

ADVOCACY

Letter to your MPP

Fill in the blanks, sign it, and send it to the MPP for the riding you live in. One page is enough. A letter from a constituent carries more weight than a form petition.

Date: _____

Dear _____,

I live in your riding. My child is _____ years old and is autistic. We registered with the Ontario Autism Program in _____ and we are still waiting for core funding.

Two or three sentences here about your child and what the wait has cost your family. Plain and specific is stronger than angry.

We are not an unusual case. As of May 13, 2026, 91,974 children and youth were registered with the Ontario Autism Program, and 71,263 of them had no active Core Funding Agreement. Only 22.5% of registered children had funding in place. The Financial Accountability Office put the cost of serving the children it assessed in 2020 at \$1.35B a year, measured at the service levels of that time, against a 2026-27 program budget of \$965M.

I am asking you to do three things:

1. Raise this in the Legislature, and say out loud how many children are still waiting.
2. Press for a funding level that matches what the Financial Accountability Office has documented, not a single-year announcement.
3. Ask the ministry for a published service timeline that families can hold it to, and for regular reporting on how the money is spent.

Please reply to me in writing within two weeks, and tell me what you intend to do. I am happy to meet.

Sincerely,

Name, home address, postal code, and phone. Your address is what proves you are a constituent, so do not leave it out.

Before you send it

- Find your MPP by postal code at ola.org, or use the MPP finder at endthewaitontario.com/tools.
- Copy the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and the Premier. It costs nothing and it widens the record.
- Keep a copy. If you get no reply in two weeks, send it again and say so.
- Still waiting to register? Call AccessOAP at 1-833-425-2445. Your place in line starts from the date you register, not the date of diagnosis.

Source: MCCSS Ontario Autism Program figures, May 13, 2026, obtained by the Ontario Autism Coalition under Freedom of Information

Last verified: August 2026. Figures on this sheet come from the same verified source table the website uses. Check the current figures at endthewaitontario.com.

The Financial Accountability Office figure is its 2020 estimate, based on the children it assessed then and the service levels of that period. It is not a current costing of today's larger waitlist. This sheet is general advocacy material, not legal advice.