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System Failed Paige: The Fed Supports Recommendations

Victoria, BC – Responding to a report by BC’s Representative for Children and Youth, The Federation of Community Social Services of BC (FCSSBC) joins any who have read the report in a profound sadness for the life and death of young woman vulnerable from birth, born to a young mother, who herself was also failed by our systems of care. FCSSBC supports the recommendations in the Representative’s report and calls on the provincial government to immediately end the systemic indifference to BC’s most vulnerable, and to invest resources in BC’s underfunded social services.

“Paige’s tragic case is just one story of many that points to the vast under-resourcing of our social service system in this province,” say Rick FitzZaland, Executive Director of the FCSSBC. “If our government was not adequately funding the building of a bridge and that bridge subsequently collapsed, it would be a disaster and there would be public outrage. Paige’s death is a disaster and she and all vulnerable children deserve our outrage. More importantly, they deserve change.”

Paige’s Story: Abuse, Indifference and a Young Life Discarded is a document produced by the Representative for Children and Youth, Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, which chronicles how the current social services system failed a young aboriginal woman.

The FCSSBC is a group of over 140 community-based social services organizations that influences decision-making to improve the wellbeing of communities. We believe that the current corporate and punitive perception of social care is dangerous and will impact the health of future generations.

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