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TO: Early Years and Child Care Partners

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SUBJECT: Launch of surveys to support the review of the *Child Care and Early*

Years Act. 2014

Thank you for your continued partnership during this unprecedented time. We value your leadership and commitment in supporting children and families across the province.

As you know, the <u>Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014</u> (CCEYA) came into effect on August 31, 2015. The CCEYA requires the Minister of Education to conduct a statutory review of the Act within five years of its coming into force.

To support the review, we look forward to consulting with families and child care partners this summer to gather input on ways to enhance the early years and child care system.

The ministry is launching two surveys online – one for families and one for child care sector partners – to support the review of the CCEYA and to guide future child care planning for the province. The survey results will help us improve the system to better meet the needs of families and child care providers.

The surveys will be available on this website https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-strengthening-early-years-and-child-care-ontario from July 7, 2020 to July 21, 2020 and they will take approximately 15 – 20 minutes to complete. The surveys include a number of closed- and open-ended questions on various topics related to early years and child care.

We also look forward to receiving submissions from individuals and organizations. Please feel free to send submissions to cceya consultation@ontario.ca by July 31, 2020.

Following the public consultation period, the ministry will release a public report with respect to the review once the feedback has been reviewed and analyzed. We welcome you to share this information with your teams, partners and families.

We look forward to hearing from you, as we continue our important work together.

Sincerely, Shannon Fuller

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