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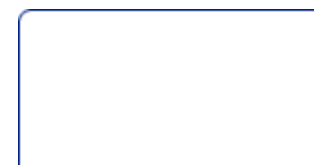
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(news-Harold)John LappaJennifer Giroux (left), executive board member of OPSEU and Claire Soucie, a resource worker with the local Children's Aid Society serve lemonade at Memorial Park on Monday as part of a fundraiser. See video at [www.thesudburystar.com](http://www.thesudburystar.com)

It was a nippy day to be selling icy-cold lemonade in Memorial Park, but that didn't bother a handful of local Children's Aid Society employees one bit.

"Our philosophy is that every penny counts," said child protection worker Jennifer Giroux, about the Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 668 "Lemon-Aid for Child Welfare" stand set up during the lunch hour.

"If we can write a cheque for \$5.74, it says something."

The lemonade stand was one of five fundraisers set up in cities across Ontario on Monday in response to comments by Child and Youth Services Minister Laurel Broten.

Broten suggested CAS employees do some fundraising if they were so concerned about the fate of Children's Aid Societies across the province.

Giroux, who is an executive board member of Region 6 with Local 668, said the problem with provincial funding of Children's Aid Societies is that it has remained frozen in recent years, even though changes have been made to child welfare laws that require more money to be spent and resources used to enforce them.

"They have added to the responsibilities, to the jobs that we do, but there is no additional money to the budget to get the job done," she said. "It really makes it a difficult task, not only for the workers, but the agencies themselves."

The Children's Aid Society of the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin employs about 180 members who belong to OPSEU Local 668.

Money raised at the event was destined for bursaries for CAS wards going on to postsecondary studies.

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Fundraisers were also held in London, Kitchener-Waterloo, Brockville and Cornwall.

According to the union's provincial office, 200 new directives came about when Queen's Park introduced amendments to the Child and Family Services Act in 2006.

But a failure to boost CAS funding has resulted in some agencies facing bankruptcy in 2009, while many others are facing operating deficits this year.

Some agencies have been forced to negotiate lines of credit with local banks simply to keep operating because of the failure of the government to adequately fund their programs, the union said.

Many of the programs delivered by the CAS are legislatively mandated, the OPSEU provincial office said. Yet, CAS offices have laid off workers, cut programs and, in some instances, forced employees to cover expenses.

Executive Director Colette Prevost, of the Sudbury and Manitoulin CAS, who is attending a conference in Toronto this week, declined comment on the fundraiser.

Prevost said the Sudbury and Manitoulin CAS had a budget deficit of about \$350,000 for the fiscal year, which just ended, but the province came up with some extra money to take care of it.

But for the 2010/11, she said, the society is forecasting a \$1-million deficit due in part to salary increases and additional costs for children in care.

Prevost declined to blame the projected deficit on the added responsibilities the societies have had to take on.

"The funding formula for child welfare is very complicated," she said. "It is currently being reviewed by the ministry, which we support."

Sudbury MPP Rick Bartolucci said the Liberal government has increased, not cut or maintained, funding to the province's 53 Children's Aid Societies in recent years.

"In Sudbury, in the last 10 years, the funding to our Children's Aid Society increased by \$18.9 million, an increase of approximately 110.6 or 111%," he said.

"Between 2003 and 2009, the funding allocated to the 53 Children's Aid Societies grew by \$350 million, which is an increase of 30%. That's across the province."

Bartolucci said funding went up while factors such as the number of children in care grew by less than 1% -- and there was a 2% drop in investigations by the societies.

"So, the funding we have been giving to the Children's Aid Societies is a lot greater than the service increases."

Bartolucci said the three-person provincial commission assigned to look into the budgetary problems with Ontario's Children's Aid Societies is scheduled to report back with its findings this summer.

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I wouldn't even flip this organization a penny that I found in a sewer.

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Post #1 By [bulshoy](#), 23 hours ago | 3 Votes | Vote:



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Post #2 By [lanny](#), 23 hours ago | 0 Votes | Vote:



there are a number of employee's within this children's aid who are breaking the law to take children. To give this private NON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION more money without criminal investigations will be a crime against tax payers. We can paint them with the same brush because they are all sticking together. They have spent hundreds of thousands going after good parents and what you don't know will hurt us all. People are protesting for Ombudsman oversight over all 53 children's aid societies because there needs to be investigations about these crimes. All the CAS's and their high priced lobby group (paid for by our taxes) are fighting oversight for this very reason. No oversight no money simple because we are not going to fund criminal organizations!!! take the bums off the sunshine list and send many of them were they belong.. prison.

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Post #3 By [Bill93](#), 22 hours ago | 3 Votes | Vote:



Ha! CAS itself deserves to be into the sewer. They have a good side as well as a dark side. Hidden are the numbers of children who are killed while in CAS per year. I had a nephew die while under CAS care. What about the numbers of children who are placed into foster care and are beaten or molested. Hell, in today's SS there is an article about a 16 year old girl who was impregnated by her foster father at the age of 14. CAS was trying to put a publication ban on that case. Organization like CAS should not be able to hide behind publication bans to conceal their negligence. Time for CAS to clean itself up be accountable for its misdeeds.

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Post #4 By [Valley\\_of\\_deth](#), 21 hours ago | 2 Votes | Vote:



These people are criminals and should not get a dime until we have oversight into there organization. Plus who are these people that there word is like God talking, and no one questions there actions on children and families. They have destroyed families because they have no accountability for there actions.They lie and when they should protect children they don't. I agree we will need them no doubt but lets make them accountable for there actions when in the wrong. We as taxes payers pay there wage and they should have to answer to the public.

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Post #5 By [I'm your CAS](#), 21 hours ago | 3 Votes | Vote:



There are some past tragedies that have happened to children while under CAS care and as horrible and saddening as that is, we must remember the blame goes to the people having done the act. I'm certain there are several strict policies and procedures that must be followed when a child is removed from a abusive home and subsequently placed in foster care. Unfortunately sometimes even the best polices and checks don't uncover the people who would pose as good people. As sad as that is, it a fact.

The CAS as a whole does do good in keeping children safe. As always, there will be those who disagree, however, more children are safe because CAS does exist.

People criticize CAS, but these are the same people who regularly send their children to church where statistically there is a higher chance that they will be molested or abused.

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Post #6 By [T-Bone17](#), 20 hours ago | -1 Votes | Vote:

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T-bone can you site any government references for your information that they do more good? The concept of CAS is what we place all our hope in..

Anyone making public statements that most of their cases are substantiated is making a false statement. Most parents that become involved are completely 100% innocent of any accusations and children in care are more likely to fail that's a fact that not even CAS's lobby group can put a spin on.

The fact of the matter is that they hurt or interfere with 53% of families they become involved with and that does more harm than good. There have been criminal acts committed by employee's at the Sudbury Children's Aid Society it's also been proven in court that they attacked innocent people. We need more investigations to get the rest of the bad apples out who are supported by their co-workers. If you stick together you become part of the same canvas and we shall paint you all with the same brush. I promise oversight is the only way and it will prove they are not what you think.

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The Children Aid Society of Sudbury needs to be investigated. CAS workers created their own workload conspiring with CAS lawyers to create cases aagainst innocent parent...committing perjury etc. There are a few judges on the take too. This is the child protection racket. Heres some info regarding Sudbury CAS....

2009 Registered Charity Information Return for CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICTS OF SUDBURY AND MANITOULIN

Total revenue (add line 4500, 4510 to 4580, and 4600 to 4650) 4700 \$ 37,677,751

Travel and vehicle expenses 4810 \$ 1,881,217

Total expenditure on all compensation (enter the amount reported at line 390 in Schedule3 if applicable) 4880 \$ 17,244,846

Other expenditures not included in the amounts above 4920 \$ 15,214,106

Total expenditures on management and administration 5010 \$ 3,337,930

a) Enter the number of permanent, full-time, compensated positions in the fiscal period. (This number should represent the number of positions the charity had including both managerial positions and others, and should not include independent contractors.) 300

230 Employees

3 What was the charity's total expenditure on all compensation in the fiscal period? 390 \$ 17,244,846

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Minister Broten suggested CAS employees do some fundraising if they were so concerned about the fate of Children's Aid Societies across the province...,even though our own MP Bubbles said that funding over the years increased and services were down.

The Children's Aid Society of the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin employs about 180 members who belong to OPSEU Local 668...According to 2009 income tax return CAS employs 230 and 17 million went to wages while management received over 3 million in compensation!

Prevost said the Sudbury and Manitoulin CAS had a budget deficit of about \$350,000 for the fiscal year, which just ended, but the province came up with some extra money to take care of it....Yes Bubbles is taking care of it alright... he ignores what's happening in this community, and funds a terrorist group like CAS. I wonder who has been contributing to his re-election campaign for the last 10 years?

Bubbles says.. "In Sudbury, in the last 10 years, the funding to our Children's Aid Society increased by \$18.9 million, an increase of approximately 110.6 or 111%," he said. Nahhh....nothing wrong here eh? Money's going to a select few who share the wealth among themselves...all at the expense of families, tax payers and children. MPP Barto does not support Ombudsman oversight for obvious reasons.

Bartolucci said funding went up while factors such as the number of children in care grew by less than 1% -- and there was a 2% drop in investigations by the societies....Bet wages for management, CAS lawyers and contributions to Barto went up to.


"So, the funding we have been giving to the Children's Aid Societies is a lot greater than the service increases." ....

Again, keep funding the terrorists. A publically funded charity accountable to nobody. How can this public organization keep from the public the dates and times of their monthly board meetings? Ever other CAS publishes this information on their website. Why not Sudbury CAS?

Bartolucci said the three-person provincial commission assigned to look into the budgetary problems with Ontario's Children's Aid Societies is scheduled to report back with its findings this summer. Ya right...a Liberal provincial commission to cover up the abuses of CAS....now your government is getting rid of Ombudsman Andre Marin? I say its time to get rid of Barto and the liberal government.

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Bill93, I will ask you the same question, show me the government references or stats supporting your claim. Unfortunately, references and stats of this nature tend to be played and spun to suit either sides position.

I have no doubt that there have been cases involving CAS that have not had favourable results for

 families and maybe have even been unfair in some cases. As unfortunate and sad as that is, I have to believe that that is the minority of cases and not the majority.

I've read some of the "facts" and information on different sites regarding CAS and if you believe what they say then you have to believe that every person in the legal system, from the child case worker, the doctors, the psychologists, the lawyers, and the family court judges are all involved in this conspiracy of the CAS to take children away from their families. This simply cannot and is not true.

I do not worry about "becoming part of the same canvas and being painted by you all with the same brush." I go by what I know and see and form my own opinions.


How many people who stand so strong against the CAS have valid cases and are not people who in some respect had become involved with them because of some form of wrong-doing on their own end?

I know many CAS protection officers and I know how stressful it is for them to have to do what they do. They do it because in the end, they are honestly fighting for the children of our communities. I'm not saying that mistakes don't happen, because like anything else, I'm sure they do. Ultimately, we need to look at the parents first and why CAS became involved in the first place.

As I said before, you have more chance of your child being harmed sending him to a church than you do by having CAS involved.

Just my opinion.

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Post #11 By [T-Bone17](#), 19 hours ago | -2 Votes | Vote: 

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CAS is a private non-profit organization and as such should be looking at other ways to fund their operations. Government is not responsible for non-profits. At some point in history, CAS, the organisation that was set up to assist children, turned on the portion of society it was designed to protect. It is a classic case of perversion of power to the point where the only benefactors are those employed with the organization. (And I don't mean to use a sweeping brush here, because I know there are some who are trying and you are equally stressed by what is happening) But there is a circle of insidious individuals lie and fabricate nonsense to keep children in care. Accountability is the key. The average citizen would expect that strict measures are in place, but CAS Sudbury does not follow the guidelines established, is accountable to no one and makes up policies as it goes along. Stop the Insanity - deceit, reckless spending, and cover up of abuse. Kudos to the minister for telling CAS to fundraise. That is what all private non-profits are expected to do, so why should they be any different!

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Post #12 By [Gkokum64](#), 19 hours ago | 2 Votes | Vote: 

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T Bone...This simply cannot and is not true? How can you say that? have you met any parents affected? Have you gone over any evidence? Ever wonder why these workers, lawyers, judges, doctors etc dont sue for defamation? Could it be they dont want to go to PUBLIC court? Abuses happen in private CAS court. It sure must be stressful for these workers knowing they could face these parents some day in public...again if they were truthful, they wouldnt be stressed. CAS is getting involved more and more unnessessarily...even when parents are getting divorced. They develop theories to keep children from parents...NO evidence! Why CAS beomes involved? How about because one parent wants to prevent access to the other one? Is this just cause for CAS to become involved???


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Post #13 By [\\*MAXIMVS\\*](#), 18 hours ago | 2 Votes | Vote: 


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To those who think that CAS doesn't abuse families or take children away from good parents, you need to wake up and smell the coffee. They take children away from parents because "they have concerns" but never spell them out, or because the parents don't have an IQ of 125 or better, but function just fine in society. They took a child away that was born prematurely at home and EMS and

 police attended, mother almost died, child was dead and revived, had some broken bones, and CAS took child stating mother abused her. Don't believe me? I have the documents to prove it (not me, someone I know). Yes, CAS takes children to justify their pay cheques, all on the back of the tax payer. So if you support CAS, fine, you pay their wages. Until there is oversight of them, I won't

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Post #14 By [smilingrose](#), 18 hours ago | 2 Votes | Vote: 

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Who would let people become fosters parents that used to (and in my opinion still have) mental illness? Shame on you CAS. As for the 16 year old who is trying to expose the Foster Care system "You go Girl" you are a hero to many of us.

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Post #15 By [barometer](#), 18 hours ago | 2 Votes | Vote: 

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CAS is designed to give themselves more reason to get involved in people's lives. Especially with single adult parents. Why? It's obvious, it's their cash cow. No money, lack of education, easily manipulated and more kids more funding. Why is it when ever I've read a case file on line of CAS and or an actual case file it's the same story. Reminds of a flow chart with different templated letters. Pick one and just add a name. CAS once they have their claws on you, they're like a bull dog with a bone. They go to court and deny, deny, deny, and deny, even if proven guilty they will appeal again and again. Their sole goal is to financially and emotionally wear you down and they're very good at it. This agency should have more transparency. They should find further saving within the office. The lemonade stand is another good example of wasted tax dollars. They will have you believe they did all this on their lunch. I wonder how many waste man hours was put into a scheme at the office and how many meetings. Why don't you spend your time going over stationary use, car allowance and who as a car and do they really need it. Maybe to many bosses and not enough front line people. Just learn to do with less. Try and concentrate more on reuniting children with their families. Try being more efficient. Feel much better. TKS

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Post #16 By [rogerp](#), 18 hours ago | 2 Votes | Vote: 

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Good point rogerp..how many man hours was used coming up with a lemonade stand fund raiser? Better yet how many trips to the store to buy the lemons? I bet they would have raised more if they would have donated their wages for the same period of time. And don't be surprised if the tax payers paid for the lemons. I wouldn't drink their lemon-aid..they probably poisoned it in the water ! No Accountability NO MORE FUNDING !!

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Post #17 By [winchester](#), 15 hours ago | 2 Votes | Vote: 

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The Sudbury CAS is paying for lawyers to protect a pedophile and it's not the first time! pick your sides and I'll pick mine.. see you all outside the court house tomorrow!

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Post #18 By [Bill93](#), 14 hours ago | 2 Votes | Vote: 

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Is this a freakin joke, give the CAS more taxpayers money. So they can screw up more lives of children and families. Look at the generations of CAS clients, doesn't that speak volumes. Thanks to people like Mike Harris and others who took away the rights of our children to live without fear. They keep everything so secretive, because they don't want people to know they protect "alleged and now convicted pedophiles". They don't want you to know how many youth commit suicide while in foster care, and how many youth sign themselves out as soon as possible and live homeless or on they streets, rather than be bullied by the CAS. It is a joke, but not a very funny one!!

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Post #19 By [TaniaVanNorman](#), 9 hours ago | 2 Votes | Vote:



I'll be at the Rally to support this incredible young person and pray that another pedophile gets the maximum sentence, sick bastard. Why wasn't the foster mom charged, and wasn't the Chief of Police, Chief Davidson sitting on the CAS board at that time?!?!? LAW suits more and more lawsuits, that is why they need more money to hire lawyers to continue to abuse these poor victims. Go girl go, you sue the CAS for all they have, then you start a charity to help victims of CAS!!

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Post #20 By [TaniaVanNorman](#), 9 hours ago | 1 Votes | Vote:



All of the 53 CAS agencies are REFUSING Ombudsman oversight in this Province. A rash of lawsuits are all across Ontario against them for horrific cases of abuse. These agencies are unaccountable, irresponsible, and totally out of control.

McGuinty is also REFUSING to do something about them.

Funny that such a sour, bitter organization is orchestrating a lemonade stand, and frankly ridiculous.

There is a three member panel to study their funding. Including a former board member of Toronto CAS an agency cited for going on trips to Jamaica when kids were being killed. CAS needs a full blown audit by the Ontario Auditor, not a three stooge committee that simply wants to fund them more.

They also need a criminal investigation and the Ontario Ombudsman and oversight too.

That a 16 year old girl has to tell these despicable tyrants that a pedophile foster abuser should be reined in really says the whole thing doesn't it.

An OUTRAGE!

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Post #21 By [CAS oversight NOW!](#), 7 hours ago | 1 Votes | Vote:



Check out the CAS executives on the Ontario Sunshine list. It might clue people in as to where the money is going eh, CAS? To your fat cat executives, not to children, children are at the bottom of this Godforsaken rotten organization.

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How many kids killed in your care this year CAS?  
What are you hiding?????????

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After reading "Victim concerned for foster children " it makes me sick to even think of WHY the CAS fought so hard to keep a ban on this story. They claimed it was to protect other children that had been placed in this mans home in the past, What a JOKE ! Whats the chance that they continued to place children in this mans home after this young girl was "impregnated" RAPED!! And how many other young girls gave birth while in this mans "care". It is absolutely heart wrenching to think a 11 year old girl was taken from her family for "protection and care" only to be molested by this dirty old man ! And for the CAS to now have the face to go to Court and ask for a ban on publishing his name is nothing short of criminal. This private organization needs to be shut down !

And that is the problem with the CAS..they will go to any lengths to cover their crimes against family. Anyone that supports the CAS needs a full mental evaluation. No doubt their biggest supporters are on the payroll somewheres along the CAS food chain.

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Post #24 By [winchester](#), 6 hours ago | 1 Votes | Vote:

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Where is the Ontario Government, why has Rick Bartolucci and city council ignoring my concerns about this agency for over 4 years, did Ward 8 Ted Callaghan who is on the board of directors and Executive Director Ashley Thompson approve legal fees with our taxes to protect a convicted child molester? Join us and rally against these people outside the Elm St. Court House Wednesday, June 9th at 9am!!! Who is protecting who??

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hill  
it  
is  
not

often  
I  
agree  
with  
the  
opposition  
MPs  
but  
this  
week  
I  
find

- **Next Offer Rejected**

by  
**USW**  
Many  
members  
of  
the  
USW  
have  
already  
decided  
to  
turn  
down  
the  
next  
offer.  
Along  
with  
both  
sides  
negotiating  
and  
supposedly  
wanting  
to  
settle  
this


- **DB or DC???**  
**What would you choose???**

Let's  
say  
we  
are  
given  
a  
contract  
to  
vote  
on

in  
the  
coming  
weeks.  
There's  
no  
doubt  
in  
my  
mind  
that  
the  
company  
will  
get

- **teacher's  
favorite ...**

i  
have  
never  
really  
known  
what  
the  
correct  
procedure  
was  
when  
it  
came  
to  
criticizing  
dear  
israel ...  
are  
we  
to  
treat  
her  
as

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these icons?**  
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  **Calendar**

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**Today**

- 2915 2nd Battalion Irish Regiment of Canada  
Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps
- Adult Learn-to-Row Program
- BOATING COURSES- CAPREOL SUDBURY ESPANOLA
- BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF GREATER SUDBURY
- Country Dance
- DONATE A KIDNEY SAVE A LIFE

- Holistic Well-being Support Group for Women
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- Pleasure Craft Operator Card safe boating course and exam
- Skate Exchange Asking for Gently Used Skates
- Sudbury and District Pipe Band
- Swiss Chalet's Dip 'n Win promotion

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