

## Better Beginnings Vibrant Childhoods Empowered Youth

2022 Highlights

# Making a Difference



### Convene

We facilitate interdisciplinary collaborations and enable purposeful partnerships to strengthen research, mobilize knowledge and shape policy

#### Engage children, youth & families

*Engaging youth in a health research panel at Children's Healthcare Canada's annual conference*

**OBJECTIVE:** Host an all-youth panel presentation at a national conference focused on child health and attended by researchers, practitioners, policy makers, patient and family partners, and key stakeholders in our mandate area.

**OUTCOME:** 91% of conference attendees who responded to a post-conference poll Agreed or Strongly Agreed that panel members effectively conveyed their information.



### Champion

We fuel existing strengths, catalyze emerging areas and embrace a lifecycle approach to advance knowledge, address health inequities and inspire support for science

#### Advance research in areas of need & strength

*Understanding and mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children, youth and families in Canada*

**OBJECTIVE:** Improve the understanding, response, and recovery to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children, youth, and families in Canada.

**OUTCOME:** Catalyzed a \$10.5M investment that funded 70 projects covering a diversity of experiences and outcomes including mental health and wellbeing, social determinants of health, health behaviours, family dynamics, and use of programs and services.



### Capacity Build

We support diverse career pathways and strengthen key infrastructure to improve efficiency, amplify impact and nurture a thriving health research environment

#### Take a holistic approach to the career pathway

*Supporting Health Research Training Platforms*

**OBJECTIVE:** Support the development of interdisciplinary, inter-jurisdictional, and intersectoral research training platforms that will attract a diverse cadre of high-caliber trainees and early career researchers and equip them with the skills required for academic and non-academic careers.

**OUTCOME:** A \$31.1M investment over 6 years in 13 training platforms that will provide new training and development opportunities for early career researchers and trainees. One platform is fully funded by IHDCYH, 2 are partially supported by IHDCYH and many of the others address issues critical to children, youth and families.