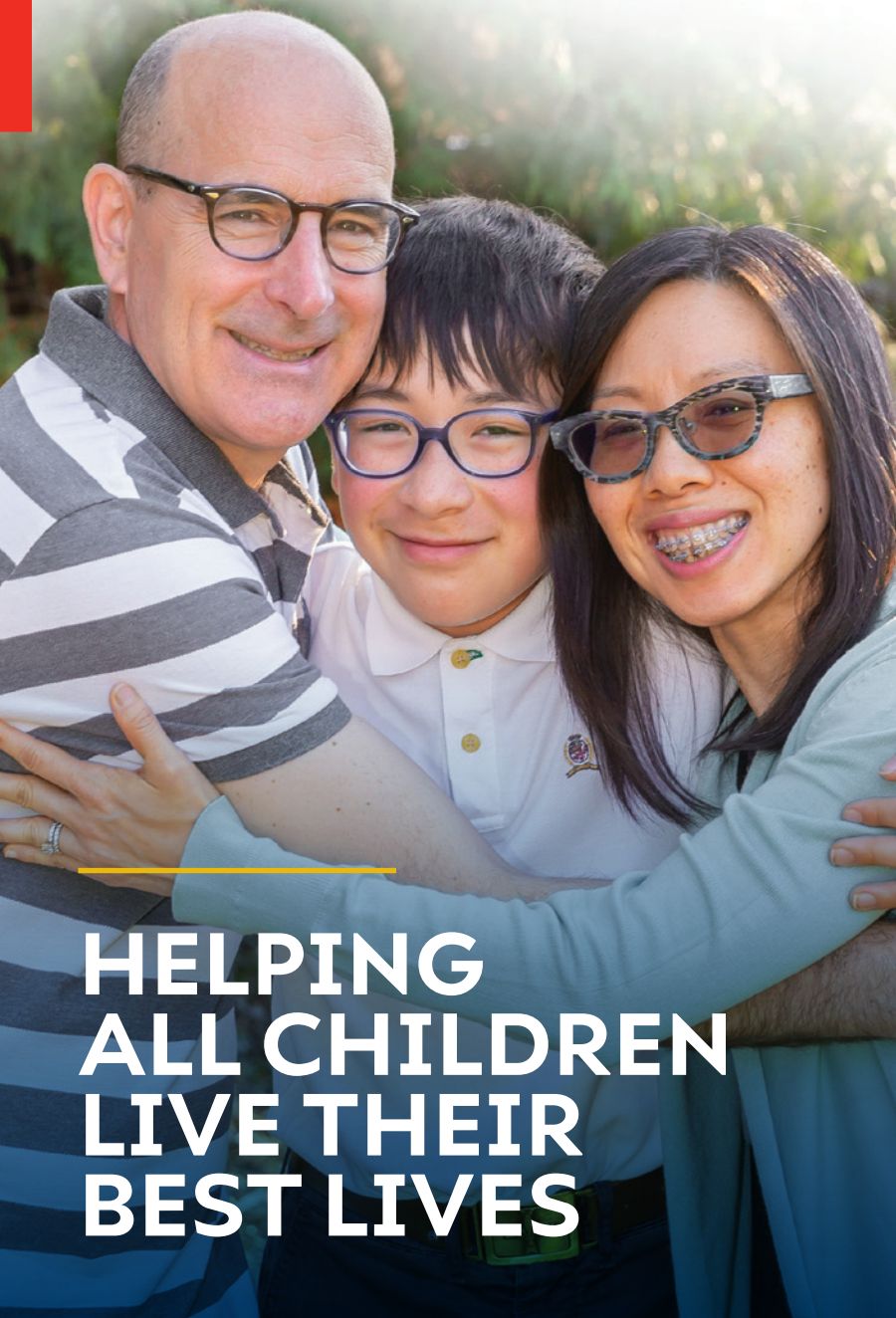




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**HELPING
ALL CHILDREN
LIVE THEIR
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WHO WE ARE

Kids Brain Health Network is a national network that develops and harnesses scientific advances in technologies, interventions and supports with the goal of helping children with neurodevelopmental disabilities and their families live their best lives.

Approximately 10% of Canadian children between the ages of 4 to 11 have a neurodevelopmental disability such as autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. Since 2010, Kids Brain Health Network (KBHN) has brought life-changing science directly to these families.



No other organization in Canada does what KBHN does. We move innovation into practice by working side by side with families, partners, funders and experts.

We identify and support the most promising new research in neurodevelopmental disabilities, evaluate new and effective treatments, and explore better ways to support children and their families.



The Fetal Alcohol Resource Program (FARP) for our family has been life changing—they have helped us through times where our family has been in crisis. For families like ours, whose children have amazing abilities and also unique needs, it really takes a village who can respond and support you. FARP has built that village for us.”

**TRACY, MOTHER OF THREE CHILDREN
LIVING WITH FASD**

MIMI'S STORY

When Mimi was diagnosed with autism at the age of two, she could barely communicate. Mimi's mother Jina enrolled her in the Social ABCs, a KBHN-funded program for toddlers showing social communication challenges and those with suspected or diagnosed autism.

Jina started to see changes in Mimi—and in herself—early in the program. Six weeks in, Mimi walked for the first time. Mimi now communicates through sounds, words and short sentences, skills that were nurtured through the Social ABCs program.

“Social ABCs had a huge impact on our entire family, grandparents included, on the way we parent Mimi,” says Jina. “For us, Social ABCs was this community of support, with people versed in autism who at the same time truly celebrated Mimi for who she is.”

Scan the QR code to learn more about Mimi and other children impacted by KBHN-funded programs.



WHAT WE DO

Our focus is in three key areas:

1

EARLY IDENTIFICATION

Children with neurodevelopmental disabilities are often not identified at a young age when interventions are most impactful. KBHN-funded research pushes diagnostic capacity into infancy to identify children with neurodevelopmental disabilities sooner.

2

EARLY INTERVENTION AND EFFECTIVE TREATMENT

KBHN works at the cutting edge of treatment to ensure all children and families have access to effective interventions and treatments

3

FAMILY SUPPORT

Research funded by KBHN identifies the most effective strategies to support parents and caregivers to reduce family stress, improve communication and access resources that help their children realize their full potential.



KBHN has been so important in our research. Through the funding we've received we've been able to modify, test and roll out the Better Nights, Better Days intervention that will help children with neurodevelopmental disabilities sleep better, have better lives and reach their fullest potential."

DR. SHELLY WEISS, KBHN RESEARCHER AND BETTER NIGHTS, BETTER DAYS PROGRAM CO-DEVELOPER

OUR IMPACT

(*as of 2023)



\$98+
million

invested in 200+ projects and research initiatives since 2010



700+
publications

from KBHN and its research programs since 2010, cited 15,000+ times



1000+
trainees

from diverse backgrounds have joined KBHN's National Training Program and have gone on to do impactful work in the neurodiversity space



270
collaborations

with partners and funders that support implementation and share our vision



4+
continents

are home to active KBHN-funded projects including North America, Australia, Africa and Asia

KBHN funds several evidence-based innovations and solutions ready for implementation. **Scan the QR code to learn more about our programs.**






The Kids Brain Health Network National Training Program has empowered me to make a difference in the lives of neurodiverse families, and has equipped me with the skills to do so.”

JEFFREY MCCROSSIN, KBHN TRAINEE AND PHD CANDIDATE,
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