



April 6, 2006

Research and Outcome Measurement Branch  
Ministry of Children and Youth Services  
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Attention: Patricia Longlade

Dear Ms Longlade,

Last fall, an OACAS sponsored Provincial Project entitled '*Enhancing Positive Worker Interventions With Children and their Families in Protection Services: Best Practices and Required Skills*' submitted a report on its work. The OACAS unanimously approved a Phase II of the Project which is looking at how engagement and best practices can indeed provide for a more successful Differential Response, a lower risk to children and indeed greater permanency. As a result, seven of the fourteen agencies involved in Phase II are submitting this Grant-in- Aid as part of our commitment to looking at what worker approaches will provide the best safety focused service to children and their families. A complete disc of our work to date on the Project as a whole is available if so requested.

On behalf then of the Children's Aid Society of Algoma, Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region, the Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, the Children's Aid Society of Haldimand-Norfolk, the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto and the

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Children's Aid Society of Brant please accept the following package of information in support of the Grant-In-Aid Program collaborative research initiative "An Analysis of Worker-Parent Engagement and Child and Family Outcomes in Child Welfare Settings".

This study of worker-parent engagement strategies as they relate to child and family well-being will be a critical component in the delivery of differential response in Child Welfare and will constitute vital research into what are the elements of best practice that can ensure the desired outcome of improving child safety?

The collaboration of seven child welfare agencies in this research initiative will allow for representation of a cross section of communities in the identification of collaborative principles of engagement and service delivery variables that impact on children, youth and families. The benefit of an increase in the collective understanding of collaboration will positively impact well being and effective service outcomes.

It is our hope that the committee will endorse this proposal with confidence in our full commitment to develop the research potential to positively influence the field.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Koster".

Andrew Koster M.S.W, R.S.W  
Executive Director