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01.01 FUNDING OF SUCCESSFUL PRENATAL PROGRAMMES

- promote implementation of successful prenatal programmes such as Health Fairs
commit core funding to Health Units throughout province that desire to offer such prenatal programmes

01.02 CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENTING INFORMATION

- promote implementation of parenting information initiatives such as "Let's Grow Newsletter" province wide
- commit ongoing funding to Health Units across province to offer such parenting information initiatives, if desired

01.03 PROMOTIONAL / EDUCATIONAL EVENTS THAT PROVIDE FOR POSITIVE CHILD / PARENT INTERACTION

- promote expansion and implementation of promotional educational events, such as Parent Fairs, province wide
- commit ongoing core funding to Health Units throughout province to offer such parenting events if they so desire

01.04 INTEGRATED FUNDING, MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES

- to plan and fund health care at all levels as an integrated program whether the care will be delivered in hospital, at home, or in a long-term care facility

01.05 ILLNESS PREVENTION AND HEALTH EDUCATION

- that promotion of health receives greater emphasis and increased funding and
- that the program be aimed at all ages
- that nutritional information stress portion control at home and in restaurants and that the Ontario Ministry of Health promote a specific ratio of physical activity to sedentary time

01.06 HEALTH CARE STAFFING

- investigate realistic levels of qualified staff needed for a functional health care system
- ask for input from health care workers to define working conditions
- apply any savings achieved by efficiencies in health care system to improve health care and increase the hiring of health care workers rather than provide profit for agencies and
- offer full- time employment to sufficient numbers of qualified health care workers to meet the needs of the system and to encourage those who have left the health care field to return

01.07 BILL 74: AN ACT TO AMEND THE EDUCATION ACT

- to Increase Education Quality
- to Improve the Accountability of School Boards to Students, Parent, Taxpayers, and
- to Enhance Students' School Experience to ensure optimum learning conditions for students and quality public education throughout Ontario by:
 - immediately repealing Bill 74
 - reinstating power and authority to school boards and their trustees
 - restoring teachers' rights in their workplace as well as their right to collective bargaining

01.08 INCREASED EMPHASIS ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN ONTARIO SCHOOLS

- recognize, in funding formula, the place of physical education as integral to the health and education of our students
- emphasize the long-term benefits of a regular, good physical education program for all children at all levels, in all schools and
- ensure that the guidelines for schools include a specific ratio of physical activity to sedentary time and
- encourage teachers to support and cooperate in the implementation of a regular daily routine of simple physical activity in their schools

01.09 NEW ONTARIO WORKS SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL

- to cancel the "New Ontario Works Service Delivery Model" and
- reinstate the previous system where all people making application for social assistance do so through a face to face interview with a worker from a local office

who is able to take into account relevant personal data and has knowledge of local resources.

01.10 SOCIAL ASSISTANCE RATES AND CLAWBACKS

- increase social assistance rates to the level prior to the 1993 reductions plus an adjustment for inflation during the intervening period
- extend benefit of the Child Tax Benefit supplement, with no clawback, to all poor children in Ontario, including those families on social assistance

01.11 ACCESS TO FAMILY INFORMATION FOR CROWN WARDS

- proclaim section VIII of the Family and Children's Act which includes the right to access family information and
- require staff at Local Children's Aid Societies/Family and Children's Services to do all they can to locate members of former Crown Wards' birth families and to assist in family reunions, recognizing the right of either party to veto personal contact

01.12 ADOPTION DISCLOSURE

- to review adoption laws to give adult adoptees information from their files including their name at birth
- provide assistance to help them find their birth parents/siblings, recognizing the right of either parent or adoptee to veto personal contact
- give birth parents the right to have information about a missing family member given up for adoption
- continue to make sure that adoptees get the health information from records permanently maintained

01.13 ACCREDITATION OF IMMIGRANT PROFESSIONALS

- facilitate the ability of immigrant professionals to practice in Ontario without lowering standards, by
 - developing academic assessment tools that are binding on regulatory bodies
 - making loans available to immigrant professionals to enable them to take the tests required

- eliminating unnecessary re-testing; enabling immigrant professionals to get Canadian experience under supervision

01.14 AGRICULTURAL WORKERS: PROTECTION UNDER THE LABOUR RELATIONS ACT

- revoke Bill 7 and reinstate the provisions in law which provide basic protection for farm workers under the Labour Relations Act that are afforded to all other workers in Ontario and
- protections under the Occupational Health and Safety Act

01.15 BILL 73: THE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES: CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE

- amend the Child and Family Service Act to include children from birth to eighteen years of age so that their well-being, education, shelter and protection from harm, are ensured

POLICY UPDATES

01.01-U REGULATION OF RETIREMENT HOMES

- set up a Provincial Task Force to develop recommendations through public consultation on:
 - basic standards of care in retirement homes
 - criteria for licensing
 - enforcement procedures
 - complaint procedures
 - standards for Care Home Information packages
 - enact legislation that regulates retirement homes, based on the recommendations of the Provincial Task Force

01.02-U PUBLIC TRANSIT

- to invest substantive monies in public transit

01.03-U NIAGARA TENDER FRUITLANDS

- provide long-term protection for Niagara's unique fruitlands through Provincial Policy and a renewal of 1995/95 Tender Fruitland Program
- provide protection of other specialty croplands through restrictive Provincial Policy.

01.04-U AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS

- to commit at least 1% of its annual budget as a housing expenditure to construct and maintain appropriate affordable and adequate housing for Ontario citizens.

01.05-U TRUCKING STANDARDS AND HIGHWAY SAFETY

- to continue strict enforcement of truck safety
- implement the "black box" system
- urge Government of Canada to implement safer "standards of work and rest hours, regulation and policy for truckers, such as those in Europe and the USA
- support public consultations on this issue

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

01.01-ER HELP FOR ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS

- to pay accumulated debt and deficits of acute care hospitals
- fund acute care hospitals according to actual costs based on the average per weighted case in efficient hospitals of each class
- compensate acute care hospitals fully when new procedures are added to the insured services they are mandated to provide.