

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Tell the government to fix the funding formula!

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Provincial ALERT!

Ontario Child Protection Services at Risk

Coroner's Jury Inquest Recommendations, March 2010
CAS Executive Directors in Ontario
The Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies
Ontario Public Service Employees Union
Canadian Union of Public Employees, Ontario
Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union

What do these groups have in common?

They ALL told the McGuinty government to fix the Children's Aid Societies funding formula.



DON'T PUNISH CASs FOR TRYING TO DO THEIR JOB -

MAKE THE 2006 CHANGES COUNT TODAY!

How can this crucial service be in such big trouble?

In 2006 the provincial government amended the Child and Family Services Act. The result was:

New Responsibilities, including 200 new directives to keep children with families and to focus on preventing neglect.

The Problem:

These changes were never included in the outdated funding formula. Agencies watched their deficits grow as they struggled to implement the new changes. Queen's Park decided not to fully cover deficits, creating a funding crisis. Eleven CAS agencies are now in court challenging the government funding model.

Funding and Service Crisis:

Workers need to spend more time with high risk families. Agencies are going into deficit to make this happen. The government won't fund deficits and services are being cut.

Fewer children are in the custody of child welfare agencies today because of these reforms, and this is good for communities. The problem is that agencies can't keep borrowing from banks to meet provincial service requirements.

How can the government pay for changes to the CAS funding model?

It can start by getting its priorities straight!

In this year's budget the government cut billions in corporate taxes, which means less money for children's services.

One in 10 children and one in four First Nations children live in poverty. Children are at greatest risk when communities face economic hardship.

It's time we fairly taxed the wealthiest 10 per cent of income earners to pay for public services like child welfare.



Today's CAS funding formula does not cover the cost of the changes introduced in 2006.