Halton Hills



Metro Foster Parents dispute may hurt Halton CAS

Foster parents dropping out of the adoption system in Metro could have a negative impact on Halton, said Executive Director of Halton's Children's Ald Society, Ron Coupland.

"Because Toronto is losing its foster care (over funding disputes) regular kids are being placed in more expensive settings, settings we would normally use for very difficult children," said Mr. Coupland.

Increases annolunced July 4 by Minister of Community and Social Services John Sweeney promised

Metro Toronto more money but the Toronto foster parents don't feel it's adequate.

"We are sympathetic to them. It probably costs the average foster parent a substantial amount of money to support a child. It does cost to foster, and we don't think it should," said Mr. Coupland.

The July 4 paper offered Toronto foster parents an increase of an average 6.8 per cent, bringing the daily rate per child up to \$23.69. In Halton, the rate will be \$16.93 as of January 1, said Mr. Coupland.

The heart of the money dispute is outlined in the February pamphlet released by the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies. The pamphlet compares the 1987 daily average of \$21,62 for foster parent care to the \$41.60 - \$48.80 for a comparable program in the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

And the lack of funding has impact on Halton and Metro Toronto. "If substantial resources are not fortheoming, the society foster care system will become extinct and will Continued on Page 2

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