

Kids Grow Up: Teens and Adults on the Autism Spectrum Advocacy Campaign Tool Kit

Sample Letter

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Re: Kids Grow Up! Adolescents and Adults On The Autism Spectrum

Dear Mr/Ms/Hon Last Name,

I am/We are parent(s) of an adolescent/adult living with Autism Spectrum Disorder. His/her name is _____. **[Write something important about your son/daughter]**

As our representative at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, I/we would like to bring to your attention the issues that impact my/our son/daughter and our family. These are the same issues that impact the lives of approximately 70,000 individuals on the autism spectrum and their families in Ontario today.

The Provincial Government has embarked on Transforming Developmental Services in Ontario. Numerous announcements have been made and new initiatives have been introduced across our province. You are my/our voice at the Legislative Assembly. **Strongly remind the government** that the following areas require close attention. **Concrete steps are needed now** to ensure a continuum of sustainable and specialized services in communities wherever adults with ASD live: **[choose your top three]**

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[choose your top three from the list below]

- Transition planning and supports
- SSAH and other forms of individualized funding
- Housing options
- Service coordination
- Residential supports and Day supports
- Respite services
- School support programs
- Vocational training and income support
- Clinical support
- Support groups for individuals and their families
- Mandatory training for professionals and front line staff in education, health, and developmental services sectors.
- Public awareness campaign

As children become adults, the capacity of parents to care for them increasingly becomes more of a challenge. We need to make sure that our children have the appropriate supports that they need to live a safe, meaningful, and productive life. We need to make sure that appropriate supports are in place long before we reach the inevitable point where we cannot care for our family member anymore.

In this time of your government's transformation initiatives, we need to make sure that adolescents and adults on the Autism Spectrum, like my/our [insert age] son/daughter are on the top of your government's list of priorities.

I/We need your voice to help my/our family advocate for [name of son/daughter].

I/We look forward to your response and welcome the opportunity to meet with you to further discuss this matter.

Thank you and best wishes.

Yours truly,

Name(s) of Parent(s)

Phone Number