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**For Immediate Release**

Today's announcement by the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) that it plans to conduct broader consultation on the development of a multi-year plan to improve child welfare in British Columbia is a welcome one.

I am pleased that government has taken this step and has listened to the voices of concern. This pause is a positive development and my Office looks forward to working constructively with MCFD in any way possible and appropriate as it moves forward in developing its strategic plan.

Fully including the participation of stakeholders – most notably Aboriginal groups – in a thoughtful, inclusive and collaborative manner is essential in MCFD's plan to improve services to B.C.'s vulnerable children, youth and their families.

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