

The Child and Family Services Act is due for its 5-year review. As representatives of the various parent groups through the Province, we are calling for public input into its revision. We demand that a level legal playing field be created wherein the rights of the child and the parent are protected.

The rights of child and parent must remain intimately intertwined and balanced under the law. Justice must be served. The "best interests of the child" demands that genuine effort be made to preserve family structure. Government must help parents to provide the social, educational and medical services required to help Ontario families be successful.

Canada must recognize that parents are the best providers of care for their own children limiting intervention only to families unable to care for themselves.

This present Act targets families in poverty, single parents, immigrants, children and parents with disabilities and religious and racial minorities. Its vagueness allows almost anything to be defined as "neglect." The lack of family supports justifies the indiscriminate "apprehension" of children.

The Ontario funding formula provides a monetary incentive for opening files, keeping them open and labelling them as high risk. It rewards the identification of children as having "special needs".

This Act has created a "child welfare industry" wherein careers and jobs revolve around the destruction of "innocent" families.

Canada in 1990 signed the U.N. Convention of the Child. It agreed to act in the "best interests of the child."

Since that time, Canada has seen fit to only selectively implement the Convention. It is time that Canada fulfills its commitment to the Convention. Canada must provide every child with quality day care, food clothing, education and medical care regardless of parental status.

Total net expenditures for CAS during 2003 - 2004 are \$1.085 billion. CAS funding has as a result increased by 100% since 1998-1999.

..."Right now they're funded because of the former government's funding formula. They're funded only on how many kids they can take away"

CFMU FM (Hamilton)
March 16, 2004

This Act has created an environment where every professional person and citizen must report any problem involving children.

Professionals are told to report and not to think. Children are taught to call 911 on their parents. The Act undermines the ability of parents to "parent" their child. It makes people afraid to seek professional help.

Mothers are afraid to take their children to the emergency room of their local hospital. Social workers are forced into police roles that they are not trained for. As a result, the average career of a child protection worker is less than 2 years. Social workers once again need to make "social work" a helping profession. Join us as we endeavour to mobilize parents to become a powerful advocacy group for their children.

Imagine

...the possibilities

Advisory Committee for Child and Youth Services

A "union" of families and advocacy groups joining together in one voice to bring reform to Child and Youth Services and preserve the family structure



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Mission Statement

This political advocacy group is trying to bring public awareness to the legal issues affecting families in the Child and Family Services Act.

As parents, we want input into social, health, and educational policies which affect our children. Government cannot implement programs without consulting parents. With this template, we want parents to influence public policy across Canada

We welcome your organization's participation in this rally under the banner of "Advisory Committee for Child and Youth Services." Through this joint effort, we hope to improve the lives of the parents and children in Ontario.

Itinerary

Date : Wednesday, February 16

Press Conference
11:30 am –12: 30 pm

Rally
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

PRESS CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Dolores A. Sicheri MD FRCPC, moderator

Citizens for Social Morality

Archbishop Dorian A. Baxter B.A., O.T.C., M. Div.
Head, Federation of Independent Canadian
Anglican Churches

National Association for Public and Private
Accountability N.A.P.P.A.

Canada Court Watch

Robert McQuaid
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John Dunn

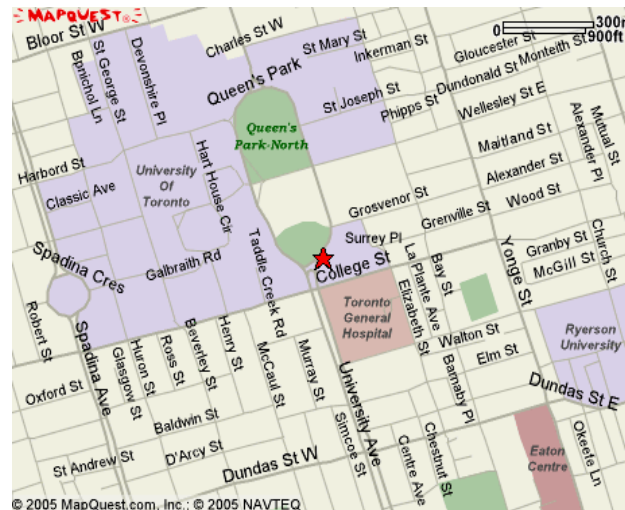
Foster Care Council of Canada

Erika Klein, Mothers-in-Exile

Location Of Rally

Provincial Parliament Building of Canada

7 Queens Park Cres. E
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Canada
The Foster Care Council of Canada
The Committee (People 4 People)
The Children's Voice

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**Please join us to ensure
our children's future**

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