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Memorandum To: Consolidated Municipal Service Managers
District Social Services Administration Boards

From: Shannon Fuller
A/Assistant Deputy Minister

Date: July 7, 2016

Subject: **Truth and Reconciliation Commission – Ontario's
Early Years Initiatives**

On May 30th, 2016 the government released [The Journey Together: Ontario's Commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples](#), which sets out the Province's plan to work with Indigenous partners to help address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's findings and Calls to Action. This includes programs and actions related to enhancing provincial understanding about the legacy of residential schools, closing gaps and removing barriers, creating a culturally relevant and responsive justice system, supporting Indigenous culture, and reconciling relationships with Indigenous Peoples.

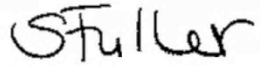
The Journey Together identifies a total of \$150M over three years for initiatives aimed at closing gaps and removing barriers, including a commitment to expand access for Indigenous children and families to [child and family programs](#) on reserve as well as licensed [child care](#) and culturally relevant child and family programs off reserve.

We are committed to moving forward on these initiatives through respectful and authentic partnership and dialogue among a wide range of Indigenous and government partners. The Ministry of Education is also committed to working collaboratively with partners to identify funding priorities and implementation approaches. We will be looking to your expertise and experience as service system managers, in addition to other key partners, to help support the development and roll-out of this initiative.

Over the coming weeks, representatives from my office will reach out to our partners, including Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and District Social Services Administration Boards, to begin conversations on next steps.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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