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Dear Ms. Gatiens;

I am pleased to offer support for the work of the Ontario Association of Child and Youth Care (OACYC) to initiate a formal legislated regulatory process for Child and Youth Care (CYC) practitioners in the province of Ontario. The OACYC was the first professional association for CYC practitioners to require certification for professional members. The shift from certification which required specific educational qualifications, to the inclusion of a certification exam and documented evidence from a supervisor was another step forward. The next logical step is legislated regulation to confirm the uniqueness of the scope of practice. Educational programs and standards are well established in Ontario from the diploma, degree, through to the graduate level and this will facilitate the implementation of legislation.

Legislation will re-assure parents, young people, and referring professionals that the service received from a CYC practitioner will have a minimum standard of quality and that practitioners are held accountable to a professional board and to ethical requirements.

All the best as you take this important initiative forward, in service of vulnerable young people and families in Ontario who deserve to receive care and intervention from qualified CYC practitioners to support them in their struggles in the life-space.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol Stuart', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

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