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who has two sons on the spectrum, says he is also alarmed by the announcement.

His eldest son Toby, 10, recently completed four years of intensive behavioural intervention therapy, but his youngest son Luke, 9, is currently receiving 20 hours each week.

"We've seen huge gains with them, but in terms of the next 18 months, what's going to happen with Luke? Is he going to get kicked out? I don't know," Galvao said.

Galvao added that despite the province's intention to cut wait times, the amount of money that will be allocated to each child will not be enough to cover the services required in the long term.

"If you do the math, it's peanuts," he said. "You can feed the village a bowl of rice, but guess what? They're still going to be starving."

The day following the announcement, the Ford government issued a press release, lauding their planned changes and outlining some positive feedback they have received from members of the autism community across Ontario.

Halton MPPs have been echoing the government's optimism with regards to the new program.

"Since I was elected in June I have been hearing from families in my community who have told me that the current program is broken," Oakville North-Bur-



Payne family photo

Six-year-old Dylan Payne, of Acton, has been receiving 30 hours of Applied Behavior Analysis therapy per week since April, 2018 - service his mother fears he may lose as a result of the Ontario government's recent announcement regarding autism funding.

lington MPP Effie Triantafilopoulos said in a statement to the IFP. "It is unacceptable that 75 per cent of these children are currently on a wait list to seek the necessary treatment for their individualized needs."

Milton MPP Parm Gill provided a similar comment.

"Autism hits close to home for every community across our province and Milton is no exception. Our government's plan ensures that no families will have to wait over two years to receive support for their children again," he said.

Due to his new role as Speaker of the House at Queen's Park, Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott

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was unable to comment on the matter.

The province's planned funding allocation per child is centred on the notion that children between the ages of two and five have the best long-term success from therapy, a stat the government has been including in literature about the program reform.

Payne says this puts other families at a disadvantage, adding that just because a child is older than five, that doesn't mean the therapy will be rendered ineffective.

"It's such a struggle already," she said. "I don't know how this plan is going to be effective moving forward."

STORY BEHIND THE STORY

The government intends to distribute the same amount of money for therapy programs to a substantially larger group of people.

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