



Special Services At Home Provincial Coalition

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THIS MESSAGE IS FOR YOU!

We are writing to you and all families who use SSAH, know someone who uses SSAH or has applied and been turned down for SSAH for their son, daughter or family member. We are asking for your help to let the Minister of Community, Family and Children's Services know our feelings about SSAH.

What we need you to do4 things,..... please...

1. **We** are asking you to complete the **"FATHER'S DAY FAX"** sheet.
2. **Fax** it to your local M.P.P. - Member of Provincial Parliament.
3. **Fax** it AGAIN to the SSAH Provincial Coalition **FAX (519) 974-9833** between June 10th and June 15th which is **FATHER'S DAY**
4. ***Make more copies now & ask your friends & family to fill in the "FATHER'S DAY FAX" too . Ask them to fax to the Coalition during the designated dates.***

We will deliver all of your faxes to the government minister, Brenda Elliott, Minister responsible for SSAH .

What we believe about Special Services at Home . . .

- ♥ It is essential for families that SSAH be a program of **First Choice**.
- ♥ SSAH is a vital support which helps people and families to live meaningful lives in the community.
- ♥ **Increasing the SSAH Budget by \$25 million dollars provincially**, would help to meet the current needs of families in Ontario.
- ♥ SSAH can change and evolve to respond to all family needs.
- ♥ Families have much to contribute about how SSAH could evolve.
- ♥ Children who receive SSAH should continue to qualify after age 18 if they remain in the family home.

What we know...

- \$2.3 million SSAH funds were diverted to other funding pressures in 2001/02.
- That 18,500 individuals and families use SSAH in Ontario.
- 1032 people are on a waiting list for SSAH

We have also enclosed a membership form for you to join the SSAH Provincial Coalition. We hope you will consider becoming a member of the SSAH Coalition. The funds from your membership will help defray our printing and mailing costs. **Please join with us in this grassroots effort to inform the Minister of Community, Family & Children's Services that we need more funds in this vital SSAH program that has helped families since 1982.**