



Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Children's Aid Joint Amalgamation Steering Committee

Creating a new tomorrow for children, youth and families in the tri-counties.

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Every Kid in Our Communities
Box 1000, 1 King St.
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Re: Recent Developments in the Amalgamation of Family & Children's Services of Brockville and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville and the Children's Aid Society of the County of Lanark and the Town of Smiths Falls

Dear Community Partners:

As you are aware, Family & Children's Services of Leeds & Grenville and the Children's Aid Society of the County of Lanark and Town of Smiths Falls have been moving forward towards amalgamation. A confidential report has been submitted to the Commission to Promote Sustainable Child Welfare for their consideration and recommendation to the Minister of Children and Youth Services, who is then expected to approve the plan

The report identifies the name of the new organization as Family and Children Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, reflecting a continued commitment to serving families and children in the counties.

The report also lists July 1, 2011 as the target date for incorporation. There are many variables that could modify this date however it is the collective belief that timely incorporation will greatly assist in creating a new organization. When incorporated, the two agencies will be operating as one legal entity and in the initial stages of amalgamation, the communities will see very little change in terms of access to service and the type of services provided. Over time existing practices, policies and procedures will be consolidated.

It has also been decided to appoint the current Executive Director of Family and Children's Services of Leeds and Grenville, Mr. Allan Hogan, as head the new organization at the time of incorporation. Ms. Suzanne Geoffrion, currently Executive Director of the Children's Aid Society of the County of Lanark and Town of Smiths Falls, after working with Allan to steer the new organization along its new path, will realize her plans to retire.

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Amalgamation offers many new opportunities and is expected to be very positive for the people of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville. For further information on the amalgamation, contact Ms. Geoffrion or Mr. Hogan.



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