



Surrey Place Centre Welcomes Ontario's Announcement to Provide Direct Funding Option to Families as Part of the New Ontario Autism Program

Toronto, May 18, 2017 – Today the Minister of Children and Youth Services (MCYS), the Honourable Michael Coteau, announced that the ministry is moving forward with the design and implementation of a new direct funding option as part of the new Ontario Autism Program (OAP).

Families have conveyed how important it is to have choice when it comes to the new OAP. The new direct funding option will give families the choice and flexibility of services they need and will be available by the end of the year. During the transition period, services will continue to be provided through existing regional autism service providers.

“We work extremely hard to ensure the people that rely on us, specifically young people with autism and their families, get the important services and support they need,” said Steven Finlay, Chief Executive Officer Surrey Place Centre. “By continuing to work together with the Ontario government, we – and our partner agencies – are committed to improving services for children and youth with autism.”

To learn more about the new Ontario Autism Program please visit the Government of Ontario's website at Ontario.ca/autism.

For the official MCYS News Release and detailed information please [click here](#).

About Surrey Place Centre

Surrey Place Centre provides specialized clinical services that are responsive to individual need and which promote health and well-being. In addition to the direct service role, the Centre facilitates system-wide access to information and supports. Our leadership in research, evaluation and education is directed toward advancing knowledge and practice in the field and building the capacity of service systems. As an organization we are committed to supporting the social inclusion of people with developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, as well as young children challenged with visual impairments. For more information visit www.surreyplace.on.ca.

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