

INDIVIDUALIZED FUNDING COALITION FOR ONTARIO

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The Individualized Funding Coalition supports the self-determination of persons with disabilities.

We believe that all people should have control over decisions concerning where they live, with whom they live, with whom they associate, and how they spend their lives.

In order to achieve this we recognize that Ontario must develop a system of funding whereby the person requiring assistance, supported as appropriate by family and/or significant others, has access to and control over the funds allocated for his/her supports.

Ministry of Community and Social Services
Developmental Services Branch
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ATTN: Myra Wiener, Director and Christine Hughes, Manager

Dear Myra and Christine:

Thank you for inviting the Individualized Funding Coalition for Ontario to comment on the *Transforming Services in Ontario for People who have a Developmental Disability*, Preliminary Discussion Paper. Our enclosed submission consists of four major components

- Summary of Individualized Funding, Key Issues and Recommendations from the Individualized Funding Coalition for Ontario
- Summary of 20 separate submissions from Individualized Funding Coalition for Ontario members and Workfest participants
- Submissions of the respondents
- Key documents from the continuing work of the Individualized Funding Coalition for Ontario, many having been developed from the 2004 Workfest on Individualized Funding

Members of the coalition would be pleased to talk with you further about any of the issues we have raised. We are also more than willing to assist you in implementing a dynamic Individualized Funding initiative for the Province.

By working together we feel that developmental services will experience a genuine transformation that will benefit **all** citizens of Ontario.

Sincerely,

Judith Snow and Yona Frishman
Co-chairs