



CWICE

Child Welfare Immigration Centre of Excellence

Providing knowledge, guidance, sustainable solutions and services to Children's Aid Societies regarding immigration and settlement issues facing children and youth in the child welfare system.

Resolving immigration status issues for children and youth in the child welfare system in a timely manner has the potential to make a very significant difference in their lives – ensuring they have equitable access to things like education and employment. Peel Children's Aid Society and the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies recognized this need, and partnered to establish the Child Welfare Immigration Centre of Excellence (CWICE) in 2018. CWICE is the first organization of its kind in Canada, offering specialized expertise in the intersection of child welfare and immigration.

Who does CWICE serve?

CWICE is here to assist children and youth under 18 who are receiving child welfare services in Ontario. This may include children in care or kinship arrangements, and/or families who are receiving ongoing support. Youth 18 and over who have left care and require CWICE services are also eligible for support.

CWICE is also available to provide consultation, resources and training to child welfare professionals across the province.



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How does CWICE help?

CWICE teams provide direct assistance to children, youth and families who are involved with the child welfare system, and dealing with unresolved immigration status or settlement/border-related issues. Staff may offer guidance on eligibility for citizenship, and connect children or families to immigration lawyers or settlement services.

CWICE is also a resource for the child welfare sector in Ontario, offering consultation and support for organizations managing complex child protection and immigration cases.



Our services include:

- Consultation and support for Ontario CASs managing complex child protection and immigration cases
- CWICE offers an 8-part Training Series Certificate Program for child welfare professionals
- 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, individuals or families

**To learn more or
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