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2003:01 CONDITIONS OF PRE-TRIAL DETENTION IN ONTARIO PROVINCIAL PRISONS

- to ensure that pre-trial detention is used as the last resort
- ensure that an accused is not unnecessarily detained because surety (bail) is set too high
- expand bail supervision programs
- greatly improve the conditions of confinement for those who must be detained

2003:02 HIGHWAY PROLIFERATION

- to consider negative impacts on farmland, environmentally sensitive areas and human health as paramount when developing long range plans for new highways and highway extensions, expansions, and connections and
- limit planned construction to those that will have negligible impact
- ensure the public is involved in early planning stages of highway projects, and
- that all highways, highway extensions, expansions and connections be subjected to individual environmental assessment hearings, rather than 'class' environmental assessments
- ensure the public is presented with improved and expanded transit alternatives in lieu of building highways

2003:03 STAFFING LEVELS AND PRACTICES IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

- To increase mandatory staffing levels in long-term care facilities to meet requirements of actual hours of care required by residents
- ensure the use of physical restraints in long-term facilities be critically examined and promote restraint-reduction programs in these facilities

2003:04 PREVENTIVE SERVICES FUNDING STREAMS WITHIN FUNDING FRAMEWORK FOR CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETIES / FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

- to create and adequately fund preventive services for families in the Funding Framework for Children's Aid Societies/Family and Children's Services to prevent children having to be taken into care

2003:05 FUNDING TO CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETIES / FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES FOR POST-ADOPTION SERVICES

to provide funding to Children's Aid Societies/ Family and Children's Services for provision to adoptive parents of counselling support groups, respite care and financial assistance when required to enable them to meet the exceptional needs of their adopted children

POLICY UPDATES

03:01-U THE NEED FOR HOMEMAKING SERVICES AS PART OF HOME CARE

- to provide sufficient funding to Community Care Access Centres to permit them to reverse their decision to eliminate homemaking services where they occurred
- work with non-profit service providers in the community, consumers and other community partners to explore the development of options for the delivery of homemaking services.

03:02-U TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR YOUTH

- some hands-on technical experience for students beginning in Grade 5 and gradually increasing in content during subsequent grades so students will have an opportunity to consider future studies and/or employment in fields other than that requiring a university degree or post-secondary diploma
- a classroom technical training program, including an on-the-job apprenticeship program, beginning in Grade 7 or Grade 9, according to the academic requirements for a particular trade or skill. The Program, in some cases, may allow the students to earn some remuneration for their efforts

03:03-U VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: THE HADLEY INQUEST RECOMMENDATION

- conduct audits of police services to monitor compliance with the "Model Police Response to Domestic Violence"
- ensure training of police recruits includes at least forty hours of domestic violence investigative training
- ensure police services classification of complaints status on domestic violence call. assignments be changed to "without delay"

- invest new provincial money to immediately provide additional permanent subsidized housing units and "second state" subsidized units sufficient to meet the current and forecast needs for subsidized housing in each community in Ontario
- target federal capital grants toward increasing the supply of subsidized housing units

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

03:01-E ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH CARE AND ORAL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

- amend Dental Hygiene Act, 1991, to remove requirement for an order from a dentist in order for a dental hygienist to clean teeth
- refrain from passing any regulations that would further restrict public access to dental hygiene services.