FORWARD MOVING, FORWARD THINKING



# ANNUAL REPORT



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## Words from our President and CEO

In the 2022-2023 year, the world began the process of moving into recovery from the COVID pandemic, providing new opportunities for how we do our work moving forward. The human services and health sectors are built on a foundation of people who care and truly want to make meaningful and positive differences in peoples' lives and communities and the Canadian Accreditation Council (CAC) is honoured to support in these recovery processes. We believe that accreditation processes lead to organizations being at their best which in turn directly benefits the community members who interact with them. We have witnessed forward-moving ideas and innovations and forward thinking on new ways of operating in our sector and are thrilled to be part of the rebuilding forward.

In this reporting year, CAC completed a new Strategic Plan and began the process of redefining our Purpose and looking at better ways of being in service to our accreditation organizations and stakeholders. CAC also successfully completed our organizational accreditation through our accreditation body, ISQua (International Society for Quality Improvement) and we have begun the process of our 2023 Standards review (scheduled for release in December 2023).

The CAC Board and staff immensely value our relationships with CAC organizations and stakeholders, and we appreciate the reciprocal work we do together to ensure the highest standards of practice as we continue to lay strong foundations that contribute positively to people and community well-being and health. A special thanks to all of you for your hard work in moving forward and thinking forward attitude.

CAC is committed to building resilience, innovation, success, accountability and most importantly, the power of building strong relationships. We look forward to working alongside all CAC stakeholders and are very grateful for each of you and for your ongoing support – let's forge our way together to create the best world possible! Thanks, again!

Cheryl Whiskeyjack

**CAC Board President** 

**Chris Mahoney** 

**CAC Chief Executive Officer** 

# Our Accomplishments

#### Forward Moving, Forward Thinking

CAC continues to move forward in many important, purposeful ways. With the renewal of our Strategic Plan we are charting our path to the future and continued growth. We have successfully completed our organization accreditation through ISQua, the International Society for Quality Improvement, through their IEEA Program, and are working hard to complete the 2023 Edition of Standards for accreditation and release in December of 2023. As we move away from the pandemic we are building new and innovative ways to provide accreditation services to organizations across the country.



#### **Directional Growth and Accomplishments:**



Recruitment of new volunteers



New electronic tools



Able to be back in person



Increase in new applications



Building the 2023 Edition of Standards



Moving forward with our new Strategic Plan



Implementing a hybrid working model for the office



Organization accredited by ISQua IEEA Program



255

Programs granted accreditation

45

New Reviewers trained

**73** 

Applications for accreditation received

61

Onsite surveys completed



#### **Net Program Growth**

CAC has been continuing an upward trend in the number of programs in the process or accredited with CAC. As we all continue on the road to recovery from COVID-19, we are seeing more organization ready to move forward with accreditation, continuing our upwards movement.

### **Accredited Organizations**

We would like to congratulate the following organizations on achieving their accreditation this year.

Accessible Housing Society
Adeara Recovery Centre
Alta Care Resources Inc.
ANEW Centre for Healing
Ayimach Resources Inc.
Behavior Support and Family
Support

Ben Calf Robe Society BGC Wetaskiwin Boys & Girls Club of Airdrie Bridge to Care Inc. The Calgary John Howard Society Canadian Mental Health Association - Lethbridge Can-Care Homes For Youth Inc. CreeAtion Community Care Society Dreams of Hope Inc. Enviros Wilderness School Association Family Solutions Group Family Ties Association

Four Arrows Regional Health
Authority
Gambler First Nation Health
Centre
Grande Prairie Youth Emergency
Shelter Society
House of Rhythyms

I Have A Chance Support Services Ltd. *Inn from the Cold Society* Kainai Healing Lodge Centre Ka-Na-Chi-Hih Specialized Solvent Abuse Treatment Center Kapown Rehabilitation Centre Kasohkowew Child Wellness Society 2012 Kicawasimisinawak Wikiwaw Inc. Kokum's House Mariam's Footsteps Inc. Métis Calgary Family Services Society

Métis Capital Housing
Corporation
Nenqayni Wellness Centre
Society
North Wind Wellness Centre
Society
P.A.C.E (Providing Assistance

Counselling and Education on Sexual Assault and Abuse) Remsheg Care Group Home Corp. The Reverend Tommy Beardy Memorial Salvation Army, The - Edmonton Centre of Hope The SHARP Foundation Spirit Bear Group Home Ltd.

Spirit Bear Group Home Ltd
Town of Whitecourt
Tsow-Tun Le Lum Society
Westward Goals Support
Services Inc.

Worth Resolving Youth & Family Services

#### **Testimonials**

The CAC staff were always professional and courteous assisting us on multiple occasions preparing for our accreditation. The onsite review was done without causing any disruption to our organization. Anyone seeking accreditation, I would highly recommend utilizing the services of CAC.

-John Dugas, Executive Director, Courageous Companions The process from beginning to the end to accreditation went extremely well with guidance from CAC. The response time from CAC was amazing and with every request and question from NNHC, CAC was able to provide thorough guidance to help NNHC be successful.

-Dave Trudel, Interim Executive Director, Nimkee NupiGawagan Healing Centre

#### THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all of our volunteers for their ongoing support of CAC and stellar work. You have continued to provide your time and expertise to CAC and we appreciate it more than we can say. Without you we would not be the success we are today!

Here are some of the wonderful comments we have received about our volunteers.

What struck me was the helpful attitude of the CAC interviewers. It was clear they wanted to be very thorough, but were patient and understanding as we went through a long series of questions. It turned out to be a very positive experience for all concerned.

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The team was funny,
supportive and
compassionate, most of all
they connected with each
member of the team and
showed genuine interest in
who we are and what we do.

Thank you to all who were involved for making this accreditation such a positive experience!

The onsite team was exceptionally professional, clear on expectations and ensured all questions were answered. They were very supportive of the need to be somewhat flexible in the schedule to accommodate clients and staff shifting.

#### **Financial Summary**

For an up to date review of CAC's Financial Statements, please contact our Finance and HR Manager at lhayes@cacohs.com.

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