

September 2, 2015

Laurie Bourne-Mackeigan
Manager
Assault Response & Care Centre

Dear Laurie,

RE: Assault Response & Care Centre 20th Anniversary

I would like to express my congratulations to the Assault Response & Care Centre (ARCC) for their 20th anniversary. ARCC is such an important and integral part of our community. As Executive Director of a community based children's mental health agency, I am too aware of the importance of early and effective intervention for those who are victims of assault. In the past, when working with children who have experienced trauma, we would often discover parents who were still experiencing their own trauma from an earlier assault, which would in turn impact their child's trauma and ability to help their child recover. With the timely and effective work provided by ARCC, this is fortunately decreasing. In addition, AARC takes an active role, through collaboration with other community agencies, in helping to ensure that our youth and families can thrive. We have been fortunate to have crossed paths with AARC in countless ways over the years, all of which have been to the betterment of the children, youth and families who we serve.

Once again, my utmost congratulations to the Assault Response and Care Centre for their 20th years of service to our community, and we look forward to continuing our excellent working relationship for years to come.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kapler
Executive Director
Children's Mental Health of Leeds and Grenville