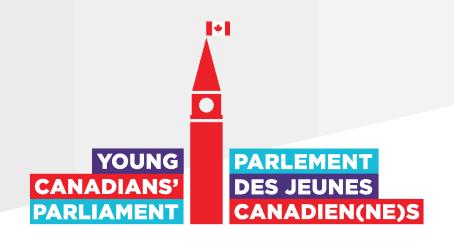


The impact of COVID-19 on children and harnessing data to drive change

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!





Unintentional and preventable injuries



Poor mental health



Child abuse



Poverty



Infant mortality



**Physical inactivity** 



Food insecurity



Systemic racism and discrimination



Vaccine-preventable illnesses



Bullying



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



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# 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







There are 8 million children in Canada, and 1/3 of them do not enjoy a safe and healthy childhood.



Canadians have





Suicide is now the leading cause of death for children

### The impact of COVID-19 on children's health





Vaccination rates Pediatric infectious disease specialists say that vaccination rates among children have dropped as much as 20% in parts of Canada.. ..ramping up anxieties infectious outbreaks while still battling COVID-19.

Going to school: big worries for children aged 10 to 17

MISSING SCHOOL



3 in 10 put the prospect o missing out on more school next year

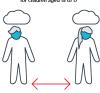
losing class time this year and next are higher among teenagers (aged 13-17), whose graduation



dislike it

unmotivated

Mental health for children aged 15 to 17



57% of participants reported their mental health was "somewhat worse" or "much worse" than it was prior to physical distancing measure during the pandemic.











Federal Commissioner for Children and Youth

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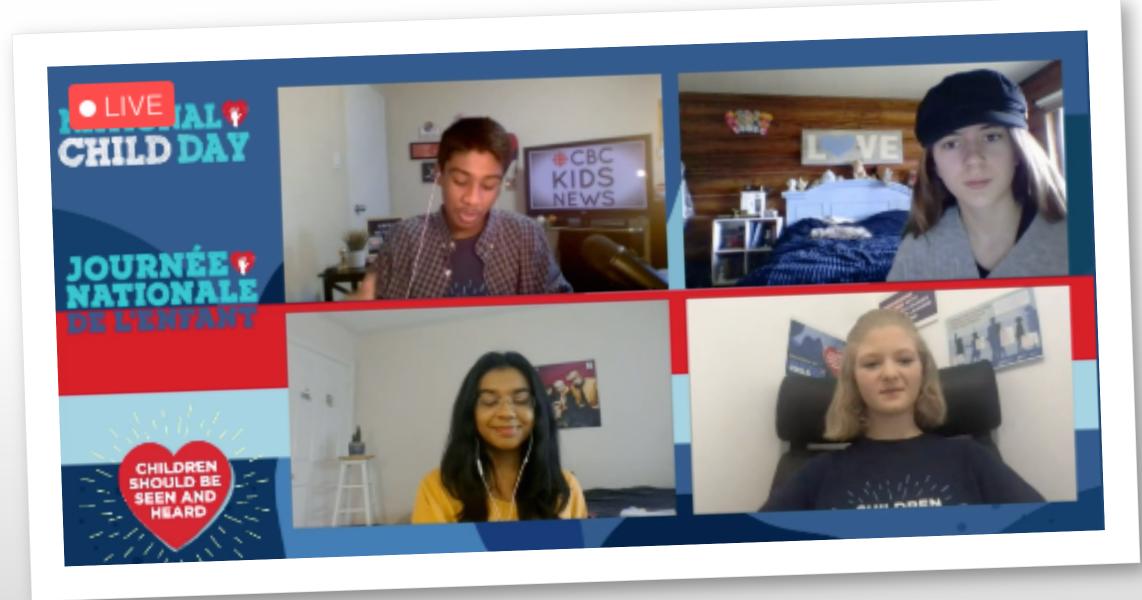
National strategy to tackle the top 10 threats to children in Canada and ensure the full protection of children's rights 3

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

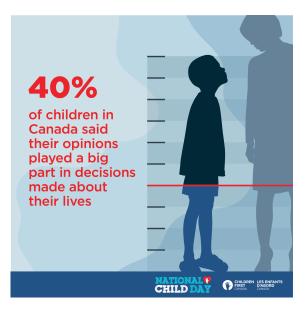


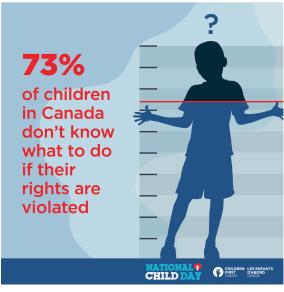


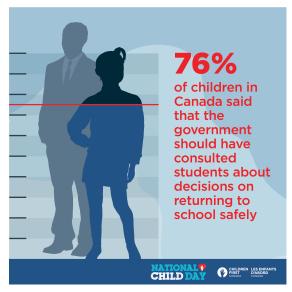
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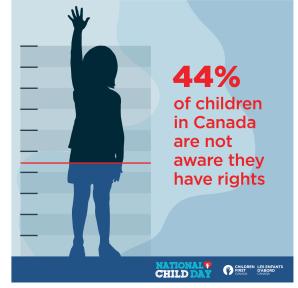


- Co-hosted and produced with CBC Kids News
- More than 3000 children and youth engaged in National Child Day event and campaign!









# New national poll with children





# LIFTING THE BURDEN ON KIDS Innessolu

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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