

John Liston

John Liston was the Executive Director of the Children's Aid Society of London and Middlesex from 1985 until May 2005. The Society oversees the provision of a full range of child protection services including, child abuse services, adoption, foster care (over 300 foster homes) and the operation of six staff operated group homes.

John started his career in social work as a front line child protection worker in Toronto, in the Cabbage Town/ Region Park area of the city. He progressed through the various management positions eventually progressing to Assistant Executive Director of the Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto from 1978 through to 1985. In the early 1970's John served as the Executive Director of the Big Brother's of Metropolitan Toronto during which period he was actively involved in a number of fund raising activities. John has served on a large number of Committees and Task Forces, over the years, related to social work and child protection work. In the City of London, John has served on a number of Committees and several Boards including as President of the Board of Directors of Kings' College, of the University of Western Ontario.

John has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Western Ontario, a Master's Degree in Social Work from Carleton University and a Master's in Business Administration from York University.

John and his wife Elaine have 5 children and two grandchildren and devote much of their free time to family, their cottage on the Pickering River and the restoration of their century-old hobby farm on the outskirts of London.