PETITION

TO The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS there are approximately 10,000 child and youth care practitioner positions in the province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS child and youth care practitioners are commonly known as child and youth workers, child care workers, or child and youth counselors; and

WHEREAS child and youth care practitioners are entrusted to provide support and care to some of the most at risk and disadvantaged children and youth in the province; and

WHEREAS the profession of child and youth care is unregulated and not legislated in Ontario, allowing individuals without qualification and/or training to work with these at risk young people; and

WHEREAS legislation would require the provision of consistent high quality care to children and youth with accountability for child and youth care practitioners addressing concerns regarding unpredictability identified in the Youth Leave Care Hearings Report *My REAL Life Book*; and

WHEREAS individuals who work in the profession of social work, early childhood education, teaching are legislated to protect the young people of Ontario; and

WHEREAS failure to regulate the profession allows vulnerable children to be at risk, unqualified staff to continue to practice as child and youth care practitioners without adequate qualifications; and

WE, the undersigned, are actively engaged as qualified child and youth care practitioners or CYC students who are currently providing support to the children and youth in Ontario.

WE, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to pass and enact a Bill to regulate the profession of child and youth care in Ontario

Name	Address	Signature