



RESOLUTION 2019-05

Support of Child and Youth Advocacy Centers in Ontario

Preamble:

Child Advocacy Centres in Ontario are seeking provincial funding and are requesting unanimous support from all police leaders and stakeholders in the development and sustainability of Child Advocacy Centres across Ontario in the protection of children and youth, and

WHEREAS child abuse including sexual and physical abuse, sex trafficking and sexual exploitation is a growing threat to the children of Ontario, and

WHEREAS lasting trauma for both child victims of abuse and those investigating child abuse crimes is evidenced, and

WHEREAS the Child Advocacy Centre model is internationally recognized as best practice in child abuse investigation, and

WHEREAS the Child Advocacy Centre model is proven to reduce trauma for both child victims of crime and investigative professionals.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police calls on the Government of Ontario to endorse and support the multidisciplinary approach of Child Advocacy Centres and to assist in providing adequate funding to support the development and sustainability of Child Advocacy Centres across Ontario.