



Some Interesting Facts

“Effective and accountable community-based services are directed to those most in need, in the fairest possible manner” (MCSS Estimates, 2011/2012)

So Let's See What MCSS Considers "Fair"

Under MCSS Administration, Vote 701

Total Estimates for last year

\$39,863,000.

Total Estimates for this year

\$40,168,800.

Difference

\$305,800.

Percentage increase: Over 7.7%

[Rationale]

MCSS's own words:

“Strategic business planning advice and business management services are provided to support senior management decision making. As part of the larger Ontario Public Service, the Ministry's business supports reflect and support the government's overall policies and enterprises”.

How are those policies and enterprises working for you? It's your dime.

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Developmental Services Funding – Adults and Children

2010/11 - \$1,658,400,800

2011/12 - \$1,695,897,200

Difference: \$ 37,496,400.

Percentage increase: .23%

So MCSS votes its own administration costs a 7%+ higher amount than it votes for the entire Developmental Services system. That is government's version of "Fair".

[Where Is The Money Going?]

Transfer Payments:

Residential – \$1,055,154,000.00

Support - \$ 606,902,100.00

TOTAL \$1,662,056,100.00

Where is the rest?

Salaries and Wages \$21,132,400.00

Employee Benefits \$ 7,637,800.00

Transportation \$ 1,638,200.00

“Services’ \$ 1,577,900.00

Supplies/Equipment \$ 1,854,800.00

[The History of SSAH]

- “In the 2003/04 fiscal year, 23,790 applications for SSAH funds were received, and 20,657 were approved.
- In the 2009/10 fiscal year, the government received 32,705 applications, while 25,110 of those applications were approved for funding.
- Families have been told that they could apply for as much as \$10,000 a year, but **in March 2010, the average SSAH allocation was \$4,201** per person annually. · It is important to note that as the demand for funding increased, so did the waiting lists for funding under the program.
- **In 2011, the Ministry announced \$40 million in new funding for Developmental Services**, of which \$4 million was allocated in SSAH to 955 adults who had previously been on the waiting list.” **(Lie – Estimates show that did not happen) (SSAH/Passport Coalition document)**

[The History of SSAH]

- “Effective April 2012, the Government announced – without consulting with the SSAHPC – that SSAH funding will no longer be available for adults”.
(SSAH/Passport Coalition, June 2012)

Special Services At Home/Passport

- For Special Services at Home, which serves primarily children, government records show **7,160** on the official waitlist **as of 2010**.
- For the Passport program, almost 4,000 – 3,959, to be exact — have been told officially that they qualify but there's no **money**. (Toronto Star, August 27, 2010 "Funding Shortages for Home Services Are Staggering". Helen Henderson)
- According to the Auditor General of Ontario's Report, as of **March 31, 2011** there were **9,600** people on the waiting list (**2440 more than a year earlier**).
- All these families have been found to be eligible for SSAH funding, but received none at all. (Toronto Star, August 27, 2010 "Funding Shortages for Home Services Are Staggering". Helen Henderson)

[Special Services At Home]

- 28,600 families using SSAH in 2008
- Wait lists of over 1800 families in June 2008 **(4x as long by 2010)**
- Last funding increase in June 2006 was \$12 M
- Total SSAH budget \$98 M (SSAH Coalition, 2008 – as reported by Helen Henderson, Toronto Star - “Help Falls Short For Home Based Care: Road to Inclusion if Paved With Good Intentions)
<http://www.ssahcoalition.ca/newsletters/March2009FirstChoiceNews.pdf>)

[Passport]

- “As of **March 2010**, **2,492 adults** had received **Passport funding**, and there were 3,959 adults on the waiting list for Passport funding – all found to be eligible for funds, but receiving none.
- In the **2010/11 fiscal year**, **2,700 people** received a total of **\$31 million** (or an average of \$11,500 each) in Passport funding. In addition, there were approximately **4,500 people** who had been determined to be eligible, but who were on the Passport funding **wait list**, receiving no money.” (SSAH/Passport Coalition)

[Passport]

- “In June 2011, the Ministry announced an \$11 million increase to Passport – apparently providing funding to 955 more people who had been on the Passport waiting list.
- The Ministry does not say how many more peoples’ names were added to the waiting list since March 2011.
- How this money was allocated seems to have differed throughout the province.
- **Fewer people receive funding than are on waiting lists for funding.” (SSAH/Passport Coalition)**

[Funding: Truth or Lies?]

- The government puts almost \$31 million annually into the Passport program and almost \$33 million of new funding into Special Services at Home (Madeleine Meilleur, quoted in Toronto Star on August 27, 2010). <http://www.thestar.com/living/disabilities/article/852152--funding-shortages-for-home-services-are-staggering>
- **The Big Lie: Ms Meilleur's own Estimates show that in 2009/10 the entire budget for Developmental Services was \$1,627,122, 181.**
- **In 2010/11 it was \$1,658,400,800. – a difference of \$31,278,619. (What happened to the 40M announcement?)**
- **How could Special Services at home have received \$33 million in new funding, when the entire Developmental Services System received 2 million less than that in increases between 2009 and 2010/11?**

[Truth or Lies?]

- The MCSS website⁶ says: “*Passport is changing. Starting April 1, 2012, direct funding for adults with a developmental disability is available through Passport.*”
- **This is not true - new Passport funding appears to be totally *unavailable!*** (SSAH/Passport Coalition, June 2012)
- “Many adults with developmental disabilities require much more support than Passport can provide.
- Adults who were already waiting for SSAH seem to be forced now to join all of those already in the Passport queue.
- If families break down under the stress, there will be urgent pressure for more costly, segregated services.”
(SSAH/Passport Coalition, June 2012) Pls see: <http://www.family-alliance.com/pdfdocs/Social%20Exclusion%20-SSAHPC%20June2012.pdf>

[Why Is This Happening?]

- There is little or no effective advocacy holding Ministers or bureaucrats accountable for what appear to be outright lies.