

# PETITION

DON'T LET OUR KIDS BE LEFT BEHIND!

## EARLY INTERVENTION, DISABILITIES & SCHOOLING NEEDS IN MELTON SHIRE

THIS PETITION HAS BEEN STARTED BY A MELTON FAMILY WHOSE  
YOUNG SON HAS JUST BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM.

OUR FRUSTRATION WITH TRYING TO ACCESS THE APPROPRIATE  
RESOURCES HAS PROMPTED US TO SEEK THE SUPPORT  
OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!

LONG WAITING LISTS MAKE A MOCKERY OF THE CONCEPT OF THE 'EARLY  
INTERVENTION' PROGRAM (WHICH SHOULD BEGIN BEFORE FORMAL  
LEARNING AT KINDERGARTEN)

WE ARE ONLY ONE OF MANY FAMILIES IN MELTON WHOSE CHILD HAS  
DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIAL NEEDS.

THERE ARE MANY OTHERS WITH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT  
DIFFICULTIES, SOCIAL & BEHAVIOURAL DIFFICULTIES, DELAYED MOTOR  
SKILLS AND OTHER DISABILITIES

**CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED IN INFANCY  
ARE BEING LEFT BEHIND!  
THIS MUST STOP!**

MANY FAMILIES HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR UP TO 18 MONTHS FOR EARLY  
INTERVENTION SERVICES!

THIS PUTS OUR CHILDREN AT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTAL RISK AND  
MAKES US FEEL UNSUPPORTED AND NEGLECTED BY OUR COMMUNITY

PLEASE SIGN THIS PETITION TO LET STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
KNOW THAT WE CARE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN AND TO  
SIGNIFY YOUR SUPPORT OF MUCH-NEEDED FUNDING FOR EARLY  
INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN THE  
MELTON SHIRE

**OUR CHILDREN OUR FUTURE**

