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What issues are most important to families?

1. Families want appropriate budget allocations for individualized funding. In 2007, the Ontario government allocated only \$6 million to the Passport program. It should have been at least \$60 million to begin addressing the needs.
2. Families want alternatives to services that group and isolate people with disabilities. This year, the Ontario government committed an extra \$191 million to such services but only \$9 million for self-directed supports. Families want funding for living supports to enable people to choose their own homes like other citizens in their communities.
3. Families want fairness. For years, the Ontario government has denied wage increases to support workers hired by families while granting increases (*"wage gap funding"*) to staff hired by service agencies.
4. Families are opposed to forcing people with disabilities into nursing homes (long-term care facilities). More than 1000 people with disabilities in Ontario are in LTC facilities.
5. Families want the government of Ontario to honour families, to invest in people, and to work closely with primary stakeholders — People First Ontario, Family Alliance Ontario, and affiliated independent family networks.

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