



# Hospital Partner Reports 2020-21

## George Hull Centre for Children & Families

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The George Hull Centre for Children & Families has served the community of Etobicoke since 1985. The Centre hired a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion consultant and the management team engaged in workshops around DEI and unconscious bias. A staff advisory group and separate allyship group were created with entire staff trainings in smaller group cohorts scheduled in the fall 2021.

The Centre partnered with Central Toronto Youth Services (CTYS) for the RITES collaborative, an initiative that supports the empowerment of Black and African-Canadian youth between the ages of 13 and 17. RITES implements a strengths-based approach informed by evidence and research on the effects of racism, stress management and racial identity and incorporates various Africentric cultural, social value systems and practices.

The Centre is a community site for “Promoting Healthy Families: A Canadian Evaluation of Two Evidence-based Parenting Programs”, led by McMaster University, Dan Offord Centre for Child Studies’ research team. The study aims to implement and evaluate the effectiveness of Triple P – Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) and Circle of Security Parenting Program (COSPP), in promoting healthy family relationships, positive child outcomes and preventing child maltreatment.

On June 14, 2021, the George Hull Centre launched its Institute of Childhood Trauma and Attachment, with a 3 day virtual conference including internationally recognized speakers and experts. The Institute’s mission is to elevate practice and improve access to services for traumatized children, their families and communities through research, knowledge dissemination, and clinical practice

