

## FACT SHEET

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

#### OUR MISSION

- We transform the lives of children, youth and their families by developing and delivering world class, innovative, evidence-based mental health programs.

#### OUR HISTORY

- CDI was officially formed in April 2004, through the merger of EarlsCourt Child and Family Centre and The Crèche Child and Family Centre in Toronto. These two "legacy" organizations each have a proud history of helping children and families and addressing community needs for over **100 years**.
- In 2014, CDI amalgamated with Integra Foundation, a leading children's mental health centre in the treatment of children and youth with learning disabilities and mental health issues (LDMH).

#### OUR PROGRAMS

- We deliver evidence-based programs in Toronto for children and youth ages 0-18, and their families.
- Programs span **four** service streams: Early Intervention, Family Violence, the Integra Program and Healthy Child Development.
- Our Early Intervention programs help children with social, emotional, or behavioural challenges and their families.
- Our Family Violence Services provide support for women and children who have experienced interpersonal violence (family violence, child physical/sexual abuse or trauma).
- Our Integra Program provides innovative, evidence-informed clinical services to children and youth ages 8 to 18 with diagnosed learning disabilities and mental health issues (LDMH) in Toronto; summer residential therapeutic programming to children and youth with LDMH ages 10 to 18 across Ontario; and LDMH prevention education.
- Our Healthy Child Development program provides young children with a healthy start in a child-focused, play-based early learning environment via five Early Learning Centres across Toronto and an Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centre.

#### OUR CLIENTS

- CDI serves over **3,000** children, youth and families annually from **118** neighbourhoods across Toronto. Children in CDI's programs report speaking **35** different primary languages, with the majority identifying "English" as their primary language.
- CDI receives referrals primarily from schools, parents and community agencies, including shelters and child protection agencies.

## OUR FUNDING

- The majority of our programs and services are available to children and families free of charge.
- CDI receives support from **three** levels of government, United Way Toronto, foundations, corporations and individual donors.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

- CDI is proud to be accredited through the Canadian Centre for Accreditation, a third-party review based on accepted organizational practices that promote ongoing quality improvement and responsive, effective community services.
- CDI services meet the quality standards of our municipal and provincial funding partners.
- We are a member of Children's Mental Health Ontario.
- Our licensed childcare centres meet the requirements of The Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014, and the standards set out by the Province and the City of Toronto Children's Services.
- CDI is a United Way Member Agency and meets their high standards for performance and accessibility.

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