



March 14, 2023

Honourable Mickey Amery
Minister of Children's Services
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Dear Minister Amery,

On behalf of the community agencies that are members of ALIGN, we want to share our appreciation that you were able to find some money to support child intervention agencies as they struggle with their cost of doing business. The flexibility to apply the funds was noted by many.

As we move forward and into election time and beyond, we need to keep the momentum going. Community Support Services are key to Alberta's stability. We need to make sure all community agencies are strong and healthy to support vulnerable Albertans.

Community agencies, that care for children in government care, need to be supported to continue to do excellent jobs. We need to find ways to decrease turnover, close the wage gap and ensure barriers to delivering quality services are reviewed.

We look forward to working with you and the Ministry staff in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pauline Smale". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Pauline Smale

President

ALIGN Association of Community Services