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Offering Sympathy and Solidarity in Supporting Families Affected by Recent Events at Beating the Odds

[Toronto, Ontario] Our hearts go out to the families affected by the recent events at Beating the Odds IBI & Child Development Services in Essa Township. Autism Ontario understands that this situation has caused distress and concern among parents, especially those who trusted the facility to provide the care and support their children deserve.

The safety and well-being of children are of paramount importance, and we acknowledge the emotions families may be experiencing during this difficult time and as the legal process against the accused unfolds. As an organization committed to fostering inclusivity and support for autistic individuals, Autism Ontario stands in solidarity with the families impacted by these distressing circumstances.

It is natural for parents to seek a safe and nurturing environment for their children, and the recent developments have undoubtedly raised questions and concerns. We want to assure all families that their concerns are valid.

“Parents and caregivers should be confident that their children are safe when they entrust others with their care,” says Jessica Bethel, Chief Education and Communications Officer at Autism Ontario. “Autism Ontario fully supports [the regulation of Behaviour Analysts in Ontario](#), which will protect the health and safety of those accessing services by ensuring that professionals meet the required qualifications, standards of practice, and competency. We stand with the families impacted by these allegations, and we encourage families to reach out to us for support and utilize resources that we have curated to help navigate the therapy maze,” she continues.

Autism Ontario understands the importance of coming together as a community to support one another during such trying times.

RESOURCES

English/French

- [8 Questions to Ask Before Hiring a Service Provider / Huit questions à poser AVANT d'embaucher un fournisseur de services](#)
- [Provider Checklist / Liste de contrôle du fournisseur](#)
- [Service Agreement Checklist / ENTENTE DE SERVICE : LISTE DE VÉRIFICATION](#)

English

- [What to Expect Videos](#)
- OAP Provider List
 - [Family Resources](#)
 - [Provider Resources](#)



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