



March 30, 2017

**The Honourable Michael Coteau  
Minister of Children and Youth Services  
Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism**

Ministry of Children and Youth Services/Anti-Racism Directorate  
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**Re: Meeting Follow Up and Request to Legislate the Child and Youth Care Profession**

Dear Hon. Minister Coteau,

We would like to thank you for the meeting set up with your policy advisor Miles Hopper on March 20, 2017. We appreciate the opportunity to share our information with MCYS and discuss the role that Child and Youth Care Practitioners can continue to fill in supporting the needs of young people in Ontario.

Please confirm receipt of our formal request for regulation of our profession. We have provided a package of information including our report, the history of our work towards a regulatory college, and our letter to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. Regulation will improve services to our most vulnerable community members. Further, by ensuring that only qualified Child and Youth Care Practitioners (CYCP) meet mandatory preservice qualifications to work with the high risk and vulnerable youth whom we serve, the safety of the public will be better ensured. This is the time to begin the process of regulating Child and Youth Care Practice. We know that this is a process that takes time.

**We believe that the Ministry of Children and Youth Services is the Ministry that should be responsible for our field of practice.** As Early Childhood Educators and Social Workers are not regulated health professionals, but are regulated professionals, we believe that to ensure the safety of the public, Child and Youth Care should also be a regulated profession through MCYS.

We would be honoured to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss your response to our request for legislated practice and to determine how we can work alongside the government to improve the lives, safety and outcomes for all children and youth in Ontario.

Please let us know if you require any further materials or resources to inform this discussion.

Yours truly,

Christine Gaitens  
President of the Board