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To whom it may concern:

Re: Developmental Services Class Action – Notice to Class Members

Koskie Minsky LLP is class counsel in a certified class action on behalf of individuals who were eligible for Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services-funded adult developmental services, supports and funding, and who were placed on a service registry between July 1, 2011, and December 14, 2018 ("class members"). This action relates to delays in accessing funding and services.

As part of the Notice Plan ordered by the Court, to provide notice of certification to class members, we are distributing copies of the long and short-form notice to each MCCSS-funded adult developmental services agency in Ontario. Ontario has agreed to the content of and attachments to this letter and has agreed to its distribution in this manner.

Please make the long and short-form notice available to any of your service users who may be part of the class, or who may have a family member who is part of the class. If possible, please post a copy of the short-form notice in an area where it is likely to be seen by class members, or their families. Copies of the long and short-form notice are also available on the webpage for this class action: <https://kmlaw.ca/waitlistclassaction>. You can also direct individuals to that website for more information.

The opt-out deadline for this class action (the date by which class members must indicate if they do not want to be part of the class action) is **July 26, 2024**. It is therefore important that this information is circulated promptly.

Thank you for your assistance in distributing notice of this class action to class members.

Yours truly,

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Were You Eligible and Assessed for Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (formerly Ministry of Community and Social Services)-Funded Adult Developmental Services and Supports and Funding and Placed on a Service Registry between July 1, 2011, and December 14, 2018?

A lawsuit may affect you. Please read this carefully.

A class action is happening for people who were alive as of April 10, 2015 and eligible for ministry-funded adult developmental services and supports and funding, who were assessed by an application entity (DSO) and placed on these service registries between July 1, 2011 to December 14, 2018:

- (i) "residential services and supports" and ,
- (ii) "caregiver respite services and supports" under the *Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008*; and
- (iii) "Passport" funding under the *Ministry of Community and Social Services Act*.

If you are a Class member, you can choose to stay in or leave the Class.

Option 1: Stay in the class action: To stay in the class action, you do not have to do anything. If money or benefits are obtained, you will be told about how to make a claim. You will be legally bound by all orders and judgments in the class action, and you will not be able to sue Ontario separately about the legal claims in this case.

Option 2: Get out of the class action: If you want to leave the class action, you must submit an opt out form by July 26, 2024. Opt out forms are available here: kmlaw.ca/waitlistclassaction. You can also opt out by writing to Class Counsel at the address below and telling them that you want to be removed from this class action. Please include your name, address, telephone number and/or email address in the letter and have it post marked by July 26, 2024. If you remove yourself, you cannot get money or benefits from this lawsuit if any are awarded.

The Court has appointed Koskie Minsky LLP ("Class Counsel") to represent the Class. You don't have to pay Class Counsel to participate. If they get money or benefits for the Class, they may ask for lawyers' fees and costs which would be deducted from any money obtained or to be paid separately by Ontario.

To contact class counsel and for more information about your rights:

- Go to kmlaw.ca/waitlistclassaction
- Email waitlistclassaction@kmlaw.ca
- Call toll-free 1-866-474-1740 (Dial 711 before number for TTY)
- Write to: Developmental Services Waitlist Class Action
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