



March 12, 2020

Dear Clients and Families:

We are very excited to announce that the Boards of Directors and Members of the Corporations of Adventure Place, Griffin Centre, Skylark Children Youth and Families and The Etobicoke Children's Centre have unanimously approved the amalgamation of our four agencies. We will begin operating as a new corporation on April 1, 2020, subject to regulatory review and approval.

We are also delighted to inform you that, effective April 1, 2020, Lydia Sai-Chew will be the Chief Executive Officer of the new organization. Lydia's strong leadership abilities and her vision for the future will ensure that we are a provider of excellent service for clients and families now and well into the future. Lydia is very committed to the vision of realizing a modern forward-thinking organization that is focussed on meeting the diverse needs of the clients and communities we serve together.

The Boards of Directors, along with Lydia, are very pleased to inform you that Cheryl Webb has accepted the position of Chief Operating Officer of the new organization effective April 1, 2020. Cheryl's extensive leadership experience and commitment to service and systems integration will ensure that the broad and deep continuum of services provided by the merged agency will be of the highest quality and be seamless and responsive to the needs of our communities.

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We continue to do the important work of finding the new name for the merged agency. We hope to have the new name soon.

The merged agency will continue to provide all programs and services with no disruption for clients and families. Our promise for the future is to increase and improve access to needed mental health, developmental, and community services for infants, children, youth, individuals and families.

We will be working hard to ensure that the integration of our four agencies happens smoothly and as quickly as possible. We will share updates with you along the way. In the meantime, if you have questions or comments, feel free to contact Lydia Sai-Chew, CEO at Skylark (416 482 0081 ext. 241), Cheryl Webb, ED at Adventure Place (416 744 7650 ext. 258), Barb Macdonald, CEO at Griffin Centre (416 222 1153 ext. 105), or Ewa Deszynski, ED at The Etobicoke Children's Centre (416 240 1111 ext. 2259).

Sincerely,



Renzo Isabella, Board Chair
Adventure Place



Erin Boudreau, Board Chair
Griffin Centre



Susan Waterfield, Board Chair
Skylark Children Youth and Families



Jeremy DeStefanis, Board Chair
The Etobicoke Children's Centre