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We are excited to greet 2021 with the launch of new goals and an enhanced vision for African Canadian children, youth, families, and child welfare staff. Our team has been working hard to finalize new frameworks that will inform the child welfare sector from an anti-Black racism lens.

In the interim, please feel free to connect with us on the status and implementation of Practice Framework Part 3—we would love to hear from you! If you have not had a chance to review it already, you can access the Promising Practices and Implementation Toolkit [here](#). We also invite you to learn more about Phase III of the One Vision One Voice program through our [website](#).

Be well!

Keishia Facey
Project Manager
One Vision One Voice

POWERUP! Q&A WITH KEISHIA FACEY

With the second edition of our *PowerUp!* youth symposium taking place on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, we look forward to connecting with the Black/African Canadian youth across Ontario. In [the first episode of our OVOV PowerUp! podcast](#), Project Manager Keishia Facey answers a few questions about the upcoming virtual event:

1. *What is the purpose and importance of the PowerUp! symposium?*
2. *What outcomes are OVOV hoping to inspire through this event and provincial youth gathering?*
3. *What advances would you like to see after the PowerUp! symposium?*
4. *How can we stay engaged and sustain the collaborative spirit of PowerUp! within our communities?*



ONLINE YOUTH PORTAL

We are developing a new section of the OVOV website specifically for African Canadian children and youth. Please take a look, share the link, and let us know if you'd like to contribute and share through our new outlet! Here's the direct link to the portal:

- <http://go.oacas.org/e/529102/we-do-onevisiononevoice--tab-4/76k8v7/948321068?h=t51b4L60fuYnXiRblrnqxIXN2rNzZJpjzOc3k-c6Vq8>

YOUTUBE CHANNEL: A channel for African Canadian youth to share, create, celebrate, and educate!

Do you have any music, spoken word, poetry, creations, artwork, or storytelling that you'd like to contribute to our page? If so, please send us a message and we'll happily share your work!

TIKTOK PAGE: A video channel for African Canadian youth to dance, sing, share, and celebrate culture!

Share your duets and best dance moves! This channel is just for you, to contribute your most uplifting creations. Tag us or send us your original videos and we'll share your work!

ONE VISION ONE VOICE



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, February 10 | All-Black Staff Meeting at 2:00 p.m., please contact onevisiononevoice@oacas.org to register for this virtual gathering.

Wednesday, February 24 | PowerUp! youth symposium taking place from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration is taking place online; staff of Children's Aid Societies and Indigenous Child and Family Well-Being Agencies can register themselves and interested youth [here](#) before the end of the day on Wednesday, January 27.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Here are some of the initiatives we have been working on over the past few months:

- *African Canadian CW Staff Consultations (quarterly)*
- *African Canadian Leadership Mentoring Program for Child Welfare*
- *African Canadian Service Delivery Model*
- *Aunties and Uncles Program*
- *CAS Reference Group*
- *Community Chat (monthly)*
- *Provincial Advisory Committee*
- *Provincial Systems Roundtable for Child Welfare*

AFRICAN CANADIAN COMMUNITY CORNER

We invite you to share your events, webinars, discussions, and other activities with us, and we will happily communicate the information through our social media platforms.

If you're online, just tag us at **@1vision1voiceca**. If you'd like to send us an email, please send it to onevisiononevoice@oacas.org with links and information about your program, and let us know the following things about your group:

- ***Organization Name***
- ***Your Goals for the African Canadian Community***
- ***How the Community Can Support You***
- ***Contact Information***

CONTACT US

Stay connected with us as we progress through Phase III of One Vision One Voice. You can find us on all platforms at **@1vision1voiceca** or engage with the **#1vision1voice** hashtag.

Twitter: for community updates, announcements, and news

Facebook: for local/provincial/national sector news, community updates, and shared images (available for download)

Instagram: for One Vision One Voice facts and segments of our documents

Community Chat: Each month on the third Thursday, we'll be hosting an open virtual meeting where we can connect with one another—across various organizations—about potential collaborations, ideals, and collective initiatives. Please register via email at onevisiononevoice@oacas.org to receive an access link.



You are always welcome to contact Project Manager Keishia Facey by phone at 647-981-5256, or by email at onevisiononevoice@oacas.org.

With thanks,
OVOV Team

About the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies:

Since 1912, OACAS has represented Ontario's Children's Aid Societies in Ontario and provided service in the areas of government relations, communications, information management, education and training to advocate for the protection and well-being of children.

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