



## **CALL FOR STORIES ON THE IMPACT OF THE SSAH AND PASSPORT FUNDING FREEZE**

ARCH has observed an alarming and growing trend of people with intellectual disabilities being unable to afford vital supports and services that facilitate their development, independence and participation in the community. We are asking to hear from people with intellectual disabilities and their families who have qualified for Passport funding, but have not yet received any. ARCH also wishes to hear from families on waiting lists for Special Services At Home (SSAH) or whose SSAH funding has been cut.

ARCH is urging the Ontario government to substantially improve funding and transparency by:

- Making the application and funding allocation processes transparent;
- Ensuring that all qualified Passport and SSAH applicants receive adequate funding while the government completes its “transformation” of the developmental services sector;
- Ensuring that sufficient long-term funding is in place so that Ontarians with intellectual disabilities can live a quality life in their community with the supports and services they need.

We want to hear your stories about how you have been impacted by the under-funded Passport and SSAH programs. ARCH will include your stories in our advocacy efforts with the government. Please include information such as:

- **The provincial riding that you live in;**
- The challenges you face;
- The negative impact(s) on you and your family caused by not receiving Passport or adequate SSAH funding;
- The negative impact(s) of not knowing when/if you will receive Passport or SSAH funding;
- The supports or services you would use Passport or SSAH funding for;
- The benefits you would receive from purchasing these supports and services and what you would enjoy about them;
- What a good life means to you and your family and how Passport and SSAH would play a part in bringing you closer to living a good life.

Please e-mail your stories to [archst2@lao.on.ca](mailto:archst2@lao.on.ca) with the subject line “Passport Story”. If you have any questions feel free to call ARCH Disability Law Centre at 416-482-8255. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

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