



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

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Ms. Christine Elliott  
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Room 436, Main Legislative Building  
Toronto ON M7A 1A8

Dear Ms. Elliott:

On behalf of OASIS and our member agencies, I thank you for bringing forward your private member's bill and commend the legislature for passing your resolution to create a Select Committee on Developmental Services.

OASIS wholeheartedly endorses the resolution to immediately establish a Select Committee to develop a comprehensive developmental services strategy for individuals with an intellectual disability or who are dually diagnosed with an intellectual disability and a mental illness.

We agree with your outline that, "The Committee would focus on the needs of children, youth and adults with an intellectual disability, and coordinate the delivery of developmental programs and services across provincial ministries, taking into consideration educational needs, workplace opportunities, housing needs and social recreational and inclusionary opportunities."

The 164 member agencies of OASIS are committed to promoting the collective interests of people with special needs and their families by helping to improve and extend responsive and cost effective supports and activities to its members. As such, we affirm that we will actively participate in the work of the Select Committee on Developmental Services.

We extend our gratitude to you, Ms .Elliott, and all members who recognize the struggles faced by adults and children with developmental disabilities and their families in Ontario. We look forward to participating fully in the work and anticipate an outcome that includes effective interministerial collaboration for these individuals and their families.

Sincerely,

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