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**December 1, 2017**

**To: Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) Partners and Stakeholders**

**Re: *Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017* Posting of Proposed Draft Regulations/Statements of Policy on Ontario's Regulatory Registry**

A new law called the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017* (CYFSA) will change the way we support young people in Ontario.

The CYFSA received Royal Assent on June 1, 2017. It is expected to be proclaimed into force in April 2018. Once proclaimed, the CYFSA will replace the *Child and Family Services Act* (CFSA), the existing legislation that has been in place for over three decades. The new Act will provide a modern, child- and youth-centred legislative framework to strengthen services and help better protect and care for some of Ontario's most vulnerable young people.

To support proclamation of the CYFSA, the first phase of draft regulations or policy statements will be posted for public input beginning the week of December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and into the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The postings will remain open for input until January 26, 2018.

Over the 45-day posting period, partners, stakeholders and members of the public are invited to provide input on the proposals.

The proposed phase one posting of regulations (posted from December 2017 until January 26, 2018) covers the following areas:

- Personal information and privacy
- Children and young persons' rights
- Child protection
- Youth justice
- Residential licensing
- First Nations, Inuit, Métis-specific regulations
- Adoption and adoption licensing
- Others (i.e. related to lead agencies in the child and youth mental health system)

Additional regulatory proposals related to residential licensing, police record checks and serious occurrence reporting are in development and are expected to be posted in a second phase (expected late summer/early fall 2018).

Throughout the summer and fall of 2017, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (ministry) actively engaged with First Nations, Inuit and Métis partners, many other key stakeholders and other ministries, through a variety of mechanisms to assist in the development of proposed draft regulations and policy statements. The ministry will continue to directly engage with partners and other stakeholders throughout the regulatory posting period, prior to finalizing the regulations. We invite you to share this communication with youth and others in your networks who may wish to express their views over the posting period.

Please contact the ministry at [CYFSA@ontario.ca](mailto:CYFSA@ontario.ca) if you have any questions, or if you need further information about the proposed regulations and policy statements. Once they are posted, you will be able to access the proposals on the ministry's website at [www.ontario.ca/yourvoicematters](http://www.ontario.ca/yourvoicematters) or via the Regulatory Registry at <http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/> (i.e. starting December 4<sup>th</sup> and in to the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>).

We will continue to engage on CYFSA implementation through the posting period and beyond.

Thank you for your continued commitment to transform child and youth services in Ontario.

Sincerely,



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