

Special Services At Home - Passport Provincial Coalition

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Hon. Minister Todd Smith
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
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Dear Minister Smith:

The Special Services at Home and Passport Provincial Coalition recognizes the impact of what is happening to everyone in Ontario and in particular, the families who support their sons and daughters with disabilities at home during this COVID-19 pandemic.

We are pleased by your quick response to increase funding to the Developmental Services Sector for immediate relief and throughout the crisis. We especially, appreciate the increase to support 4700 more children through the Special Services at Home program in 2020–21.

We ask and implore as family members ourselves, that you as Minister of Children, Community and Social Services take the same quick action to allow families to carryover any approved funds leftover from families' 2019/2020 SSAH and Passport contracts that they were not able to use because of these unusual circumstances.

We look forward to your quick response regarding this immediate need for families and their sons/ daughters who are now homebound and experiencing increased levels of stress; financially, emotionally and physically.

With sincerest regards,
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Co-chairs, SSAHPC

cc. The Honorable Jill Dunlop, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues
Janet Menard, Deputy Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Jennifer Morris, Assistant Deputy Minister of Children with Special Needs
Rupert Gordon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Community Services Division