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## Child Welfare Immigration CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Providing knowledge, guidance, and services to CASs regarding immigration and settlement issues facing children and youth in the child welfare system

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### About the Child Welfare Immigration Centre of Excellence

Peel Children's Aid and the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies have partnered to establish a Child Welfare Immigration Centre of Excellence (CWICE) – a new service to help Children's Aid Societies in Ontario with the increasing number of issues related to immigration status associated with the children and families serviced by children's aid societies.

The case for early and rapid resolution of immigration status issues for children and youth within the child welfare sector is clear. Resolving immigration status issues in a timely manner has the potential to make a very significant difference in the lives of children and youth to ensure they have access to services such as education and employment.

Changes and trends within the child welfare sector have solidified the need for a centralized Child Welfare Immigration Centre as a long-term solution.

- Increased need for equitable and culturally responsive services
- Increased awareness of children and immigration status issues
- Renewed interest in these issues
- Recognized need for a longer-term sustainable solution

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## Who will the Child Welfare Immigration Centre of Excellence serve?

Children and youth under 18 who are receiving services from a CAS in Ontario including children in care and/or children receiving kinship services

Youth 18 and over that are former crown wards or receive continued care and support from a CAS.

## Services provided by the Child Welfare Immigration Centre of Excellence will include:

Consultation and support for Ontario CASs managing complex child protection and immigration cases

Short-term interventions to assist children with immigration related status challenges

Raising awareness on the scope and importance of immigration status issues

Identifying and developing partnerships and protocols with local, provincial and federal partners to resolve immigration issues

Collecting data and facilitating research to promote an improved understanding of the scope of immigration issues across the Child Welfare Sector

Developing resources that can be used by CASs, children and families and former Crown Wards

## To learn more or make a referral please contact the Child Welfare Immigration Centre of Excellence:

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The CWICE opened on June 13, 2018.



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