

PETITION TO STOP THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE AGE GROUPING AND RATIOS IN CHILD CARE

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS the current proposal will allow younger children to be placed in a child care setting with less adults to have quality interactions with, as well as provide significantly less educational opportunities.

WHEREAS research has proven that the quality of provisions in childcare is directly related to ratios (number of teachers to number of children), staff qualifications and training, and group size.

WHEREAS reducing the number of staff in the ratio setting disregards decades of research and evidence on brain development and the need to have individuals with very specific knowledge and training who can translate this research into practice.

WHEREAS Ontario already has one of the highest ratios of young children to adults, these changes will assure that Ontario has the lowest quality of childcare.

WHEREAS the changes to the age grouping will provide less quality care for children aged 12 months to 30 months, by placing them in groups with higher ratios of children to adults. The workload will increase for the RECE’s, leading to a decrease in quality and education for the children.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

Stop the Government’s plan to change the age groupings and ratios in Ontario Child Care centres.

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Please return petitions with original signatures to: Alicia De La Hamaide, 3055 Rivard, N8T 2J1, Windsor, ON by **March 23, 2016.**