



Ontario Agencies Supporting Individuals with Special Needs
Agences ontariennes de soutien pour les personnes qui ont des besoins spéciaux

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André Marin
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Dear Mr. Marin:

On behalf of OASIS (Ontario Agencies Supporting Individuals with Special Needs) and our 166 member agencies, I would like to state our endorsement of the investigation into the province's services for adults with developmental disabilities, and offer our assistance, if needed.

Along with the families of children with special needs who have submitted complaints to your office because of the crisis situations they are in, OASIS agencies as well are in crisis because of the operating cost pressures they are facing as a result of inflationary cost increases, labour unrest and a four year funding freeze. Services are being impacted because agencies are being forced to reduce staffing hours, which will ultimately result in increased wait times for people looking for services. I have attached a copy of the recent Operating Cost Pressures Survey results, completed by OASIS this summer, which will provide additional information on how agencies are handling the pressures they are facing.

Again, thank you for conducting this investigation. Feel free to contact me at tjjoris@execulink.ca or at 519-786-2151 x5502.

Sincerely,

S. Jane Joris
President, OASIS



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