

Protection of Canadian Children While in Foster Care

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- Protecting Canadian Children works tirelessly to ensure the safety and security of Canadian children in foster care
- Attended the Fatality Inquiry of Delonna Sullivan in Edmonton, Alberta
- Inquiry will bring attention from across the nation and deliver a message that saves lives

Statistics

In the last 6 years:

- 156 soldiers died in the Afghanistan in a war zone
- 719 children die while in foster care in Ontario
- 2,595 children dying in five provinces across Canada under child protective services

Death Rate of Kids while under the Supervision of the Ontario CAS

Ontario

In 2006, **83** children died

In 2007, **90** children died

In 2008, **105** children died

In 2009, **120** children died

In 2010, **105** children died

In 2011, **109** children died

In 2012, **107** children died

719

These numbers are both kids in care of CAS and kids just under the watchful eye of the CAS while at still at home. These numbers come from the Pediatric Death Review Committee and the Office of the Chief Coroner Report.

- Protecting Canadian Children was launched in 2007





Engagement

- Agenda Camp with TVO's Steve Paikin
- City of Vancouver
- University of Moncton - 2011
- Surrey, BC – hosted by Zabeth and Paul Bayne
- Newfoundland – October 2012
- Bus Tour across Ontario in 2012
- Apprehension for Adoption in Niagara Falls

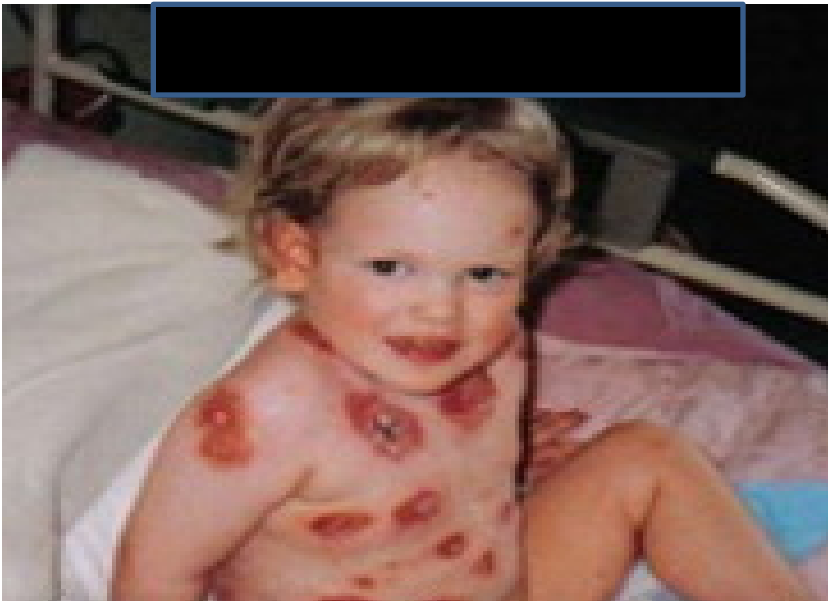




Children's Aid Society (CAS)

- CAS is a private agency with shareholders and that our children have become merchandise. It is now all about money. The responsibility of the directors is to the shareholders, not the children. How do you fight for justice for the children when you're facing a corporation bent on making profits?
- Even though the City does not directly have a mandate for CAS, I think as Canadians we can all agree it is our duty and responsibility to act against injustice.

- Tanner is a little boy from Hamilton who is alive. The other boy is from Belleville Ontario and after a few days in care, this is how his mother found him.



- Many people have asked me why I have never registered as a non-profit or charity. This is the reason why

For example, a registered charity with a charitable purpose to provide for the welfare of children can engage in activities that take a public position about certain legislation in the field of child welfare, provided the activities are within the limits described above. However, an organization established solely for purposes of pressuring for a change in the legislation affecting the welfare of children cannot be registered as a charity. For further information, refer to the policy statement on Political Activities, CPS-022, which is available on the CRA Web site at www.cra.gc.ca/tx/chrts/plcy/cps/cps-022-eng.html.

On a final note Marilyn Koren the grandmother of Delonna Sullivan asked me to read this letter to you.

