



kids matter

October 10th is election day in Ontario

Help wake up our politicians to the importance of properly funding children's mental health services. Attend an all candidates meeting in your riding.

Here are some of the questions you could ask all the parties:

1. One in five children in Ontario have a diagnosable mental health disorder. Left untreated this can lead to serious problems in adult life including abuse, an inability to work, criminal behaviour, suicide and other forms of self-harm. The sooner mental health problems are diagnosed and treated the greater the chance the child has for a successful outcome.

Right now in this province, there are 1600 children who've been on the waiting list for services for more than a year. (If you know: In this community, there are ___ children who've been waiting ___ months for service.) What will your party do to ensure all children get the services and supports they need when they need them?

2. One in five children in Ontario have a diagnosable mental health disorder. Government under-funding of children's mental health services have left children and their families experiencing: Reduced access to key services; gaps in crucial treatment; and in some cases a complete loss in programs.

One of the biggest problems facing the children's mental health sector is the government's move away from core funding which covers both treatment and overhead costs and allows agencies to be flexible and responsive to each child and community's needs. Will your party commit to increasing core funding for children's mental health agencies?

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I have a pledge here asking you to commit to working for core stable funding to ensure children's mental health agencies can provide reliable services to children when they need them and work to ensure children have access to the supports and services they need before their condition becomes extreme. Will each of you agree to sign it?