The fight continues for autism therapy

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We feel with our kids being in the centre, they re surrounded by children. It s kind of like a school setting, David said.

And when they were diagnosed, the psychologist said they needed to be with children, Linda added. Being at a centre, they re with children. Where being at home, they re isolated.

But the family is still waiting for more. Even with the latest announcement, the funding is nowhere near what was previously offered, and Toby still is waiting for IBI therapy.

I am still really upset because I still know they aren t giving us what we originally had, Linda said. If this hadn t had ever happened, Luke would have already been in IBI and he would be on his way. But here we are, four months later, still in limbo.

Due to bureaucratic failure, our kids are paying the price, David said.

On June 20, Halton Hills council approved a motion to send a letter to a number of federal members, including premier Kathleen Wynne, requesting all families leaving the current IBI waitlist receive the level of intervention their child needs through the transition and under the new delivery model, to ensure all children are assessed equally for the level of intensive therapy they need regardless of age, ensure oversight by professionals and parents based on development progress criteria and milestones, and to consider a transitory Direct Funding Offering model to accompany the current Direct Service Offering Model.

Linda and David Galvao protest the funding cuts at Wellington-Halton Hills MP Michael Chong s office on May 2. *Photo by Kathryn Boyle*

So now, the family continues to invest time away from their children and away from their full-time jobs to get back what was lost.

I m in disbelief that this even happened, Linda said. I m in disbelief that we were told three years ago that there was going to be a light at the end of the tunnel and we just had to wait. And then all of a sudden, it was ripped from us.

It seems like the Ontario government doesn t really know what goes on on a day to day basis with parents living with a child with autism, David said. For us to leave our kids, leave our jobs, to go fight for something they already had and then it was taken away, it s not right.

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