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The Association of Daycare Operators of Ontario (ADCO) Extends Congratulations to the Hon. Laurel Broten on her Appointment as Minister of Children and Youth Services

Toronto: The Association of Daycare Operators of Ontario (ADCO) wishes to congratulate the Hon. Laurel Broten on her recent appointment as the Minister of Children and Youth Services.

"We're looking forward to working with Minister Broten during this pivotal time in childcare. We're confident that as a successful professional woman and as a mother that she recognizes the important role professional centre-based child care plays for parents," said ADCO President, Bonnie Walraven. Moving forward ADCO is committed to maintain the positive and productive working relationship established with the Ministry under the leadership of the Hon. Deb Matthews.

"Minister Broten has a major role to play in directing the implementation of full-day learning for four- and five-year-olds, a key election promise of Premier Dalton McGuinty in the 2003 and 2007 elections. While ADCO members have expressed serious concerns around the potential impacts of this policy in relation to programming for older and younger children, we are confident that the Ministry is aware of these issues and is working to ensure that centre-based care remains available and affordable for parents," said Greg Humphreys, Chair of ADCO's government relations committee.

The Association of Daycare Operators of Ontario (ADCO) is a not-for-profit organization that brings the owners and managers of Ontario's licensed child care programs together to enhance child care quality and achieve common goals. Its members include licensed centre-based programs, home child care agencies, nursery schools, preschools and before- and after-school programs. With nearly 400 members, including both commercial and not-for-profit childcare programs, some of which operate in multiple locations, ADCO is the single largest child care association in Ontario.

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