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Christine Gaitens, President
Ontario Association of Child and Youth Care

Dear Christine,

I am very happy to wholeheartedly support the initiative to legislate the profession of Child and Youth Care in Ontario. I have been a strong supporter of legislating our profession here in Alberta and we hope to also have legislation which regulates CYC practice in Alberta in the near future.

The children, youth and families that we support are deserving of highly trained and effective practitioners who should be subject to the oversight of a professional board and ethical guidelines, which are now only voluntary in Ontario, which leaves too much room for error. There are educational programs throughout Ontario which are fully capable of producing a professional workforce and the missing link in the picture is legislation that mandates standards for practice.

I hope that your organization is successful in convincing the legislators in Ontario to support your request for their help in bringing this necessary change forward to protect the vulnerable people we work with and serve.

Yours truly,

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