

Simcoe CAS Wins Gold!

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The Children's Aid Society of Simcoe County has been awarded **GOLD** status in the Healthy Workplace Award for their initiatives and focus on staff wellness.

This past June, Simcoe County CAS had the opportunity, along with all other workplaces in the County, to apply for a special **Healthy Workplace Award**.

This award is sponsored by the Simcoe County Workplace Wellness Network. There are three levels of awards; bronze, silver and gold. Never being an agency to shirk from a challenge Simcoe CAS' Health, Safety & Wellness Committee decided to go for **gold**. The CAS was competing with workplaces like the Royal Victoria Hospital, Simcoe-Muskoka Health Unit, Ministry of Natural Resources and the County of Simcoe who were also involved in trying to meet the criteria to be recognized in the gold category.

The CAS' submission focused on the wellness initiatives that had been undertaken in the past year, backed by proactive personnel policies and led by innovative work such as the Walk to Wawa (unique and effective), Anti-Oppression training and Enahtig Healing Lodge retreats (mental health and well-being).

The award will be presented to Simcoe CAS at a recognition ceremony on November 16th 2006.

Congratulations to all the staff at Simcoe for this significant achievement!