

Maintain Services for Youth with Mental Health Needs.

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

WHEREAS mood and anxiety disorders, psychosis, Attention Deficit Disorders, and Autism Spectrum Disorders are **brain-based biological illnesses** rather than “social issues”

WHEREAS suicide is the leading cause of non-accidental death for Canadian youth and

at least three young lives are lost through suicide every week across Ontario.

WHEREAS 3 of 4 mentally ill youth in Ontario **do not receive treatment**

WHEREAS current **funding and services** for mentally ill youth are **fragmented** amongst 4 different ministries (child and youth services, justice, education, and ministry of health and long term care), 3 of which are not focused on treating illness

Therefore, we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

- Consolidate access, accountability and research for treatment of youth mental illness under one ministry – The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and provide continuity of care under this same ministry during the critical age period of 14 to 25 years old

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