

McGUINTY GOVERNMENT REPORT CARD

for addressing issue of Child Sexual Abuse

<p>PREVENTION <i>In-school programs protecting against manipulations from offenders both known and unknown to children</i></p>	<p>C +</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good job introducing CYBERCOPS addressing offences from internet luring. - As yet no provincial standards applied across all school boards, as checklist ensuring best resources for addressing any offender type. - Mainstream organisations on front lines of prevention programs report absence of government funding, reducing outreach ability. 	
<p>ENDING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY <i>Providing adequate funding for all municipal police agencies, lobbying federal government for swift action legislating ISPs</i></p>	<p>A -</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good programs announced in \$ 5 million dollar strategy of August 3rd, 2006. - While amount of funding questionable for bringing issue entirely under control, agreement on good progress. 	
<p>LEGAL SYSTEM SUPPORT FOR KIDS <i>Ending injustices from insufficient provision for proven differences in child psychology and development</i></p>	<p>B -</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge and implementation of precedents in child-specific case law still questionable in numerous Ontarian jurisdictions. - Delays from extensive judicial backlog damaging both in ability to establish facts and in attending to child victim needs. - Good job allowing for child-friendly courtroom innovations in \$ 3.7 million plan to improve 18 courthouses. 	
<p>COERCING FEDS FOR ZERO-TOLERANCE SENTENCING <i>Ending Canada's complicity with child sexual assault and child pornography through unacceptably lenient sentencing</i></p>	<p>A -</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appreciate Attorney General's vocalness on counterproductive deterrent value of conditional sentencing (i.e. house arrest). - Recommend that Ontario government step up campaign by 1) Calling for par with other crimes, 2) Broadcasting sentences to public. 	
<p>ACCESS TO COUNSELLING <i>Provision of timely and effective counselling services to both child and adult sufferers of childhood sexual abuse</i></p>	<p>C</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 to 10 months unacceptable waiting period for children seeking treatment, minimum waiting periods should be guaranteed. - Current funding unacceptable for counselling centres struggling to continue providing excellent support. - Children in some jurisdictions denied therapy due to unresolved criminal proceedings, despite existing recommendations for this issue. 	
<p>ACCOUNTABILITY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS <i>Responding to systemic problems raised by law enforcement for investigating and monitoring charged/convicted offenders</i></p>	<p>B +</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good job on commitment of \$ 21.5 million to better identify and monitor high-risk offenders. - Increased pressure required on feds to help fix running concerns with National Sex Offender Registry, DNA databank collection, Corrections Canada/current pardon system and for fighting child sex tourism. 	
<p>ACCESS TO JUDICIAL DOCUMENTATION <i>Public ability to access information in justice system with efficiency, timeliness and fairness as per supplicant resources</i></p>	<p>D</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Both large-scale media and individual supplicants have attested to unacceptability of current access to basic judicial information, including cases involving child sexual assault and child pornography. - Require Justice-Media Liaison Committee announced March 29th, 2007 to implement swift and effective corrective action. 	
<p>INTRODUCTION OF STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS <i>Structural innovations to improve resources and accountability in addressing child sexual abuse</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposal: Amend Ontario Human Rights Code to include children, waive statute of limitations at OHR Tribunal for child-related cases. - Proposal: Amend Student Protection Act of 2002 to include all organisations promoting individuals for a teaching role with children. - Proposal: Call on federal government to introduce sexual manipulation of a child towards abusive acts into s. 172 of Criminal Code. - Good job on ending the statute of limitations regarding fiduciary relationships in civil litigation, in effect as of January 1st, 2004. 	
<p>OVERALL TERM RATING</p>	<p>B</p>