



**NSECDIS**

**Nova Scotia Early Childhood  
Development Intervention Services**  
**Annual Report 2019 -20**

# Message from Our Board Chair & Executive Director

Beverley Cooke, Board Chair

Patricia Monaghan, Executive Director

It is hard to believe that it has been five years since the first Board of Directors for *Nova Scotia Early Childhood Development Intervention Services* was formed. A lot has happened over the past five years to bring us to where we are today. Our Board of Directors and our NSECDIS team have worked hard to bring together 18 separate early intervention programs into one coordinated provincial organization to support families of young children with developmental delays in Nova Scotia. We have increased our reach to families over the past five years, expanding our services to include more embedded locations around the province, reaching out more effectively to many underserved populations and almost doubling the number of children and families we are currently supporting compared to five years ago!

This has only been made possible through the commitment and dedication of our NSECDIS staff and the ongoing support of our Board of Directors and the provincial Department of Education & Early Childhood Development. We are so grateful for our amazing team of professionals who are committed to supporting families and who have

patiently navigated through the many changes that have taken place over the past five years as we worked to streamline our services and improve consistency and access across the province. Our recent change to remote service delivery during this current global pandemic has been yet another interesting challenge for our staff to navigate through. We appreciate how each member of our NSECDIS team have stepped in to support families during this uncertain time and have adjusted to new ways of delivering support.

As an organization, we are still in the early stages of our development and we look forward to the next stages ahead as we continue to work to strengthen and improve supports and services for families of young children with developmental delays in Nova Scotia. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy 2020-21.

*"Coming together is a beginning,  
keeping together is progress, working  
together is success."*

- Henry Ford

# OUR MISSION

*Working together to support families of young children with developmental delays in Nova Scotia*



# Our Core Services

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**CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
SUPPORT**



**FAMILY SUPPORT & CAPACITY  
BUILDING**



**CASE COORDINATION &  
PARTNERSHIPS**



**TRANSITION SUPPORT**



**NSECDis**

**CELEBRATING 5 YEARS!**

**2015 -2020**

# INCREASING ACCESS FOR FAMILIES

Since our launch on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, NSECDIS has made tremendous strides towards increasing families' access to early childhood development intervention services in Nova Scotia.



A blue-tinted photograph of two young boys. The boy on the left is leaning in and hugging the boy on the right. Both are smiling. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a classroom or school setting.

## Increase in children served

1076 children on caseload in October 2015  
2082 children on caseload in October 2019

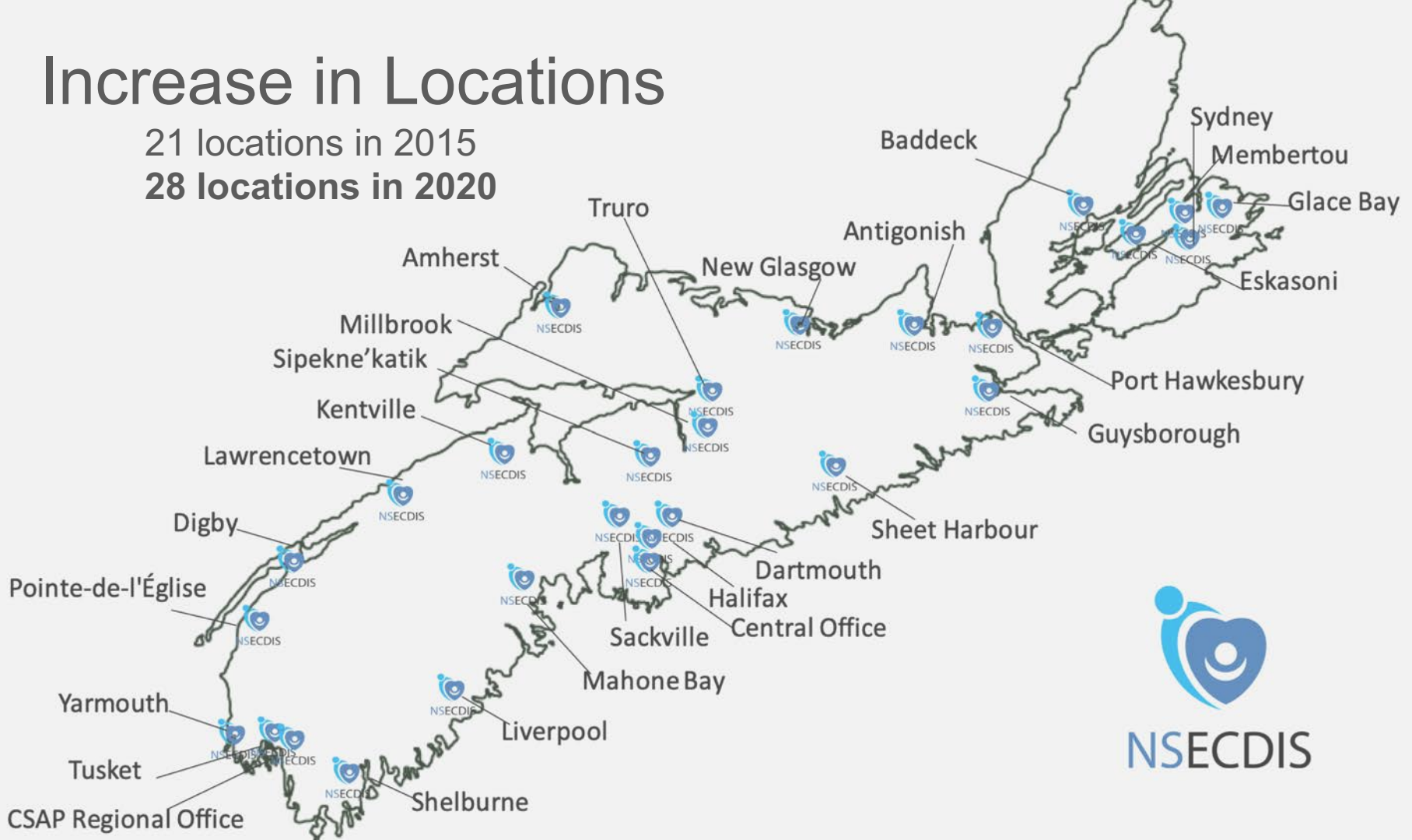
93%

Increase  
since 2015

# Increase in Locations

21 locations in 2015

**28 locations in 2020**





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## Increase in Our Reach

199%

Increase in our reach  
to families who identify  
as  
**First Nations/Inuit**  
since 2015

168%

Increase in our reach  
to families who identify  
as  
**Acadian/Francophone**  
since 2015

216%

Increase in our reach  
to families who identify  
as  
**African Nova Scotian**  
since 2015

221%

Increase in our reach  
to families who identify  
as a  
**New Immigrant**  
since 2015



## Increase in Languages Offered

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- English
- French
- Mi'kmaq
- Arabic
- Mandarin
- Cantonese
- Russian
- Hebrew



# 27%

## Increase in our staffing

2015 = 58 Developmental  
Interventionists

2020 = 73.5 Developmental  
Interventionists



# 2019-20

## A YEAR IN REVIEW

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A look back on the past year





2983

Children and their families were served  
in 2019-20



1058

Children and their families were **referred** to NSECDIS in 2019-20



420

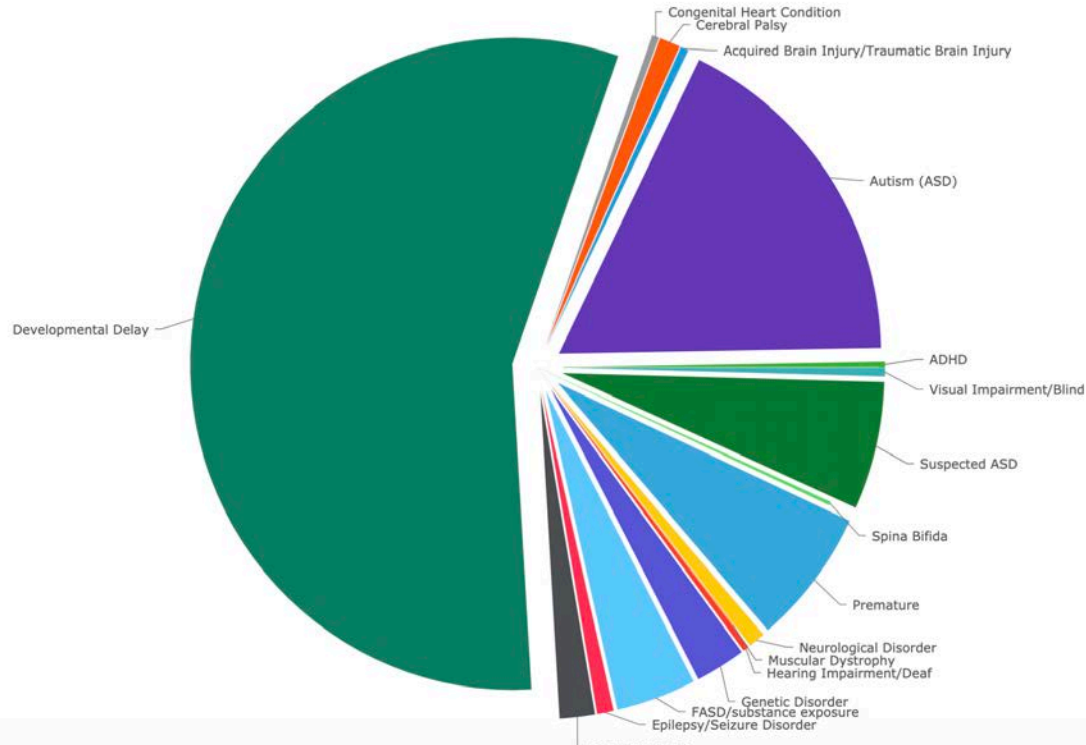
Children and their families were transitioned into **Pre-Primary** in the fall of 2019



417

Children and their families were transitioned into **Primary** in the fall of 2019

# Our Children Served



<b>Developmental Delay</b>	<b>56.26%</b>
<b>Autism Spectrum Disorder</b>	<b>17.53%</b>
<b>Premature</b>	<b>6.75%</b>
<b>Suspected ASD</b>	<b>6.35%</b>
<b>FASD/Substance Exposure</b>	<b>4.02%</b>
<b>Genetic Disorders</b>	<b>2.53%</b>
<b>Down Syndrome</b>	<b>1.77%</b>
<b>Cerebral Palsy</b>	<b>1.06%</b>
<b>Neurological Disorder</b>	<b>0.90%</b>
<b>Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder</b>	<b>0.83%</b>
<b>Visual Impairment/Blind</b>	<b>0.43%</b>
<b>Acquired Brain Injury</b>	<b>0.43%</b>
<b>Hearing Impairment/Deaf</b>	<b>0.30%</b>
<b>Congenital Heart Condition</b>	<b>0.35%</b>
<b>Muscular Dystrophy</b>	<b>0.30%</b>
<b>ADHD</b>	<b>0.07%</b>
<b>Spina Bifida</b>	<b>0.18%</b>

# Our Programs



## HOME VISITING

**11,772** hours of home visits were provided in 2019-20

**2008** hours of phone/email/text consultations were provided



## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

**5188** hours of community consultations were provided

**266** childcare programs (licensed and unlicensed) were supported



## CASE COORDINATION

**1986** hours of team meetings were provided

**896** hours of clinic appointments were supported



# Our Programs continued



## TRANSITION SUPPORT

**417** children were transitioned into Primary

**420** children were transitioned into Pre-Primary



## PLAYGROUPS

**1117** hours of playgroups were facilitated by NSECDIS

Playgroups were offered in English, French and Arabic



## WORKSHOP FACILITATION

**510** hours of workshops on topics related to inclusion and child development were facilitated by NSECDIS staff for families and early childhood educators

# Additional Projects

2019-2020

## Pyramid Model Program

NSECDIS hosts the ***Coach Team Lead*** position for the NS Pyramid Model program. The Coach Team Lead supports the professional practice of 19 Pyramid Coaches serving 22 licensed childcare programs and 33 Pre-Primary programs. The NSECDIS Regional Directors have been trained as program Master Cadre and provide training to ECEs on the Pyramid Model modules.

## Positive Solutions for Families Project

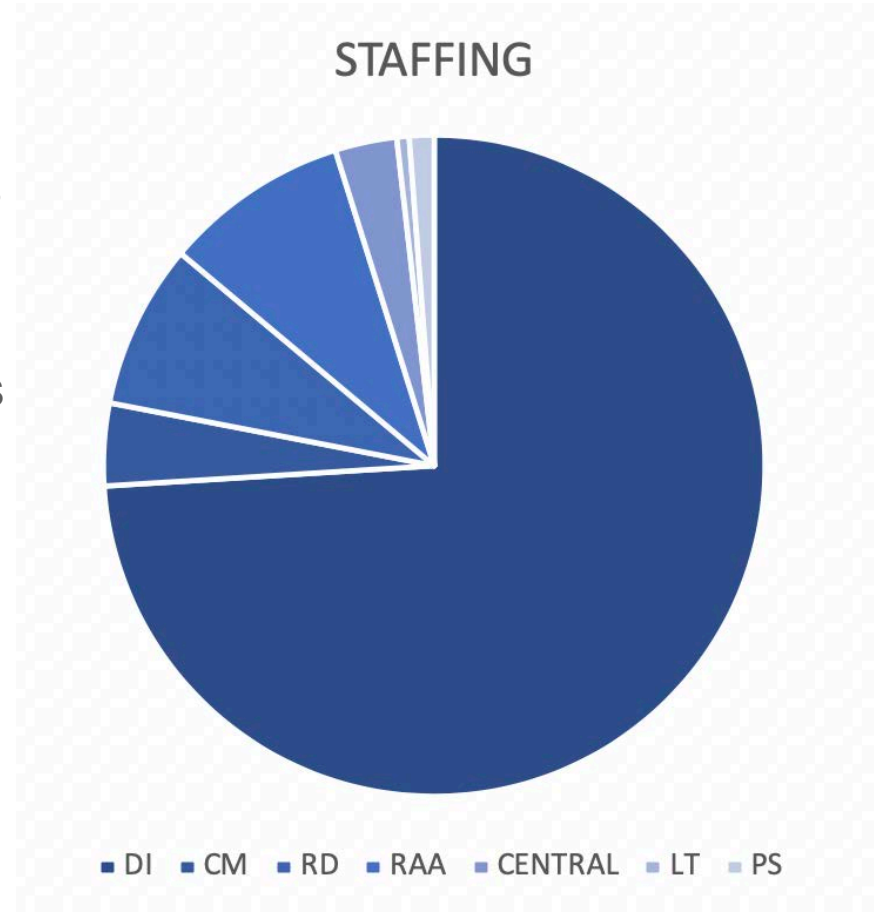
NSECDIS is leading the implementation of this user-friendly **workshop series for parents and caregivers** promoting positive and effective parenting skills to support social emotional development. This project is carried out in partnership with the MSVU Early Childhood Collaborative Research Centre and is funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada's Mental Health Promotion Innovation Fund (MHP-IF).

## NSBAP

NSECDIS is supporting the NS Before & After Program with the development and province-wide facilitation of a workshop module supporting ***Diversity & Inclusion*** in group settings. NSECDIS Developmental Interventionists deliver this quality inclusive training to enhance the skills and knowledge of NSBAP program leaders and supervisors.

# OUR NSECDIS TEAM

**73.5 FTE** DEVELOPMENTAL INTERVENTIONISTS  
**4 FTE** CASELOAD MANAGERS  
**8 FTE** REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
**9 FTE** REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS  
**1 FTE** ACCOUNTING CLERK  
**1 FTE** EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
**1 FTE** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
**.6 FTE** LIBRARY TECHNICIAN  
**1.2 FTE** PROJECT STAFF



# MORE ABOUT OUR TEAM



## COMMITMENT TO PARTNERSHIPS

Our staff carried out **1221** hours of committee work to strengthen community partnerships and support program development in 2019-20.

Our staff participated in **577** hours of Public Relations events to promote our services in the community.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our staff attended **4982** hours of professional development.

Our staff supported each other with **590** hours of mentoring in 2019-20..

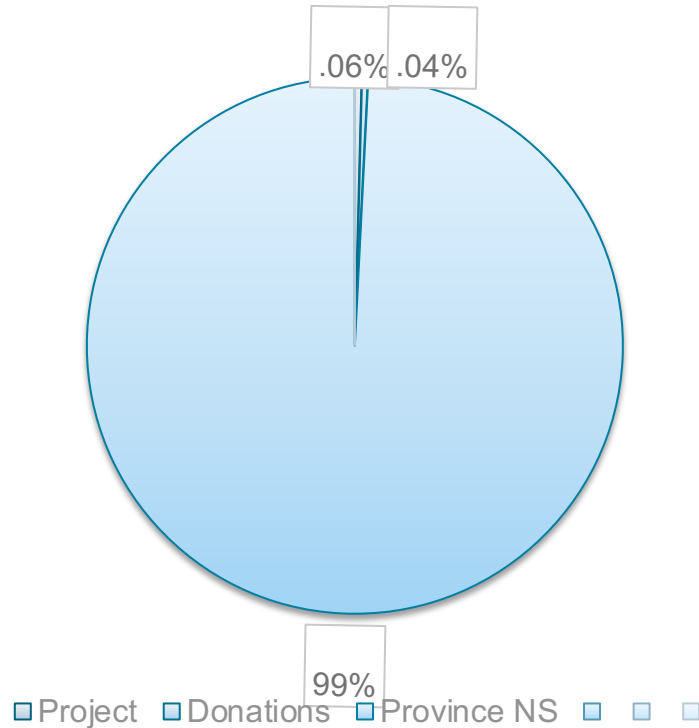


## TRAVEL

Our staff travelled **457,240** kms to reach families in Nova Scotia.

Our staff spent **8971** hours travelling in the community to provide services.

# OUR FINANCIALS

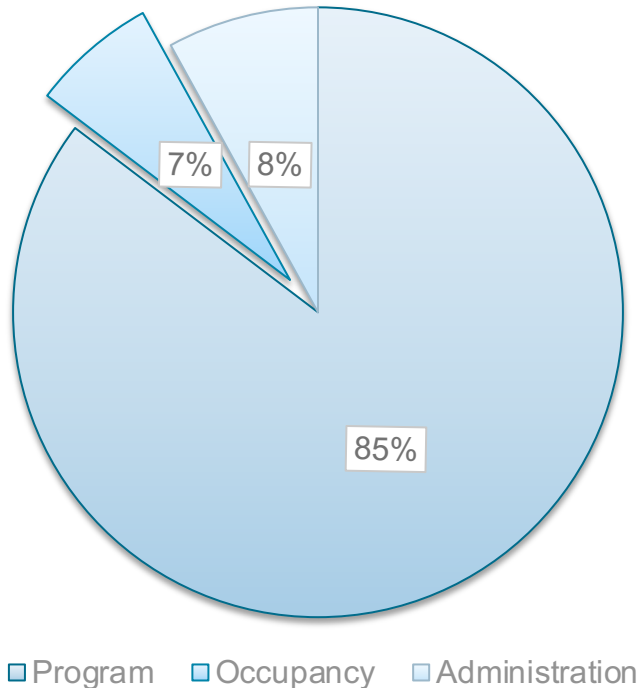


## REVENUE

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA	\$ 5,789,539
PROJECT FUNDING	\$ 16,962
DONATIONS	\$ 23,729
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 5,830,230</b>

# OUR FINANCIALS

## EXPENSES



PROGRAM	\$ 4,918,182
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 383,184
OCCUPANCY	\$ 462,382
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 5,763,767</b>

A surplus of \$110,813, remains at the end of this fiscal year. A backdated HST receivable of \$63,220 for mileage was also received this year, bringing the total year end surplus to \$174,033. The remaining Project Funds provided by the Province of NS will be carried over into the 2020-21 fiscal year. NSECDIS' Restricted Funds policy requires the distribution of remaining surplus into restricted funds to support operating/service delivery priorities that are not dependent on long term sustained funding.

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