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To those who are involved or have been involved in the child welfare sector.

The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services is conducting engagement activities with service providers, representative organizations, Indigenous partners and others, including youth, parents, guardians, caregivers and front-line workers. A Provincial Child Welfare, Adoption and Residential Services survey is one part of the government's engagement to support the modernization of Ontario's child welfare system and residential services.

The purpose of the survey is to obtain a range of perspectives and insights from those who have been involved with the child welfare system and with residential services. We are looking for feedback from individuals who fall into the following groups:

- Youth or former youth who are receiving or have received services from a children's aid society or have received residential care;
- Parents, family members or caregivers who have had involvement with a children's aid society or with licensed child and youth residential services; and
- Employees of children's aid societies, licensed residential settings and other community-based service providers.

The survey is anonymous and will take 20 minutes to complete. The survey will be available until September 30, 2019 and can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=156693927117

Should you have any questions regarding the survey, the child welfare modernization engagement efforts, or wish to receive a paper copy of the survey by mail, please contact CYFSA@ontario.ca. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely.

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