Provincial Policy and Funding Changes
Monitoring for Local Community Impacts

Adrienne Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services
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Community Services
Provincial Ministries

- Children’s Services
  - Ministry of Education

- Homelessness Services
  - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- Seniors’ Services
  - Ministry of Health
  - Ministry of Long-Term Care

- Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities
  - Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities

- ODSP Eligibility
- Earnings Exemptions
- Transition Child Benefit
- Overpayment Recovery Rates
- Employment Services Transformation

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Impact of the Transition Child Benefit on Families

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Earning Exemptions

Total Income of a Sole Support Parent with One Child on Ontario Works

- Current Earning Exemption
- New Earning Exemption

- Earnings per Month
- Total Earnings and OW benefit

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Earning Exemptions

Total Income of Couple with One Child on Ontario Works

- Current Earning Exemption
- New Earning Exemption

Earnings per Month

Total Earnings and OW benefit

- $0
- $150
- $250
- $350
- $450
- $550
- $650
- $750
- $850
- $950
- $1,050
- $1,150
- $1,250
- $1,350
- $1,450
- $1,550
- $1,650
- $1,750
- $1,850
- $1,950
- $2,050
- $2,150
- $2,250
- $2,350
- $2,450
- $2,550

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Overpayment Recovery Rates

5% to 10%
Children’s Services

• April 2019
  • Initial reduction of $1.25M to operating budget

• June 2019
  • Amended funding that resulted in 0.2% increase ($65,000) and deferred $1.25M reduction to 2020

• Anticipating a provincial announcement related to a **new funding formula** (cost-share model) and **child care plan**
Child Care Benefits in Ontario

Parental Contributions for Child Care

- Child Care Fee Subsidy Recipient
- CARE Tax Credit Recipient
Child Care Benefits in Ontario

Parental Contributions for Child Care

- $0 – $57,000
- Child Care Fee Subsidy Recipient
- CARE Tax Credit Recipient

Household Income

Annual Cost to Family
Seniors’ Services

• May 2019
  • Received 1% increase in operating funding, decrease in level of care funding, resulting in an overall increase of $197,000 (0.4%) to operating budget

• July 2019
  • Deferred cancellation of Structural Compliance Program – results in additional $66,000

2.3% to resident accommodation co-pay rates

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

Structural Compliance Program
Homelessness Services

- April 2019
  - Maintained CHPI funding allocation at 2018 levels, despite previously committed increase of an additional $0.3M.

Homelessness Services continues to be **underfunded** compared to other Service Managers in Ontario.
Continued Monitoring

Staff commit to monitoring the impacts of provincial policy and funding changes on the populations who access Community Services, and possible subsequent impacts to emergency social services (e.g. emergency shelter system), non-profit and charitable organizations (e.g. local food banks) who also support the needs of low-income families.