



JOHN FRASER, MPP / DÉPUTÉ

Ottawa South / Ottawa-sud

June 1, 2017

The Honourable Michael Coteau
Minister of Children and Youth Services
14th Floor, 56 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M5S 2S3

Dear Minister Coteau,

I recently had a meeting with Dr. Gilles Charron, C.Y.C., Coordinator for Transitional Mental Health Services for Youth at the Children's Hospital for Eastern Ontario (CHEO). He and fellow members of his profession represent Child and Youth Care Councillors (CYC) and would like the Ministry of Children and Youth Services to establish a regulatory body governing CYC practice in order to exempt them from the most recent changes to the Psychotherapy Act. As Minister of Children and Youth Services, establishing a new regulatory body falls under your ministry and I wanted to bring this important issue to your attention.

The changes to the Psychotherapy Act will significantly limit the services provided by CYCs and the services available to the children and youth most in need of their specialized skill set. These changes will make the use of any psychotherapy strategy a controlled act. Without a regulatory body governing CYC practice, they will be unable to implement these strategies in their practice.

These changes will affect the field of CYCs and vulnerable children and youth. By ensuring that only qualified Child and Youth Counsellors are working with our children and youth, accountability in their field will be clearly established and the safety of the public greatly enhanced.

I look forward to your response.

Yours Truly,


John Fraser
MPP Ottawa South