



November 7, 2017

**TO:** The Executive Directors/CEO's (Children's Aid Society)

**FROM:** Meg Walker & Ron Burwell  
A/Community Program Managers

**RE: Request to post the attached Notice regarding the Crown ward Class Action**

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In separate memos sent dated April 15 and June 5, 2014, the ministry advised that on January 22, 2014, a proposed class action was filed with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on behalf of all persons who became Crown wards on or after January 1, 1966.

The claim alleges that Ontario breached fiduciary, statutory and common law duties and was negligent in its failure to take steps to protect and pursue Crown wards' rights to apply for compensation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board or to commence civil proceedings for damages sustained as a result of criminal or tortious acts.

On March 30, 2017, the Court released its decision certifying this proceeding as a class action. The class includes all persons who were alive as of January 22, 2012 and were Crown wards between January 1, 1966 and March 30, 2017.

A further Court Order was released on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Pursuant to this Order, the ministry is required to request that all Children's Aid and Child Wellbeing Societies in Ontario post the attached notice to class members, which advises class members that this proceeding has been certified as a class action, in a prominent public area in your office **In compliance with this Court Order, this memo serves as the ministry's request for the attached Notice to be posted in a prominent public area in your offices.** A copy of the Notice is attached.

The Court Order also requires that Ontario advise the parties and the Court whether the Notice was posted as specified above. In order to comply with this reporting obligation, your Program Supervisor will contact you by November 21, 2017 to gather this information.

If you have any questions related to this request, please contact your respective Program Supervisor.

Sincerely,

Meg Walker

Ron Burwell

c: Patty Bingham, Project Manager, Litigation Project Team