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Dear Ms. Ouellette and Ms. Palmiere:

Thank you for your follow up letter to the Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, regarding the Passport program and the additional statistics you have requested.

Please see the attached in response to your request. Again, thank you for the support and assistance that you provide to families. It is volunteer organizations like yours, working in the community, that help make a difference in the everyday lives of those with a disability and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jody Hendry".

Jody Hendry
Director
Developmental and Supportive Services Branch

Attachment (1)

c: Rupert Gordon, ADM, Community Services Division
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Response to SSAH-PASS Letter from PFPP

1. The amount of funding allocated to the Passport Program from the Developmental Services Budget;

The amount of funding allocated to the Passport program from the Development Services Budget is as follows:

2019-20: \$434.1M

2018-19: \$324.0M

2017-18: \$251.2M

2016-17: \$192.M

2015-16: \$184.1M

2. The total number of Passport authorization contracts;

- Every Passport recipient is required to sign a Passport service agreement (“authorization contract” as above) when they come into the program. The total number of Passport service agreements in 2019/20 is the same as the number of people served.
- In fiscal year 2019-20 the Passport program served a total of 52,588 people.
- Year-end data for 2020/21 is not yet available, however, it is projected that the program will serve approximately 54,000 people in 2020-21

3. The breakdown of amounts of individual Passport contracts;

- The minimum Passport funding amount is \$5,000 to a maximum of \$40,250. The average Passport approval is \$11,500.

4. The total number of new applications for Passport funding;

- In fiscal year 2019-20 a total of 6,340 new people received a Passport approval, and 788 existing program recipients received an increase to their Passport approval amount.
- Year-end data for 2020/21 is not yet available, however, as of December 31, 2020, Passport agencies completed 2,816 funding approvals which includes approvals to new and existing Passport recipients.

5. The total number of youth transitioning from Children to Adult Services, deemed eligible for DSO services, who received the minimal amount of funding through the Passport program;

- The ministry tracks the total of new people who received a Passport approval but does not specifically track the number of young adults leaving children's funded services such as Ontario Autism Program (OAP) and Special Services at Home (SSAH) who enter the adult DS system.
- Youth with developmental disabilities are encouraged to reach out to their local Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) office at the age of 16 to begin their application for adult Developmental Services.
- Once the individual turns 18 and requests Passport, the DSO will make a referral to the local Passport agency. The Passport agency will reach out to the individual to offer an approval for Passport.

6. The total number of new application denials for Passport funding;

- There are no denials of new applications for Passport program funding. All new applications in 2019-20 for adults who were determined to be eligible for MCCSS-funded adult developmental services by Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) may request the minimum Passport funding amount of \$5,000. This funding can be provided prior to completing an assessment at the DSO.
- For eligible adults who request Passport funding, the local DSO office will send a referral to a corresponding Passport agency who will contact them to offer a Passport funding approval of \$5,000.
- Eligible adults who request Passport will receive an offer of an approval from their local Passport agency.

7. The total number of new applications for Passport funding placed on a waitlist;

- At the end of the 2019/20 fiscal year, the total number of people who had been referred to their local Passport Agency by the DSO and had yet to receive their \$5,000 minimum Passport approval was 228. Those people then received an offer of an approval in the next quarter of the new fiscal year by their local Passport agency to receive their \$5,000 minimum.
- For the 2020/21 fiscal year, where people had been referred to their local Passport Agency by the DSO to receive their \$5,000 minimum Passport approval, approvals continue to be processed through the year.

8. The total number of applications for increases in Passport funding placed on a waitlist;

- People who are in receipt of the minimum \$5,000 in Passport funding may be assessed for a higher funding amount if they complete the application package for adult developmental services at their local DSO office. Additional funding above the \$5,000 minimum is allocated based on each person's priority and is subject to availability of government resources.
- Passport recipients who have been assessed for additional funding, but who do not meet the current prioritization criteria to receive additional funding are placed on the service registry.
- At the end of the 2019/20 fiscal year, the number of Passport recipients on the service registry for additional funding was 18,301.
- Year-end data for 2020/21 is not yet available, however, as of December 31, 2020, Passport agencies completed 2,816 funding approvals which includes approvals to new and existing people.