



# IODE CANADA EXPRESS NEWS

## *IODE 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grant Awarded* **YWCA Hamilton**

IODE Canada announced on IODE Founder's Day that the recipient of the 2023 IODE 100th Anniversary Grant is the YWCA in Hamilton, Ontario for their Virtual Supervised Parenting Program. The \$30,000 grant will alleviate risk to children who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing violence and abuse. The grant will allow the novel program of virtual supervised visits to continue allowing children and families to be safely connected.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, when in-person supervised parenting was not possible, they developed and implemented a virtual supervised parenting program. The program has been extremely successful and has also reduced barriers to supervised parenting, such as transportation/distance, risk of perpetrators meeting their co-parents/ other caretakers, and situations where in-person visitation poses too great a risk to the children involved. The program will begin in April 2023 with ten additional high risk families meeting virtually on a weekly basis. This Grant will allow a formal evaluation of the program to establish credibility, encourage ongoing funding as well as shared results to other organizations.

The YWCA is the thirteenth recipient of the IODE 100th Anniversary Grant and a total of \$305,000 has been awarded since the first grant was given in 2001. All IODE members should be proud of the difference the grant is making in our communities across Canada.

On behalf of IODE Canada  
Carole Yorke  
Chairman  
IODE 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grant Program

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