

Thank you for reaching out to PC party regarding the health and wellness of children and youth in Ontario.

We believe that Ontarians of all ages should be able to access high-quality and evidence-based mental health and addictions care. That is why we are the first government in Ontario's history to create a ministry for Mental Health and Addictions. We are getting it done by investing \$3.8 billion over 10 years in support of the Roadmap to Wellness - our comprehensive plan to address the mental health and addiction needs of all Ontarians. One of the highlights of this plan is for the first time ever OHIP will cover an evidence-based cognitive behavioural therapy program for Ontarians aged 10 years and older called "mindability". Since 2018, our government has invested a total of \$7.86 billion for mental health and addictions programs.

The Ontario government is investing \$1.1 billion over three years to support the continuation of hundreds of new adult, pediatric and neonatal critical care beds in the province. This investment will ensure hospital beds are available for patients in need of urgent care.

As part of the Ontario government's effort to support children, youth and families through this challenging time we invested \$8 million in funding for [Feed Ontario](#). This funding assisted Feed Ontario in producing and distributing pre-packaged hampers to support the great work food banks have been doing throughout the COVID-19 outbreak. Student Nutrition Programs across the province have also seen increased funding so they can continue to deliver critical services for children across the province. To respond to the pandemic, the program has been adapted to include new local approaches to meal delivery, including distributing grocery gift card or delivering food boxes.

Thank you again,

Ontario PC Party Campaign

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