



News Release

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Northumberland and Hastings Children's Aid Societies Continue to Move Forward with Amalgamation Plans

The Boards of Directors of the Hastings Children's Aid Society and the Children's Aid Society of Northumberland have confirmed their plans to continue to move forward with the amalgamation of the two organizations while the Board of Directors of the Children's Aid Society of the County of Prince Edward has decided it will no longer participate in the amalgamation process.

"We have worked closely with our colleagues from the Children's Aid Society of the County of Prince Edward over the past several months toward amalgamating our three Societies. We respect their decision and will continue to look for opportunities to collaborate in the future", said Len Kennedy, Executive Director of Hastings CAS.

"The goal of amalgamating the two remaining partners by April 1, 2012 remains. We look forward to the benefits it will bring to both our organizations and the communities we serve. We continue to strive to achieve a new organization that will result in an increase in the service opportunities for children and families", commented Rosaleen Cutler, Executive Director of the Children's Aid Society of Northumberland.

A Transition Board, which includes five Board members from each of the two Societies, has been formed to oversee activities related to the amalgamation process. Karyn Kennedy a Board member from the Children's Aid Society of Northumberland and Darcey French, a Board member from Hastings Children's Aid Society have been appointed Co-Chairs of the Transition Board.

Speaking on behalf of the Transition Board, Co-Chairs Darcey French and Karyn Kennedy commented, "Society staff and Board members will continue to work together to ensure that comparable services are offered in all communities that will be served by the new agency. The partnership between Hastings CAS and the Children's Aid Society of Northumberland is a strong and collaborative one and we look forward to a successful outcome to the amalgamation process."

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