

November 4, 2019

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Dear Kim,

On behalf of Children's Services, I would like to acknowledge and thank you for the strong and cooperative working relationship your agency has with us. I appreciate and value the services you have offered to strengthen families in our province.

Children's Services has adopted the [Well-Being and Resiliency Framework](#) to guide our efforts to enhance prevention and early intervention services for children, youth and families. The Framework's goal is to provide a consistent province-wide approach to our investments in prevention and early intervention services, create a continuum of services and supports that reflect current evidence related to brain science, and incorporate Indigenous perspectives and worldviews. The Framework is available at [open.alberta.ca](http://open.alberta.ca); search "Well-Being and Resiliency Framework".

Children's Services is re-designing its approach to service delivery to align with the Framework and ensure equitable access to evidence-based prevention and early intervention services throughout the province and among age groups. Our goal is to create networks that provide a range of universal, targeted and intensive services.

The Government of Alberta is moving forward to meet its goal of fairness, transparency and accountability in all grant and contracting processes. The Family and Community Resiliency Division's new comprehensive network design for prevention and early intervention services across the province will be introduced through an Expression of Interest. We hope to engage providers, such as yourself, who are interested in providing these services to work collaboratively in submitting proposals.

This letter is your formal notification that your grants: ACS250543 Parent Link; ACS251491 PLC Indigenous Enhancement; will end on March 31, 2020 and will not be renewed. As of April 1, 2020 Children's Services will no longer be funding this program in its current state. If your agency would like to continue working with Children's Services within our new model of prevention and early intervention service delivery, we invite you to submit a proposal(s) on the Expression of Interest. The Expression of Interest will be posted on the [Alberta Purchasing Connection](#) (APC) website on November 7, 2019.

If you have questions regarding your current contract or grant, please contact Lee Deren at 780-675-6873 or [lee.deren@gov.ab.ca](mailto:lee.deren@gov.ab.ca). More information regarding the upcoming Expression of Interest will be available to you shortly. Please visit [www.purchasingconnection.ca](http://www.purchasingconnection.ca).

Thank you again for your commitment to supporting the well-being of children and families in Alberta and I hope to work with you again in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ Pickford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Hard copy of letter to follow.