



## **The Children in Limbo Task Force: 1993 to 2026.**

The remaining members of the Children in Limbo Task Force have regretfully decided to discontinue meeting as a group. We will keep our website (<https://childreninlimbotaskforce.ca/>) going so that our publications, blogs and resources are available for those interested in the thoughtful, and potentially helpful, contributions from so many people over the years.

As the numbers indicate, The Children in Limbo Task Force (CLTF) has had a long run. If only we could claim that our goal of “identifying, describing and illustrating the factors and issues which contribute to children remaining in limbo unnecessarily,” has been met. In many ways, we think that the situation for children involved with Child Welfare has gotten worse rather than better.

As was always the case, the reasons are manifold. One can point to the fact that there no longer is a Ministry specifically for Children and Families, that the Office of the Children’s Advocate was closed, that funding is insufficient, that there is a lack of treatment facilities for children with complex needs, that Child Welfare no longer has capacity, or sufficient capacity, to take preventative measures. And as was always the case, poverty and racism have a pervasive impact.

We want to thank everyone who were members, who came to speak to us, who provided funds, who participated in focus groups and so many more contacts we made over the years. And especially a huge thanks to the young people who educated us. We still have much to learn.

With best hopes,

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