

Macaulay Child Development Centre 2012 Annual Report



In 2012, Macaulay reached nearly 7,000 children and families, including 2,500 children with special needs.

From the President & Executive Director

Dear Friends

2012 marked Macaulay's 80th year of serving children and families in our community. Over that time, our understanding of child development and family well-being has changed dramatically. But one thing has not changed! In 1932, Macaulay volunteers, led by Mrs. Hazel Macaulay,

recognized a need in their community and esponded; Cradleship Creche was born. Today, Macaulay is a mature organization providing a full continuum of services that help children succeed. Responding to community need continues to be our

primary focus, a commitment inherited from our founders. As in 1932, Macaulay engages our families and neighbourhoods to create vibrant, nurturing environments where "all children can thrive".

In 2012, Macaulay served 6391 children and youth, their families and caregivers. Twenty – six per cent of these children had a significant special need and 50% were at risk due to environmental factors such as poverty and neighbourhood violence.

Macaulay's varied programs and services brought together parents and children from diverse circumstances; for so many, we provided a ladder out of isolation and confusion. This Annual Report is a record of our achievements in 2012, a profile of

innovation and excellence across the organization.

Our thanks

2012 was a year of "managing change". Staff and Board worked together to adapt to new expectations and new service pressures. We are very grateful to our staff whose energetic and creative work

enabled Macaulay to flourish; their positive impact on so many children and families is at the core of our 2012 celebration. We also acknowledge the tremendous dedication of our Board of Directors; their insight and leadership was a key factor in our successful year.

As we celebrate 2012, our thanks goes out to our government and private sector partners for their generous support and confidence in our work. We extend our deepest appreciation to our community partners who collaborated with us for the benefit of children and families.

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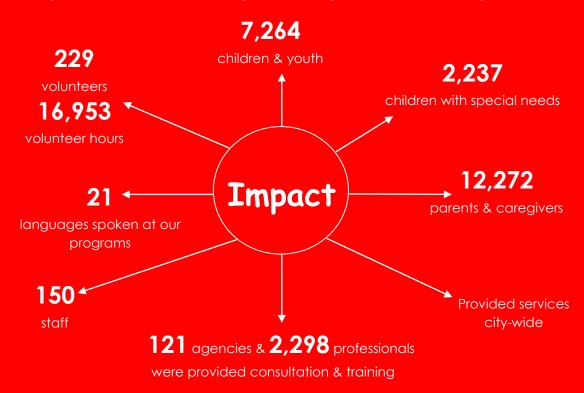


Every child at Macaulay is part of our Early Identification and Intervention program. The earlier we start to work on a special need, the more likely we can achieve positive outcomes by the time the child starts school.

Macaulay Supports Early Identification & Intervention

Vision: All children achieve their greatest potential within caring, responsive families and communities.

Mission: Macaulay Child Development Centre fosters the optimal development of children, in partnership with their family and community.





"It's wonderful to see that children of all ages, ranging from 2 months to 5 years, are the centre of everyone's attention and joy. The room is a stimulating and beautiful environment that helps shape children's critical thinking and helps them develop the standards of beauty to be used throughout their lives. The toys and games are so colourful and educational that even adults are fascinated."

Macaulay's Licensed Child Care Centres

Early Learning & Care

Child Care Centres serve 321 children from 6 months to 12 years at seven locations. Centres use the ELECT (Early Learning for Every Child Today) framework and the evidence-based High/Scope approach to ensure high quality programming. Our centres foster enthusiasm for learning, resiliency and social competence.

Licensed Home Child Care provides care in family settings to over 385 children, from infancy to 12 years. Caregivers are carefully selected and visited regularly to ensure they meet all

government standards. Agency staff consult, educate and support caregivers to meet the needs of children in our care.

2012 Partnership Highlights

Corporate volunteers from CICA, Deloitte, Proctor and Gamble and MDC Partners provided enriched learning opportunities for children at our various child care sites.

Through a new partnership with Toronto Public Health, children at Macaulay centres had access to on-site dental screening and education.

2012 Program Highlights

Macaulay adjusted its child care offerings in light of full day kindergarten. We established new infant, toddler and pre-school programs as well as 3 new before and after kindergarten programs.

Quality is key. Validated curriculae were used to promote literacy, social skills and science awareness. Parent education programs were delivered to support child care parents. Individualized training modules were introduced to enhance licensed home child care.

Inclusion of children with special needs is a core feature of all Macaulay child care programs. In 2012, 248 children (22%) with a diagnosed or diagnosable special need were served; an additional 469 (42%) were considered "at risk" due to environmental factors.



"As a Single mother and a newcomer to Canada, I felt so lonely.

Macaulay's home visitor helped me in so many ways. She spoke to me in my own language and made me feel more at ease that my parenting skills were good. She connected me to other resources in my community which gave me the support I needed to go forward."

Macaulay's Family Home Visiting Team

Family & Caregiver Support

Ontario Early Years Centres (OEYCs) & Family Resource Programs provide educational opportunities and social networks to families with young children. Children develop skills necessary for school readiness and overall healthy development. Parents learn about child development and effective parenting. Families receive support to access specialized services.

Family Home Visiting supports high-need families with children from birth to 6 years. Our goal is to strengthen parenting skills, reduce isolation and connect families to community resources. Service is provided in nine languages.

2012 Program Highlights

- Special programs targeted:
- Caregiving grandmothers
- Parents of children with special needs
- Children on waiting list for Speech and Language therapy
- Non-English speaking parents
- Pregnant and parenting teens
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing parents
- Child Welfare families

Parent Support & Leadership addresses individual, family and community issues that impact children's development and well being.

Early Literacy Specialists promote the development of language and literacy skills in preschool children. Evidence-based programs are offered, including Macaulay's unique curriculum, Lullabies to Literacy: Building Foundations for Learning.

2012 Partnership Highlights

The Public Health Agency of Canada's Fernand Lozier Award for Excellence in Father Involvement Practice was awarded to Macaulay's More than a Haircut program.

A symposium for caregiving grandparents was sponsored by an anonymous foundation.



"The best thing about Homework Club for me is learning new things and getting smarter. Because of the Homework Club I've gotten an A- and new friends!"

Macaulay's Homework Clubs

Skills for Success

Homework Clubs offer school-age children in high-need communities a safe and secure environment to learn and increase social competence. Special arts-based learning strategies increase engagement in the learning process.

Youth Development provides high-risk youth with the opportunity and coaching to develop confidence, leadership abilities and positive social networks. Youth act as peer mentors to younger homework club participants.

School Readiness is an evidence based program that prepares pre-school children for a successful transition to school. Language, social and self-help skills are

emphasized. Parents are empowered to act as role models in transitioning their child to the Canadian school system.

2012 Program Highlights

62 youth participated in leadership development activities including serving as volunteer mentors in our Homework Clubs.

202 Children attending Homework Clubs at 5 locations; 98% of parents said their children were more motivated to do well at school since attending the program.

2012 Partnership Highlights

In addition to homework help and social skills development, Macaulay Homework Clubs enhanced their focus on physical activity and nutrition with new funding from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sports. Additional support from Foundations, Corporate donors and United Way Toronto enabled Macaulay to reach children in Toronto's high priority neighbourhoods.

In partnership with Davenport Perth Neighbourhood Centre and TDSB, Macaulay delivered school readiness programs using the well-researched Ready for School Connects curriculum.



"As a parent of a child with autism, the Macaulay summer program is invaluable. Macaulay taught my son how to participate, cooperate with tidy up and sing along during circle time, despite his limited communication skills. We are so thrilled with his progress and thankful for the opportunity to participate in this program."

Macaulay's Summer Program for Children with Special Needs

Special Needs Services & Support

Consultation Services assist parents and educators to identify and address the special needs of children. We specialize in early identification, parent workshops, consultation & problem solving, staff education, information & referral, and specially designed resource materials.

long-term impact of special needs on the child and family. Working with parents, caregivers and professional staff, screening tools are used to identify problems or delays in a child's physical, social, cognitive, or language development.

Speech & Language Service

provides a range of interventions for pre-school children, including screening & assessment and group & individual therapy. The speech & language pathologist also provides consultation and training for parents and child care staff. In 2011, 193 children received treatment at Macaulay.

Early Identification strategies are used across the agency to minimize the

2012 Partnership Highlights

With the support of the **Catherine and Maxwell Meighen Foundation**,

Macaulay provided an integrated summer program for 43 children with significant special needs. Children developed new skills and enjoyed participating alongside mainstream children.

2012 Program Highlights

145 children received Speech and Language assessments and therapy, as part of the West Quadrant Pre-School Speech and Language Services.

Macaulay Special Needs Resource Consultants supported 128 children with significant special needs, their parents and their child care staff/providers.



"I came here with my son but I am also planning to get some health information for my father this morning. It's great to be able to find all the services I need in one place."

The Jane Street Hub

Collaboration & Community Engagement

Our Approach

Macaulay supports the development of strong neighbourhoods and local leader-ship. We also actively build collaborations to improve service accessibility and effectiveness.

2012 Program Highlights

With support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, *My Favourite Stortyteller* graduates organized a community forum that used storytelling and original skits to highlight important social issues such as bullying and inclusion of newcomers.

Program Without Walls coordinates the delivery of prevention services by six agencies.

2012 Partnership Highlights

Macaulay entered the world of social media, using Facebook and a blog to spread the word about our work and valued community partnerships.

Macaulay's LGBTQ Inclusion Committee won a special team achievement award from the Bhayana Family Foundation. The group pioneered new initiatives across the agency and created open forums where staff could learn together.

Building a Strong Organization

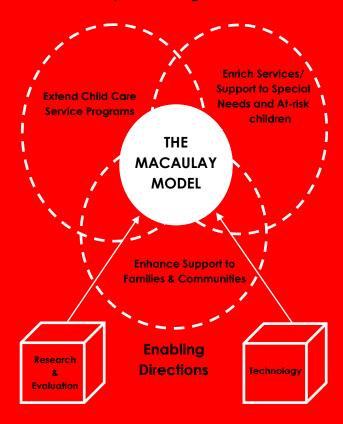
Strategic Planning

In May 2011, Macaulay's Board approved a new Strategic Plan. The Plan's core vision is of a responsive, easily accessible and inclusive agency. Progress has already been made on implementing this plan and includes some exciting initiatives that serve children, their families and caregivers in a more ho listic way. More information can be found in the program sections of this Report.

Macaulay's Strategic Focus

Macaulay gives children, especially those with special needs or at greatest risk, their strongest start through a continuum of services developed in close partnership with the families and neighbourhoods we serve.

Macaulay's Strategic Directions

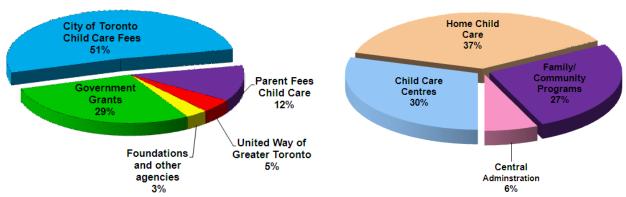


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It is never too early to make sure your child is ready for school. Ensure a healthy start and promote a bright future.

Macaulay's Early Years Centre's celebrate their 10th anniversary in 2012

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Macaulay is committed to early literacy. In 2012, nearly 10,000 books were distributed through the Book Nook.

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