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Ms. Judy Reid
President, Board of Directors
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Dear Ms. Reid:

I'm writing to give you more details about the new funding for developmental services in this year's Ontario Budget.

You will recall that of the \$40 million earmarked in the Budget, we are investing \$25 million to help individuals who need support urgently. They will include people with aging parents who can no longer care for them and adults who are leaving the care of a children's aid society. We expect these funds to help about 250 more people starting this year.

The remaining \$15 million will help about 1,910 more people who are waiting for service through Passport and Special Services at Home. Each program will help an equal number of people.

We expect these investments to reduce the Passport wait list by more than 20 per cent this year. For Special Services at Home, this funding will help reduce the wait list by more than 25 per cent this year.

You can expect to soon hear more from the ministry's regional offices about the local distribution of these funds.

Thank you for your continued partnership in strengthening Ontario's developmental services system.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Madeleine Meilleur
Minister