



Family Alliance Ontario

representing people with disabilities, their families, and their friends

Ms. Andrea Horwath MPP
Leader, Ontario New Democratic Party

Dear Ms. Horwath,

We would like your party's response to critical questions that affect the thousands of families we represent across the province who support a person with a developmental disability.

Our families are continually challenged to secure adequate funding and support to enable their loved one with disabilities to live as full citizens of this province, to choose the lives they wish to lead including where and with whom they live.

We wish to ask the question:

Does the Ontario New Democratic Party believe that a person with disabilities can and should be a fully participating member of their chosen community?

What is your party's commitment to:

- providing adequate direct funding for individuals eligible for disability supports, and the empowerment of families?
- eliminating the current **unacceptable** waiting lists for developmental supports and services? (see attachment from Special Services at Home Provincial Coalition)
- alleviating poverty for Ontarians with disabilities through increased ODSP support?
- banning the use of physical restraints in the Developmental Services Agency sector?
- fully implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?

Family Alliance Ontario is a family directed volunteer organization of people with disabilities and their families, working together for self-determination, inclusion, quality of life, human rights, safety and security. Our members support choice and control of disability resources, and advocate for fair access for everyone.

We await your responses to these issues of importance to families.

Yours truly,

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