Children's Mental Health Funding Crises

- Children's Mental Health services receive funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services rather that the Ministry of Health

- The Minister of Children and Youth Services is Laurel Broten

- Rate of inflation: 1992 - 2009 35.94% Source: Bank of Canada

- Increases in core funding:

1992 – 1995 (NDP)	-1%
1995 – 2009 (PC)	0%
2003 – 2009 (LIB)	8%

- 15 to 21% of children in Ontario suffer from mental health issues*

- 14% have a diagnosable mental health illness*

- 75% of children with mental health disorders do not receive specialized treatment*

- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among 15 – 18 year olds*

- 15 to 24 year olds have the highest level of unmet mental health needs of any age group (ages 15 and above). Source: Statistics Canada 2003

- The onset of most mental illnesses occurs in adolescent or early adulthood. Source: Public Health Agency of Canada

- Children's mental health needs are the "most neglected piece" of the Canadian health care system. Source: Senator Michael Kirby, CMA Journal August 30, 2005

* Source: Ministry of Children and Youth Services, October 5, 2009