

September 28, 2009

The Hon. Deborah Matthews, M.M.P.
Minister of Children and Youth Services
14th Floor
56 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5S 2S3

Dear Minister:

This letter is further to our previous letter dated August 14, 2009, regarding the discharge criteria for children in the government funded IBI programs. As the previous letter was mailed over six weeks ago and we have not yet received a response from your office, we would like to follow up to ensure your receipt of the letter.

We understand that the volume of mail arriving at your office is likely substantial and that priorities must be made, but we also feel a responsibility to the parents and caregivers of children with autism who are concerned about the discharge criteria. It is our hope that we can take part in an open discussion with your office in order to come to an understanding regarding the reasoning behind the discharges.

We have included the previously sent letter as further information, as it may not be readily available to you. We look forward to your response and to the opportunity to further discuss the issue with you.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Laurie Mawlam
Executive Director
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