



## FOSTER PARENTS SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

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Honourable Minister Deb Matthews  
Minister of Children and Youth Services  
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The Honourable Minister Deb Matthews:

The Foster Parents Society of Ontario (FPSO) is aware the Child and Family Services Act is currently being reviewed for updates and respectfully submits our recommendations for amendments.

The FPSO has assembled a foster parent Bill of Rights to be adopted by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. *A Bill of Rights for Foster Parents is already in place in many other provinces as well as internationally. Ontario needs to catch up on what is already done elsewhere.*

The Foster Parents Society of Ontario would appreciate consideration be given to the attached Bill of Rights and recommendations from our membership.

Respectfully submitted,

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On behalf of the FPSO Board of Directors

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