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April 17, 2015

Christine Gaitens,
President of the Board,
Ontario Association of Child and Youth Councillors
c/o Ryerson University,
350 Victoria Street,
Toronto, Ontario M5B 2K3

Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Gaitens:

I am pleased to provide a letter of support as your association and members strive to achieve the recognition of a regulated profession, with all of the rights and responsibilities that this confers.

As Manager of Mental Health and Addictions for William Osler Health System, I have continued to be impressed by the dedication and commitment of Child and Youth Counsellors. Your specialized work truly does result in improving the outcomes of our young people's lives.

At William Osler Health System, the CYC's play a crucial role serving as members of interdisciplinary mental health teams – being present and making a difference at some of the most crucial moments in our children, youth and their families lives. The time and effort developing their particular education and experiential credentials to become child and youth care practitioners is key to our programs. There is a need for this profession to become regulated to ensure the vulnerable population they serve benefit from consistent training and professional standards across many different kinds of settings.

You have my ongoing support as you work towards implementation of your professional certification program and ultimately becoming a regulated body. Your voices must be heard advocating as the province develops policies that impact the mental health of our young people.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. L. Grabb".

Patricia Grabb,
Manager Mental Health and Addictions,
William Osler Health System,
Children's Mental Health and Adult Mood and Anxiety