




London Family
Court Clinic



2024-2025
Annual Report

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**Caring communities.
Resilient children & families.
Beyond the justice system.**



Better outcomes. Brighter futures.

Children, youth, and families involved in the justice system are at a major turning point in their lives. London Family Court Clinic follows children, youth and their families connected to the justice system through their journey—giving them the tools they need to build their resiliency—helping them to move forward and realize better outcomes once beyond the justice system.

We are advocates.

We strive to push the justice system to be more sensitive and responsive to children, youth, and their families. Another major focus of our work is assisting children, youth and their families who are at risk of being in the justice system to find solutions, because the best outcomes are the ones that don't involve going to court.

We acknowledge that no one organization can solve all the challenges of children, youth, and families. The broader solution rests in developing caring communities that work together to support and inspire one another in their life's journey. We're creating and nurturing caring communities through the work we do because caring communities are inclusive, safe, engaged, and strive to improve the wellbeing of one another.

Message from Our Executive Director

This past year has been one of change, challenge, and most importantly, momentum. Like many organizations, LFCC has been navigating transitions on multiple fronts, and what continues to remain consistent is the unwavering dedication of those around me, and their drive to keep serving, supporting and stepping up.

Coming into this role, I was deeply aware of LFCC's legacy and the trust placed in this agency by the community, our partners, and the families we serve. That sense of responsibility continues to guide every decision we make. I've been inspired by the deep commitment to the mission that exists across every corner of this organization. LFCC has long held a reputation for innovation, advocacy, and impact, and it was clear from the outset that the team was ready to build on that foundation in bold and thoughtful ways.

This year, we've taken important steps to stabilize the organization and get clear about where we're heading.

We're working closely with our Board on governance and strategy. We've brought on a new finance team and auditors. We're reviewing our programs through the lens of sustainability, growth and visionary leadership.

We've also started expanding our reach through new fundraising initiatives, including our upcoming concert, Stronger Together: A Night at the Met, which we hope will become a signature annual event. These kinds of events do more than raise money, they reconnect us with our community and remind people why our work matters.

At the heart of everything we do is a commitment to children, youth and families who often feel lost in the system. Whether it's a youth navigating court for the first time, a child preparing to testify with the support of our facility dog, or a caregiver reaching out for help, what we offer is hope, advocacy, and a chance to be heard.

When I think about impact, I think about the staff who consistently go above and beyond. I think about the students who choose LFCC as a place to learn, grow, and contribute. And I think about the partners who continue to reach out because they know the work will be done with care and integrity. That kind of trust, and that kind of commitment, is what lasting impact looks like.

We're not done. We're just getting started. The work ahead won't always be smooth, but it will be worth it. I'm grateful to be part of this team, and proud to help lead LFCC into its next chapter, with honesty, with heart, and with a clear eye on the future.



Joelene Bamford

Executive Director, London Family Court Clinic & Beacon House CYAC

Message from Our Board President

I am pleased once again to deliver this address on behalf of the Board of Directors of this incredible organization. I would like to begin by acknowledging and commending Joeline Bamford, our new Executive Director, who stepped into the role in February. Since then, Joeline has provided outstanding leadership, skillfully guiding the organization through a period of significant challenge and transition. Her steady hand and thoughtful approach have been instrumental in steering us toward a renewed sense of stability, accountability and forward momentum.

As I reflect on this past year—and on my final term serving as President of the Board—I am filled with both pride and deep gratitude. It has been one of the greatest honours of my professional life to serve in this role for an organization as impactful, as resilient, and as essential as the London Family Court Clinic.

This year we will be hosting a November Musical fundraiser (November 26th) with the theme of “Stronger Together.” I believe those words capture the heart of what makes LFCC exceptional. Throughout our 50+ years of service, LFCC has remained a trusted anchor in this community—not just because of what we do, but because of how we do it: together.

We are strong because of the deep collaboration between our board, leadership, staff, volunteers, and our community and ministry partners. Each of you plays a role in helping LFCC support some of the most vulnerable children, youth, and families in South Western Ontario. Whether directly with clients, shaping policy, funding and supporting programs, or championing us in the broader community—your efforts matter, and they make a difference.

This past year has been one of significant transition for LFCC. Leadership changes and organizational shifts are never easy—but they are also an opportunity. Through thoughtful planning, shared commitment, and a clear focus on our mission, we have navigated these transitions with strength and integrity.

Our Board of Directors has also undergone meaningful transition this past year. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Ketan Ramji, Camille Riggs, Lucy Chimhanda, Scott Barker, and Doug Ferguson for their years of outstanding service, dedication, and leadership. At the same time, we are pleased to welcome Kenna Dalrymples, Bev Noble, Sandra Savage, and Stewart Blair to the Board. I feel truly fortunate to work alongside such a dedicated team of professionals—each deeply committed to supporting and building a strong, sustainable future for LFCC.

Our programs continue to provide essential services that impact the lives of children and families facing trauma, conflict, and adversity. Whether through mental health supports, youth justice services, clinical assessments, or advocacy, LFCC's staff deliver high-quality, responsive, and evidence-informed services that truly change the trajectory of young people's lives. In a world where the needs are ever-changing, your responsiveness, professionalism, and care are truly commendable.



Message from Our Board President

This year we look forward to developing a new strategic plan which will guide and inspire us to be and achieve our best. I am confident in saying: LFCC is entering a new era—an era defined by stability, renewed purpose, and forward-looking growth.

As we look ahead, I know that the future of LFCC is bright. We are grounded by over five decades of meaningful work, and we are propelled forward by bold ideas, strategic leadership, and a shared belief that every child and youth deserve safety, dignity, and opportunity.

To my fellow board members: thank you for your partnership and your wisdom.

To our incredible leadership and staff: thank you for your unwavering commitment and resilience.

To our ministry supervisors and funders: thank you for your continued trust.

To our community partners and volunteers: thank you for standing with us—stronger together.

Though my time as Board President is coming to a close, I will always remain a supporter and advocate for LFCC. This organization and all of you have inspired me more than I can express. Thank you for the honour of serving.

Here's to the next chapter—for LFCC, and for the many lives it will continue to touch.

Thank you.



Mary Ann Tucker

Board President, London Family Court Clinic

Judge Genest Fund

London Family Court Clinic continues to be honoured to administer the Judge Genest Fund and are inspired by Judge Genest's belief in youth and their ability to improve their lives. Judge Maurice Genest believed that young people who are struggling in our community deserve to be provided with opportunities for growth. He believed that with a bit of care and attention we could all help to nurture and support the hopes and dreams of these youth in our community. Through an annual gift received in memory of Judge Genest, London Family Court Clinic is able to assist youth in very real and meaningful ways.



Since 2008, the Judge Genest Fund has had requests to address the needs of over 160 young people who are involved with our local court affiliated services. The Judge Genest Fund can offset the cost of activities and needs that would otherwise not be affordable for these young people – which can often present barriers to their progress in life.

The Judge Genest Fund provides identified youth with financial assistance to improve their daily lives and to help them reach some of their goals – such as becoming healthier and involved in sports again, gaining employment, and achieving new skills. Over the years, youth have received funds for a variety of needs including: gym memberships, yoga instruction and sports team fees, job supplies such as special eye wear or work boots, fees associated with getting personal identification replaced or a driver's license; certification programs such as food handling or first aid courses, and artistic class costs for art, music or dance.



The focus of need is meant to address the well-being and personal betterment of youth and to support their prosocial involvements in their community life. Judge Genest's legacy of caring deeply and believing in the young people we serve continues to be evident through the Genest Fund.

Frank Brennan Award

The Frank Brennan Award, is named in tribute to a fondly remembered colleague from the early days of the London Family Court Clinic. Frank was 65 when he joined us and, to our great loss, he died five years later. He brought years of wisdom gained as a probation officer but also the legacy of a rich and remarkable life that included the experience of fighting in the Spanish Civil War, where he met Ernest Hemingway. Frank, with his literate style and humorous nature, made his mark both on the youth and families he worked with and the community he served.

Like Frank, the recipient of this award provides exemplary service to children, youth and families in our community. They work within their own organizations and participate in broader community initiatives to exemplify the qualities for which Frank is remembered: compassion, integrity, respectful treatment of clients, effective communication, dedication to advocacy, and support to colleagues.



This year, we are proud to present the award to Callie Hill, whose work has left an extraordinary mark on the lives of young people.

What sets Callie apart in her role as Crown is her unwavering effort to connect personally with every youth she encounters. She takes the time to understand their backgrounds, interests, and aspirations—ensuring that each young person feels seen, heard, and valued. For those navigating one of the most challenging and vulnerable times in their lives, Callie fosters trust and confidence that allows them to move forward with strength.

Her compassionate, trauma-informed, and youth-centered approach has made a profound difference for many victims and survivors of crime, who often share how supported, respected, and genuinely cared for they felt when working with her.

Colleagues describe Callie as a true collaborator: respectful, responsive, and deeply committed to ensuring clarity and compassion when information must be conveyed. Even when faced with difficult conversations, she creates an environment where youth and families feel understood and supported.

We are honoured to celebrate Callie Hill as the recipient of the 2025 Frank Brennan Award, and grateful for the lasting impact she has made in building a more compassionate and just community.



Alan Leschied Award

Each year, our Resident cohort gives an award for Relationship Focused Mentorship to honour the legacy of Dr. Alan Leschied. Alan is one of the original psychology influencers at LFCC in terms of his research and clinical contributions to the field of juvenile forensic psychology. Alan has set the standard for his high value of healthy relationship development as a clinician, supervisor, and mentor to over a hundred psychology trainees throughout his career. We consider him to be the exemplar 'unicorn' of mentorship – he arrives just when he is needed to ensure a young person or trainee is seen for their true selves and provides them with a magical experience of mentorship that helps them accomplish their goals.



This year, the residents selected NavOn Clinical Case Manager, Melissa Moore (RSSW), to receive the Alan Leschied Award. Residents referred to Melissa's ability to nurture relationships between them and other professionals, particularly in the context of FASD and Youth Justice assessments. They also remarked on her patience, kindness, and generosity in terms of her concrete support with navigating interdisciplinary teams, using finicky technology, and managing tricky situations with clients as they arose. In the words of the 2024-2025 Resident team, "Melissa was always very gracious... helping us learn to balance all the pieces while staying calm. Even when things were pretty hectic and stressful, Melissa would find a way to laugh at the situation and demonstrate being trauma-informed."

Thank you, Melissa – you truly are a unicorn!

ADR-Link & Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

This past year, ADR-Link continued to deliver impactful alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services to support children, youth, and families involved in the child welfare system across Southwestern Ontario.

In 2024 and 2025, we served 235 families
across our five streams of service



Child Protection
Mediation

116



Family Group
Conferencing

56



Ready, Set, Go

23



Indigenous
Approaches

27



4th Option/
Other

13

This total includes 104 files carried over from the previous fiscal year, reflecting the ongoing and layered needs of the families we support

We continue to see success in helping families navigate complex challenges, including high-conflict parenting, addictions, intimate partner violence, mental health concerns, and housing instability. Even incremental progress can be an important first step, and families are welcome to return when ready to address additional concerns. Recognizing that progress is rarely linear, we value partial resolution as a significant step toward long-term stability.

ADR-Link & Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

The below outcomes reflect both the complexity of the issues presented and the progress many families make throughout the ADR processes

Of the 197 children served through new referrals in 2024 and 2025



57%

Reached full resolution



27%

Achieved partial resolution



16%

Saw no resolution
(including early withdrawals)

This year, to enhance accessibility and raise awareness, we developed and released a new series of informational videos, now available on our website. These videos introduce the principles of ADR, provide an overview of the five streams of service, explain the referral process, and highlight the contributions of collaborators such as the Office of the Children's Lawyer and members of the legal community.

In addition to these resources, we continued to offer both virtual and in-person information sessions for referral sources and staff teams. We remain committed to this meaningful and ongoing engagement.

Our team of 14 cross-trained, dedicated practitioners continue to bring together families, community partners, and service providers in a holistic and respectful manner. Their work reflects our commitment to child and youth centered planning and sustainable outcomes. The strong relationships we have built with peers throughout the province foster collaboration and mutual learning, supporting efforts to enhance program effectiveness. Looking ahead, we remain focused on strengthening these partnerships to improve outcomes for children, youth, and families across the region.

Beacon House Child & Youth Advocacy Centre

Beacon House's Child & Youth Advocacy Program (CYAC) is a voluntary service offered to all families involved with the centre during a child abuse investigation. Our advocates provide immediate and ongoing support by explaining the process and connecting families to community resources. They guide families through the various phases of the reporting process and help facilitate access to long-term support programs.

This past year has been one of transition and growth for Beacon House. We want to recognize and thank Katherine Dann for her leadership and dedication to the development of Beacon House. Katherine's commitment helped shape the foundation of the program, strengthen community partnerships, and ensure that young people and families had a safe, supportive space during difficult times. We wish her the very best in her next chapter.

At the same time, we are pleased to welcome Detective Sergeant Janine Bonnett to the Beacon House team. Janine brings deep experience and a strong commitment to collaboration and trauma-informed practice. Her presence further strengthens the multidisciplinary partnerships that are at the heart of Beacon House and ensures that the voices of children, youth, and families remain at the centre of our work.

Looking forward, Beacon House is entering an exciting phase of sustainability planning and partnership expansion. With the addition of the Ontario Provincial Police and continued collaboration with our justice, child welfare, and victim services partners, Beacon House is well-positioned to grow its impact and continue building a coordinated, compassionate response for young people and their families.



Child Victim Witness Program



The Child Victim Witness Program (CVWP) is dedicated to supporting young survivors of crime and witnesses as they navigate their court experiences. Our mission is to minimize the trauma associated with their involvement in the criminal justice process through comprehensive court preparation, trauma education, special testimonial aids, and in-court testimony support.

Last year (April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025), 262 children and youth were referred to the Child Victim Witness Program. 49% of the victims and witnesses were female identifying and 99% requested testimonial assistance of some kind (CCTV, testifying from CYAC, NSD Virgil, and support person).

This past year, our team has undergone some staffing changes. We are thrilled to welcome Athena Mavrokefalos to the team! Athena was CVWP's first Child and Youth Care (CYC) student and has now joined us part-time to support intake and administrative duties. With her calming presence and deep understanding of children and youth, Athena is a valuable addition to our program.

We also warmly welcome back Frances Nuvoloni as our Lead Caseworker, following the departure of Maya Fortin, who has moved on from the program. We thank Maya for her dedication and wish her all the best in her next great adventure!

During this past Victims and Survivors of Crime Week, the Child Victim Witness Program (CVWP) had the valuable opportunity to engage with the London Crown's Office to discuss our program and share best practices for supporting children and youth involved in the justice system. This collaborative meeting was a meaningful occasion to come together, exchange knowledge, and deepen our understanding of how to best meet the unique needs of young survivors and witnesses. Through these conversations, we strengthened our partnership with the London Crown's Office, fostering a foundation that is essential for delivering trauma-informed support throughout the court process.

CVWP continues to manage a high volume of referrals and works closely with our key partners, including the London Crown's Office, the Victim/Witness Assistance Program, London Police Service, and the Ontario Provincial Police. As the justice system continues to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain committed to refining our practices. Unfortunately, delays in court proceedings persist, which deeply affect victims and survivors of crime. Our team remains dedicated to providing consistent, compassionate support throughout the criminal court process.



Facility Dog

Our LFCC Facility Dog, NSD Virgil, has been supporting children, youth, and their families for over a year. NSD Virgil can usually be found sleeping beside a child at the office or cuddled next to a youth at the London Courthouse. He is providing unconditional support and comfort to children and youth who most need it.

NSD Virgil supports children and youth in court preparation, pre-trial interviews, court accompaniment, court waiting, testifying, and therapy sessions. The facility dog program is an innovative way of helping children and youth mitigate the trauma of testifying in court.

Recently, a youth came to our CYAC to give a statement to police. She was shaking as she was scared to talk to the police but once NSD Virgil came into the room, she stopped shaking and was able to engage. When she became emotional during her interview, NSD Virgil comforted her by moving his body to be closer to her. Both the youth and her parent reported that they wouldn't have been able to get through it without NSD Virgil.

NSD Virgil was generously donated to us by National Service Dogs (NSD), a non-profit organization that provides specialized dog breeding and training to provide the community with the support of a working dog. We are forever grateful to NSD.

The sustainability of LFCC's Facility Dog Program is wholly dependent on private donations from our community. Expenses such as food and veterinary care add up quickly for this special working dog. As such, we are seeking funding from caring individuals, organizations and foundations to both sustain and expand the reach of this worthy project.




If you would like to donate to the facility dog program, please visit our website (www.lfcc.on.ca) and click Donate.

Any additional funds received through private donations cover the cost of things such as grooming, equipment, treats, and other unforeseen costs.



Clinical Supports Program




The Clinical Supports Program (CSP) provides individualized, intensive mental health services for youth involved in the justice system and their families. Our registered psychotherapists support youth on probation or mental health diversion, ensuring they can access meaningful services while remaining in their home communities. This year, CSP welcomed Amelia Hamilton as a new clinician, further strengthening our team's capacity to serve youth and families.

Recognizing that therapy can feel intimidating, especially for youth mandated to attend, our clinicians use a relationship-based, trauma-informed approach. This creates a safe space for young people to build trust, enhance their wellbeing, and work toward meaningful change. Creative engagement tools, including the presence of our facility dog, NSD Virgil, bring comfort and unconditional support, making therapy more approachable for youth.

Collaboration is central to our work. CSP partners closely with London and Middlesex Youth Probation, John Howard Society of London, and St. Leonard's Community Services to ensure wraparound supports for youth and families. Looking ahead, we are committed to deepening these partnerships and continuing to help youth with complex mental health needs thrive in their communities.



Youth Justice Assessments



In 2024/2025, LFCC clinicians completed 45 Youth Justice assessments under section 34 and provided services to 52 clients. These numbers reflect the growing demand for our expertise and our continued commitment to ensuring that youth and families receive timely and high-quality support while navigating the justice system.

This year has also been one of growth and new opportunities within our team. We were proud to support Lisa Butcher in her transition into the role of Youth Mental Health Court Worker. Lisa's strong background in case management, combined with her empathy and practical problem-solving skills, make her an invaluable resource to the team. We were also pleased to welcome Jessica Del Guidice as our new Intake Case Worker. With her training in social work, Jessica brings enthusiasm and a deep understanding of the unique needs of youth involved in the justice system.

In addition, we welcomed Dr. Amanda Kerry as a consultant to our Youth Justice team. Dr. Kerry brings more than 15 years of clinical experience supporting the emotional, social, and behavioural needs of children and youth in community, school, hospital, live-in treatment, and youth justice settings. Her expertise strengthens our capacity to understand youth mental health and to provide meaningful recommendations that can influence positive change in the lives of young people.

Together, these developments and outcomes reflect LFCC's ongoing commitment to building a strong, skilled, and compassionate team that works collaboratively with young people, families, and justice partners to create pathways toward stability, growth, and opportunity.



Youth Therapeutic Court

The Youth Therapeutic Court Program (YTC) remains a vital resource for young people in London and Middlesex County who are facing charges under the Youth Criminal Justice Act. Many of the youth we see are also living with challenges such as mental illness, brain injury, or developmental disabilities. YTC works closely with these young people and their families, offering assessments, advocacy, and, when appropriate, opportunities to participate in the Mental Health Diversion Program.

In 2024/25, YTC served 125 youth in total, with 52 youth participating in the Mental Health Diversion Program. These numbers reflect both the demand for the program and the dedication of the team and partners who make this specialized support possible.

This past year also brought important changes. After nearly three decades of remarkable service, Youth Assistant Crown Attorney Kenna Dalrymple concluded her time in the youth court. Her dedication has had a lasting influence on how youth justice has been carried out in this community. Stepping into the role is Celia Pennycook, who has shown great enthusiasm and a collaborative spirit. Her commitment to working alongside the YTC team is strengthening the program in meaningful ways.



Change has also come at the program level. After nearly fifteen years as Youth Mental Health Court Worker, Joelene Bamford has passed the torch to Lisa Butcher. Throughout her tenure, Joelene's steady support helped countless families navigate the justice system and take steps toward healthier futures. Lisa brings her own energy and passion to the role and is eager to build on this foundation by strengthening relationships with justice partners and community agencies. She is particularly focused on deepening her knowledge of accessible, relevant services that directly support youth well-being.

These shifts, both in the courtroom and within the program team, demonstrate the ongoing growth and resilience of the YTC. Together with our partners, the program continues to show how justice and community can come together to open doors of possibility and hope for young people.

Staff Acknowledgements

Tammy Riley

20 years of Dedicated Service

This year, we are proud to recognize Tammy Riley for her remarkable 20 years of service with the London Family Court Clinic. Tammy began her journey with LFCC providing program and administrative support and, through her dedication, skill, and leadership, grew into her current role as Director of Operations.

Over two decades, Tammy has been a steady and trusted presence at LFCC. She has guided countless transitions, supported staff and leadership, and played a vital role in ensuring the smooth functioning of our organization. Her knowledge of our programs, her commitment to operational excellence, and her genuine care for staff and clients alike have left an indelible mark on LFCC.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Tammy for her loyalty, professionalism, and unwavering dedication to our mission. Her 20-year milestone is a testament not only to her personal commitment but also to the values of service, resilience, and integrity that define LFCC.

Elizabeth Lam

Retirement

This year, we recognize the retirement of Elizabeth Lam, who dedicated many years of service as ADR Manager at LFCC. Elizabeth was instrumental in the development and growth of the ADR-Link program, bringing compassion, professionalism, and a deep commitment to the families we serve.

Her leadership and care have left a lasting legacy within LFCC and the broader ADR community. We thank Elizabeth for her remarkable contributions and wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Dr. Joyce Radford

Retirement

This year, Dr. Joyce Radford retired after 25 years of service with LFCC. Joyce provided leadership within our Youth Justice Program, contributing her expertise to countless assessments and supporting the development of services for high-risk youth. We thank her for her many years of commitment and wish her well in her retirement.

Dr. Peter Jaffe & Dr. Linda Baker

Special Acknowledgment

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Peter Jaffe and Dr. Linda Baker, both former Executive Directors of LFCC, for their continued guidance and support. As I step into the role of Executive Director, their wisdom and encouragement have been invaluable to me personally, and to our Board, during this period of transition.

Peter and Linda's belief in LFCC and its mission remains unwavering. Their ongoing involvement reflects a deep commitment to the organization they helped build and strengthen over decades of leadership. We are profoundly grateful for their mentorship, their advocacy, and their dedication to ensuring that LFCC continues to thrive and serve the community with excellence.

Our Commitment to Staff and Team Building



At LFCC, we recognize that the strength of our programs depends on the strength of our people. Supporting youth, families, and justice partners in our community requires a team that is skilled, resilient, and connected. That is why we place a strong emphasis on staff development, wellbeing, and team building. This past year, we invested in a variety of initiatives designed to nurture both professional growth and workplace connection. Examples include:

- › **Professional Development Opportunities** – Staff participated in specialized training in trauma-informed practice, youth mental health, and alternative dispute resolution, ensuring our services remain evidence-based and current.
- › **Team Building Retreats and Activities** – From our agency-wide staff retreat to smaller team gatherings, we created intentional spaces for staff to connect, reflect, and collaborate outside of day-to-day routines.
- › **Wellbeing Supports** – Recognizing the emotional intensity of our work, we built in supports such as clinical supervision, peer consultation, and access to wellness resources to help staff manage stress and sustain their commitment.
- › **Celebrations and Milestones** – We took time to acknowledge staff contributions and milestones, whether welcoming new team members, celebrating retirements, or recognizing long service and achievements.



These efforts not only strengthen relationships across programs but also reinforce our culture of collaboration, compassion, and excellence. By supporting our staff and investing in team cohesion, LFCC ensures that our workforce feels valued, connected, and equipped to provide the highest level of care to the children, youth, and families we serve.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to creating opportunities for staff to learn, grow, and thrive together. Our people are the heart of LFCC, and by investing in them, we invest in the future of our organization and the community we serve.

2025 Post-Secondary Partnerships and Student Practicum Placements



At the London Family Court Clinic (LFCC), we are deeply committed to fostering the next generation of professionals who will serve children, youth, and families in our community. One of the ways we achieve this is through our strong partnerships with local post-secondary institutions, offering practicum placements that provide students with meaningful, hands-on experience in the field.

This past year, LFCC partnered with:

- › **Western University – Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology program**
- › **King's University College – Bachelor of Social Work program**
- › **Fanshawe College – Social Service Worker and Child and Youth Care programs**

These partnerships enrich both the students and LFCC. Students bring fresh perspectives, enthusiasm, and a strong desire to learn, while our staff offer mentorship, clinical supervision, and opportunities to apply academic knowledge to real-world settings. Practicum placements allow students to gain valuable experience in areas such as youth justice, child victim witness support, alternative dispute resolution, and counselling services, while developing the skills necessary for their future careers.

For LFCC, hosting students ensures that our agency remains connected to emerging best practices, strengthens our relationship with the academic community, and contributes to the sustainability of the sector by preparing skilled professionals to meet tomorrow's challenges.

We are proud to be a teaching site and grateful for the strong, collaborative relationships we have built with our post-secondary partners. Together, we are shaping a future workforce that is committed, compassionate, and prepared to support children, youth, and families across our community.

Canada Summer Jobs



Through the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program, LFCC welcomed two students in summer 2025:

Renicya Leitch and Paige Thuss. Their contributions strengthened our programs and supported youth and families in meaningful ways.

Renicya supported the Child Victim Witness Program (CVWP), assisting with intake, administration, and court support for children and youth. She gained valuable experience in court processes and working with young people in complex situations.

Paige joined the Youth Justice/Youth Therapeutic Court (YTC) Program as a Youth Justice Administrative Assistant. Her work included drafting diversion reports, attending court, and building a local resource database. This experience prepared her for her new role as Advocate at the Beacon House Child and Youth Advocacy Centre (CYAC).

These placements highlight the impact of CSJ in supporting students' career growth while strengthening LFCC's capacity to serve the community. We extend sincere thanks to the Government of Canada – Employment and Social Development Canada for their continued support.

Donor Recognition



The London Family Court Clinic is deeply grateful for the generosity of individuals, community groups, and organizations who support our work. These contributions directly strengthen our ability to provide innovative programs and services for children, youth, and families.

This past year, we were fortunate to receive support from:

- › **Sobeys** – whose donation of gift cards, provides direct support to youth and families accessing our programs. These gift cards help meet practical needs and ease financial pressures during difficult times
- › **Kiwanis Club** – for their generosity in supporting our Facility Dog Program. The Kiwanis Club has been supporting our Facility Dog Program since 2016
- › **Lutheran Social Services of London** – who also donated to our Facility Dog Program
- › **Lila** – who chose to donate to LFCC in lieu of receiving birthday gifts, a gesture of kindness and compassion that speaks volumes
- › **London Police Service** – who matched Lila's donation, amplifying the impact of her thoughtful contribution

Every gift, whether large or small, represents an investment in the wellbeing of our community's most vulnerable young people. We thank each donor for their trust in LFCC and their belief in the importance of our mission.

Board of Directors

It is difficult to express fully our appreciation for the expertise and commitment our board of directors brings to the table every month. Our President, Mary Ann Tucker, has been engaged with LFCC's board since 2012 and has led us through some difficult days of transition and growth over the years. The board works with compassion for our clients as their foundation for discussions, to ensure they provide a variety of perspectives to ensure services are delivered responsibly.



On behalf of the entire staff team, our clients, and the community at large, we thank you for sharing your time and expertise with our organization.

Mary Ann Tucker

President

George Skikos

Vice President

Helen Mahabir

Secretary/Treasurer

Kenna Dalrymple

Member

Samantha Skinner

Member

Bev Noble

Member

Joelene Bamford

Executive Director, LFCC

Consultant Spotlight

Celebrating the Contributions of Amanda Kerry

At the London Family Court Clinic, we are privileged to work alongside outstanding consultants who bring specialized expertise, compassion, and vision to the work we do with children, youth, and families. This year, we are proud to highlight the contributions of Amanda Kerry.

Amanda has played a key role in advancing our staff's professional growth and the quality of care we provide. Through her specialized training sessions and team development workshops, she has guided our staff in deepening their understanding of vicarious trauma—an issue that touches all those working in child and youth justice and victim services. Her work has not only given our team the tools to recognize and respond to the impact of vicarious trauma but has also fostered resilience, reflection, and stronger connections across our organization.

Beyond training, Amanda contributes her expertise as a valued member of LFCC's roster of psychologists. Her clinical insight and thoughtful approach are an important part of our service delivery, ensuring that young people and families benefit from the very best in assessment and consultation.



Amanda's commitment to collaboration and her passion for supporting those who support others exemplify the values that define LFCC. We are deeply grateful for her contributions and proud to spotlight her as part of our consultant team.