



March 17, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, MPP
Premier of Ontario
The Office of the Premier
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Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier,

We would like to express our congratulations on your party's re-election in the recent Ontario General Election. We look forward to a continued working relationship with you and your government in the days, months and years ahead.

As you may recall, we had previously written to you regarding possible solutions to the critical issues facing the Developmental Services sector, in particular the 52,000 adults with intellectual disabilities who are currently languishing on the Developmental Services (DS) waitlist in Ontario.

We support and thank you for the efforts you have made in the past, including the 3% increase to base budgets and tying ODSP to inflation. We also understand and appreciate that these decisions would not have happened without your personal commitment and support and were deeply informed by your own many years of personal involvement and dedication on behalf of individuals living with disabilities, their families and service agencies that provide critical care and support. You, more than many others, understand the challenges that families face to ensure their loved ones living with disabilities are well cared for.

However, despite this, thousands of people with developmental disabilities are still stuck on waitlists or inappropriately in hospitals and long-term care facilities because our sector is under-resourced.

As part of the [#WaitingToBelong campaign](#), launched in 2024, Community Living Ontario, OASIS, their member agencies and others in the DS Sector have been actively working to bring attention to this matter.

We want to continue you to work with you and your government to find a real solution to the growing waitlists. Without the government's cooperation and a commitment this incredibly important issue cannot be resolved. This is an opportunity to make a significant impact on the lives of the more than 100,000 Ontarians with intellectual disabilities, their families, and the Developmental Services agencies that support them.

We understand that the next few weeks and months will be extremely busy for you, however we would welcome the opportunity to arrange a meeting either in person or virtually with you and/or your staff at your earliest convenience to discuss the critical issues impacting the developmental services (DS) sector and the people living with developmental disabilities we serve across the province. Please feel free to contact us directly or have your office reach out to us to schedule a meeting at any time.

Congratulations again, we wish you all the best and thank you for your continued engagement and interest in supporting individuals living with developmental disabilities and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Walsh".

Dr. Robert Walsh, CEO, OASIS

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Beesley".

Chris Beesley, CEO, Community Living Ontario