

May 8, 2015

Christine Gaitens
President of the Board
Ontario Association of Child & Youth Counsellors
The School of Child and Youth Care
Ryerson University

Dear Christine:

RE: Ontario Association of Child and Youth Care

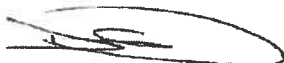
On behalf of the Child and Youth Care program within the School of Health, Negahneewin, & Community Services at Confederation College I am writing to extend our support to the OACYC in its work to improve the regulatory and practice contexts of services for children and youth as well as to ensure child and youth care becomes a legislated and regulated profession.

It is our opinion that professional recognition and regulation is essential for those who work with children and youth while also protecting the rights of those same children and youth. By becoming a regulated health profession the children and youth of Ontario will be afforded greater protection by: (1) receiving services from a professional that has demonstrated an ability to meet particular competency standards; (2) ensures expectations for continued professional development and growth of Child and Youth Workers; and (3) provides a framework for professional quality assurance for the provision and child and youth services.

Confederation College has provided leadership in Child and Youth Care education and continues to develop programming that supports highly competent graduates to enter the professional workforce. As a program, we believe and support the recognition of Child and Youth Care as a profession deserving of recognition through becoming a regulated profession.

On behalf of the Child and Youth Care program and the School of Health, Negahneewin, & Community Services at Confederation College we wish you success in your endeavors and extend our sincerest thanks for your continued commitment to the Child and Youth Care Profession.

Sincerely,



Shane Strickland, Associate Dean
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