Building Better Futures for Children and Youth in Ontario

Ontario’s Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017 strengthens child, youth and family services to better protect and care for some of the province’s most vulnerable young people. Ontario is working to give all children and youth across the province the opportunity to succeed.

### Prevention and Protection
- Raising the age of protection to 18
- Earlier intervention
- Increased access to services

### Quality Improvement
- Efficient and consistent services
- Data collection, including identity-based data
- Improved information-sharing
- Culturally appropriate supports and services

### Children and Youth at the Centre
- Respects and values the voices of children and youth
- Recognizes diversity and supports inclusive and culturally appropriate services for all children
- Consistent with UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and Katelynn’s Principle

### Relationships with First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples
- Culturally appropriate supports and services
- Supports ongoing engagement with First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities
- Supports the Ontario Indigenous Children and Youth Strategy

### Accountability and Oversight
- Stronger rules for service providers
- Strict financial management requirements for service providers
- Expert advice for government

### IMPACT

**PREVENTION AND PROTECTION**
- Increased protection for vulnerable youth
- Preventing crisis situations for children and families
- Reducing homelessness, human trafficking and involvement in crime

**QUALITY IMPROVEMENT**
- More consistent services for children across the province
- Better service planning and delivery to meet the needs of children and youth
- More children in stable and supportive permanent homes

**ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT**
- More accountable service providers
- Improved administrative spending

**RELATIONSHIPS WITH FIRST NATIONS, INUIT AND MÉTIS PEOPLES**
- Respect each child’s culture, heritage and traditions
- Better outcomes for Indigenous children and youth
- Helping communities to care for their children

For more information on these changes, please visit www.ontario.ca/children