



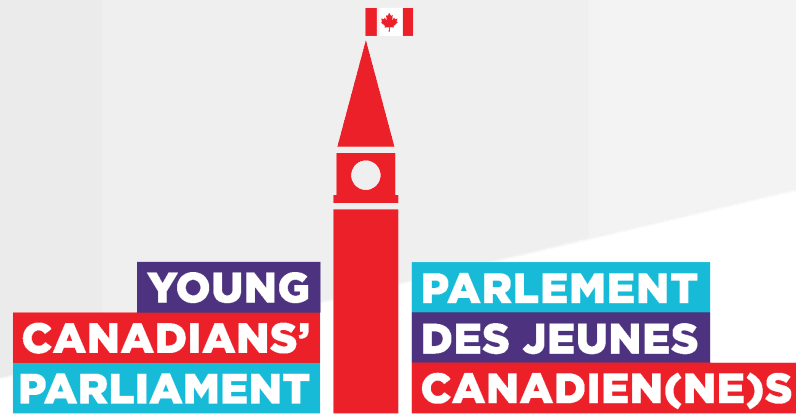
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The impact of COVID-19 on children and harnessing data to drive change

Sara Austin, Founder & CEO

CRAN Conference
February 2021





Year 1 Pilot:

- Met monthly from June – November 2020
- New sessions happening from January – March 2021
- Topics have included: mental health, food security, gender diversity, protection from violence, anti-Black racism
- “Get Ready” toolkits
- Report back to Parliamentarians
- Engaged MPs of all federal parties, several Ministers and members of the Senate
- Consultations on federal initiatives such as the State of Canada’s Youth Report and the Commissioner for Children and Youth
- School Resources for Elementary, Middle and High School

Year 2 Pilot:

- Launching soon!

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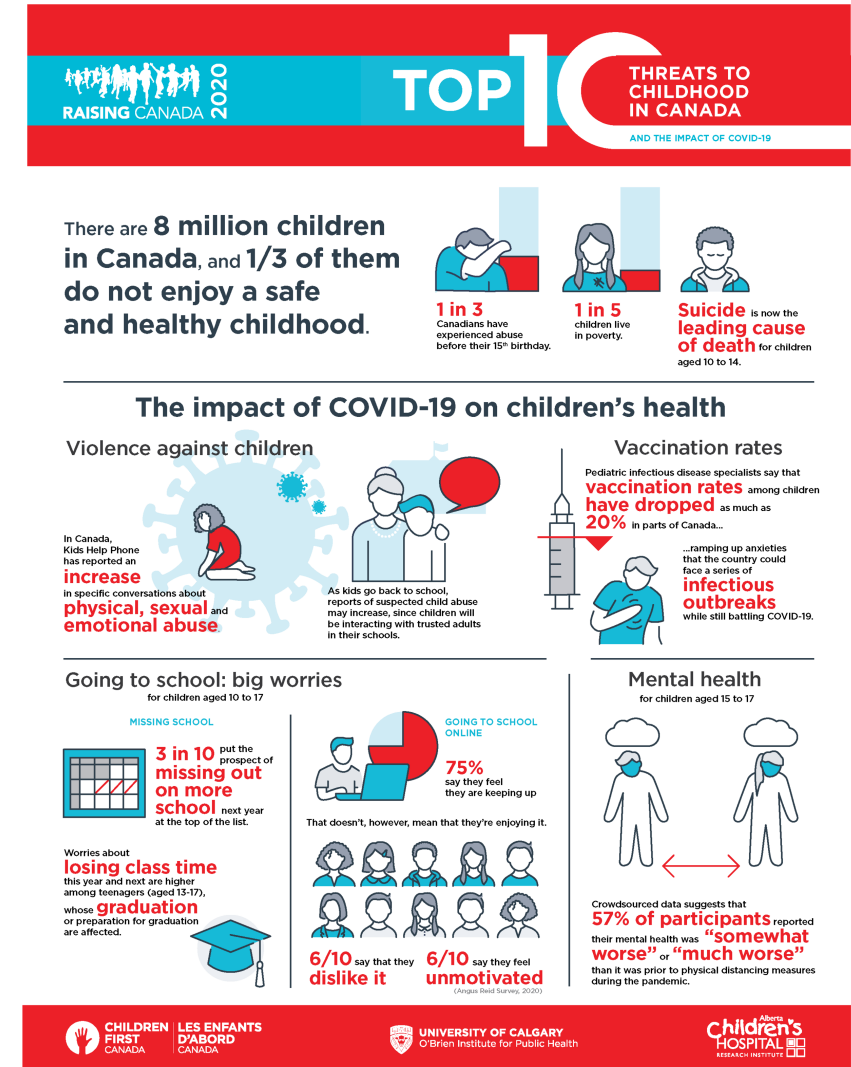
#1	Unintentional and preventable injuries
#2	Poor mental health
#3	Child abuse
#4	Poverty
#5	Infant mortality
#6	Physical inactivity
#7	Food insecurity
#8	Systemic racism and discrimination
#9	Vaccine-preventable illnesses
#10	Bullying



All top 10 threats to children are worsening, or at risk of worsening, as a result of the pandemic.

What's new in 2020?

- Child Rights lens for the top threats to childhood
- New threat added
 - Climate change
- Overlapping themes:
 - Inequity
 - Lack of access to childcare and education
 - Lack of access to health care and other human services





1

Federal Commissioner for
Children and Youth

2

National strategy to tackle
the top 10 threats to
children in Canada and
ensure the full protection
of children's rights

3

Children's Budget that
includes dedicated
resources to address the
top 10 threats to children
in Canada and mitigate
the impact of COVID-19
on children



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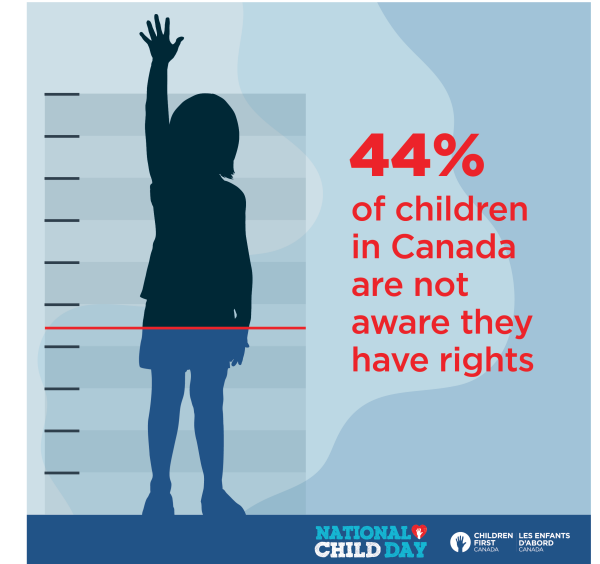
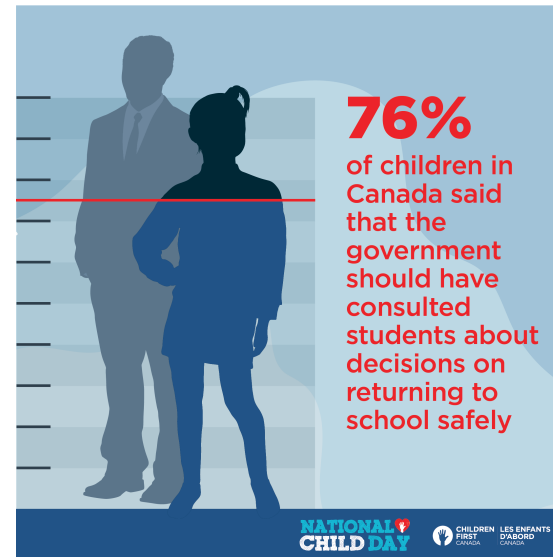
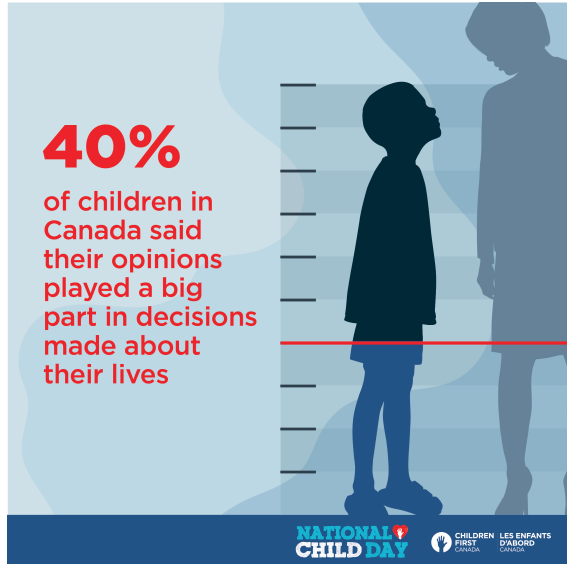
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BACK TO SCHOOL AND COVID-19: NEW POLL





- Co-hosted and produced with CBC Kids News
- More than 3000 children and youth engaged in National Child Day event and campaign!



New national poll with children



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LIFTING THE BURDEN ON KIDS



Innovative policy
solutions to mitigate
the impacts of
COVID-19 on children



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New policy tool will be launched on February 11, 2021

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