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## **MPP Jones Questions Minister on Children's Aid Societies**

(Queen's Park) – Progressive Conservative MPP Sylvia Jones (Dufferin-Caledon) today called upon the Liberal government to answer the call from Children's Aid Societies who have had their budgets cut midway through the fiscal year.

Children's Aid Societies are mandated to perform certain tasks under legislation, and are required to have a balanced budget approved by the Minister of Children and Youth Services at the beginning of each year. This year, a record 36 of the 51 Children's Aid Societies have filed Section 14 reviews, which means they are unable to balance their mandate with their budget.

“There has never before been so many Children's Aid Societies who are in crisis,” said Jones. “They have a legislated responsibility to provide front-line care for the most vulnerable children in this province. Cutting their budgets will inevitably mean a reduction in services for at-risk children.”

Children's Aid Societies in Halton, Wellington, Dufferin County, Rainy River, Peel, Simcoe County and London just to name a few have been affected by these budget cuts. Many of these Children's Aid Societies fear that the budget cuts will mean a reduction in front-line staff that provide child protection services.

“Ontario families have a right to be concerned,” said Jones. “Provincial legislation says that Children's Aid Societies need to ensure the safety and well-being of children. Inevitably, staffing and other resources are going to have to be cut in order for the 36 Children's Aid Societies who are at risk in order for them to comply with the mandate set out by the Ministry.”

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### Children's Aid Societies who have filed for Section 14 Reviews

Algoma  
Bruce  
Chatham-Kent  
Dilico  
Dufferin  
Durham  
Elgin  
Frontenac  
Haldimand-Norfolk  
Halton  
Hamilton  
Hastings  
Huron-Perth  
Jeanne Sauve (Kapusking)  
Lanark  
Leeds-Grenville  
Lennox-Addington  
London  
Native Toronto  
Niagara  
Nipissing  
Northumberland  
Ottawa  
Oxford  
Peel  
Rainy River  
Simcoe  
Tikinagan  
Timiskaming  
Waterloo  
Wellington  
Windsor  
York

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