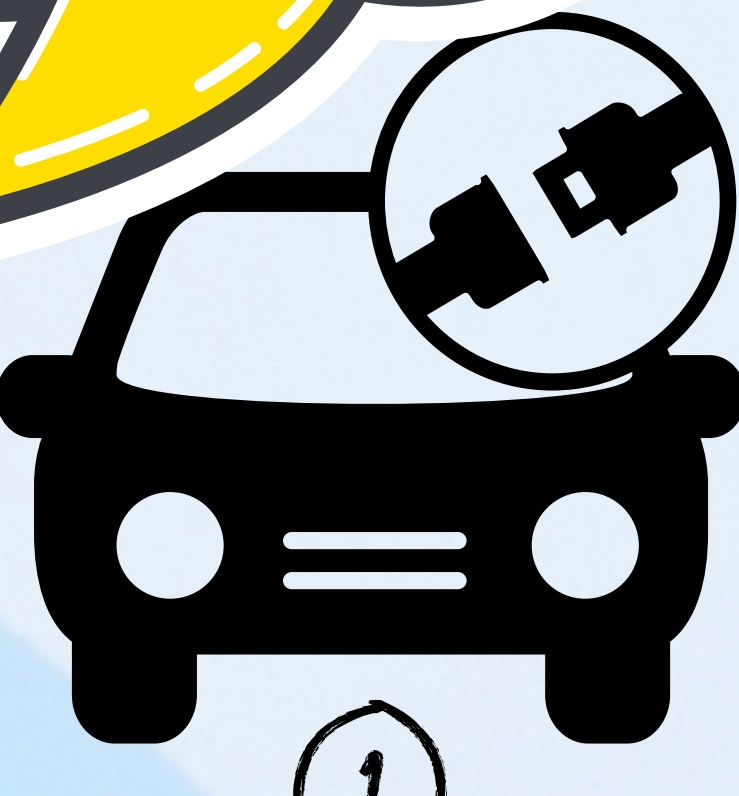


# CHILD-BRIGHT LIVED EXPERIENCE CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Lived Experience Citizen Engagement (CE) program is all about bringing researchers together with people with lived and living experience, through consultation and partnerships. Youth and parent/caregiver experiences can help co-design relevant and impactful research!

"Working with people with lived experiences should be as automatic as putting on your seatbelt when you get in the car. Join us on this journey through our Citizen Engagement Program!"  
-Sharon McCarry, Director, Citizen Engagement Program

**START**



70%  
Caregiver/  
Family  
Members

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30%  
Youth  
Members

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Carrie Costello,  
Parent-Liaison | Vice-Chair  
of the Citizen Engagement  
Program



6 Citizen Engagement Council (CEC)

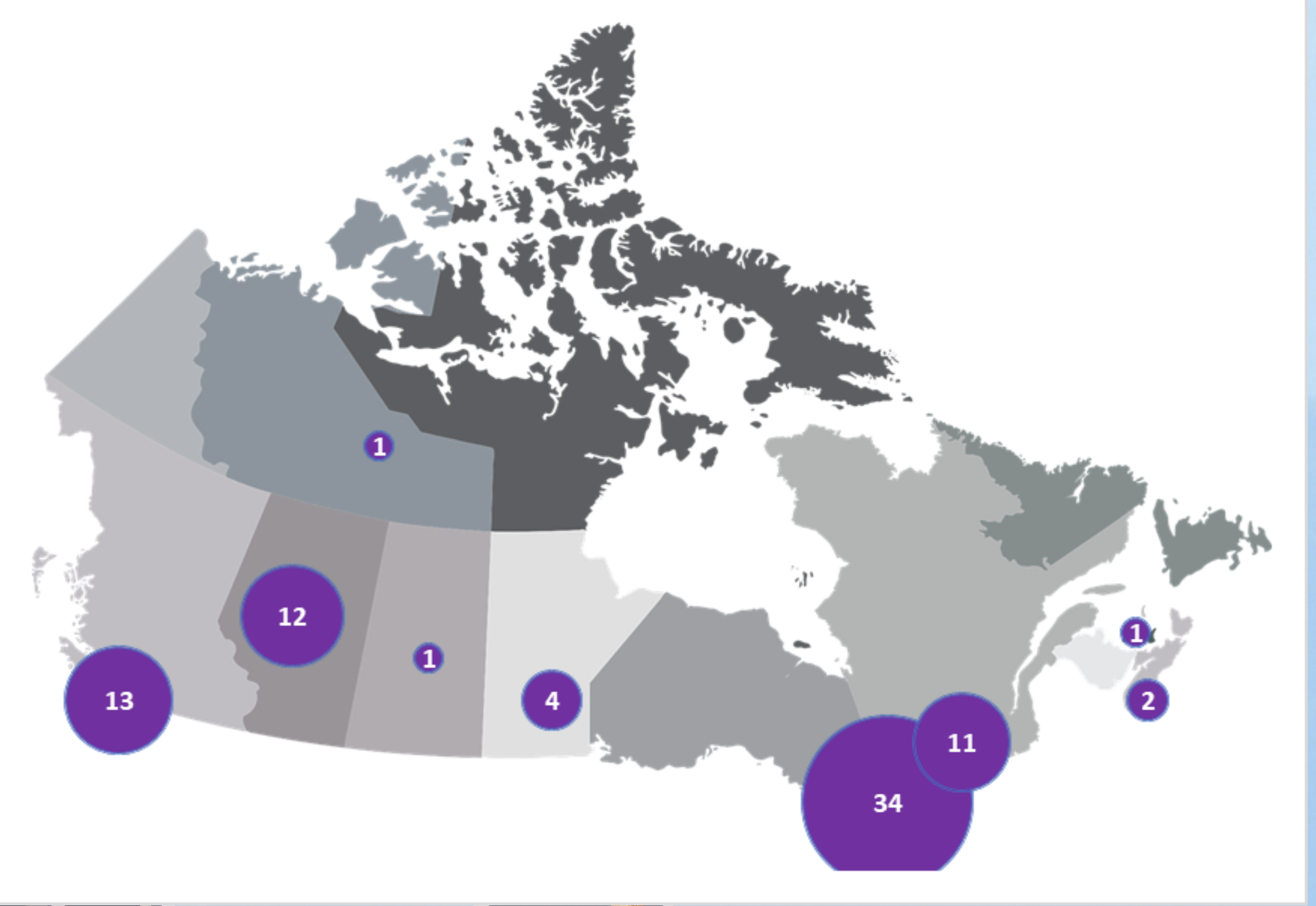


National Youth Advisory Panel (NYAP)

"As someone who deals with chronic health issues that now have to be treated virtually, I was able to provide insight from my own personal experience that resonated with other participants. I was really excited to get the opportunity to use my experience to help others."  
-Gillian Backlin (NYAP member) on work with researchers

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CHILD-BRIGHT's 79 Lived Experience Patient-Partners Across Canada



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We have members from many different backgrounds:  
Gendered, Ethnic, Linguistic, Religious, Geographic, Educational, and Healthcare needs!

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"We'd recommend the NYAP's consultation service to researchers, given the ease of the consultation process and the members' helpful advice that reflected the needs and lived experiences of youth with neurodevelopmental disabilities."  
-Researchers from the Nothing About Us Without Us project

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CEC/NYAP  
Program  
Services

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Work with our NYAP consultation group for youth (14-29 age group) with lived experiences with brain-based developmental disabilities

Work with our CEC consultation group for family (30+ age group) and care givers of children with lived experiences with brain-based developmental disabilities

NYAP and CEC are available for questions about research during our meetings and we have incredible resources for researchers in Patient Orientated Research

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"Gillian helped us develop both the content and structure for our virtual engagement sessions. Her feedback was also critical in ensuring the sessions were accessible for youth living with complex medical needs across Canada."  
— Project co-leads Dr. Katie Birnie and Dr. Jennifer Stinson, in the post-consultation feedback survey.

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**Phase 1 Highlights**

- 13 new members from across Canada
- 25 research projects and network activities consulted on by CE members
- Working groups devoted to stronger partnerships between researchers and people with lived experiences

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"I am a new Family partner in Child-Bright network and during this Journey, I felt Included, like I belong right away, valued and heard in various engagements. Deeply grateful for all those engagements."  
-Gunjan Seth (CEC member)

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**Phase 2 Plans**

- Both NYAP and CEC will be consulting with researchers within and outside of CHILD-BRIGHT
- Working in partnership with the CHILD-BRIGHT Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Decolonization, and Indigenization (EDI-DI) program, the members of the CE program will be part of the new EDI committee
- A working group on a child health researcher's toolkit, for working with people with lived experiences.
- And so much more!

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## Our Future



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Citizen Engagement Council (CEC)  
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