



Ontario Association of Child and Youth Care
c/o The School of Child and Youth Care
Ryerson University
350 Victoria Street
Toronto, ON
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RE: Legislation of Child and Youth Care Practitioners

Dear Ms. Holbrook

Please accept this letter as full support of the legislation of child and youth care practice in Ontario. The safety, security, and well being of our province's vulnerable children and youth cannot be left to chance. There must be accountability for practitioners to ensure that our most valuable Ontario resource, our future contributors and leaders, are cared for using theory and technique that is informed through research and evaluation. Without such regulation there is no certainty that potential risk of harm is mitigated and proper supports are in place to promote the healthiest and best developed citizens of Ontario. We require a skilled and accountable professional body to take their rightful leadership in moving forward the quality of care for our children and youth. This professional body should undoubtedly be made up of those that meet the scope, ethics and standard of care as outlined by the Ontario Association of Child and Youth Care (OACYC).

It is with great pride that Lambton College maintains our accountability to the OACYC through professional membership. The Child and Youth Care (CYC) faculty and administration at Lambton College willingly offer our time and energy to educating and promoting the need for regulation. We support the need for accountability in the practice of child and youth care through professional discussion forums and events. We commit to uphold ethical practice by demanding that no helpers in the field of child and youth care are able to work without effectively demonstrating sound practice in all aspects of their care.

If you wish to reach out to us for further assistance in the process of regulation, we gladly make ourselves available. You can contact us at 519 542 7751, extension 3381.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Teskey'.

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