Centre locations through the Community Connections grant through the Foundation
- We attended multiple events to support families in our communities!





CITY OF BRANTFORD

Thank you to the City of Brantford for its ongoing support and funding of EarlyON programs, helping local children and families access valuable opportunities to learn, connect, and thrive.

2025-2026 CFSGE Board of Directors

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OUR MISSION

Ensuring the well-being and safety of children and youth is our purpose, passion and focus. Together with our communities, we support, work with and advocate for children, youth and families to achieve their goals and realize their potential.

OUR VISION

Children and youth are safe and thriving in their families.

OUR VALUES

Accountability
Compassion
Innovation
Integrity
Teamwork and Collaboration









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