



**INSTRUCTIONS**

*This is a legislative petition. Signatures must be gathered in hard-copy. Please mail the petition to CUPE Ontario (care of the SSWCC), 80 Commerce Valley Dr E Suite 1, Thornhill, ON L3T 0B2*

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Whereas there are more children and youth needing in care treatment and services than there are available licenced beds;

Whereas children and youth in the care of a child welfare agency do not have access to complex special needs services and funding;

Whereas there are significant delays in children and youth being able to access community mental health and developmental services;

Whereas external third-party care providers continue to financially profit from the misfortune of our most vulnerable children and youth;

Whereas overwhelmed parents are feeling they have no other choice but to relinquish their parental rights in order to access necessary supports and services to ensure the well-being of their child(ren);

Whereas child welfare agencies across the province have deficits in funding and are struggling to meet payroll and provide the essential child welfare services need to keep children and families safe and together in their own homes and communities;

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

Increase baseline funding to all child welfare agencies to adequately provide preventative child welfare services to prevent children and youth from needing in care services;

Implement an all government cross-ministry approach with accountability and oversight to remove barriers and allow for funding to wrap around and follow the needs of a child, including access to funding for complex special needs for children in care;

Eliminate for-profit care;

Remove barriers to expedite the licensing approval process for new care providers;

Reinstate the Ontario Child Advocate.

Name (please print)	Address (with city and postal code)	Signature