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MEMORANDUM TO: Nancy Naylor, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education
Shelley Tapp, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Colleges and Universities
Janet Menard, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
Helen Angus, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health
Nancy Matthews, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
Shawn Batise, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Indigenous Affairs
Richard Steele, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Long-Term Care
Denise Cole, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility
Mario Di Tommaso, Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety, Ministry of the Solicitor General
Greg Meredith, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development

FROM: David Corbett
Deputy Attorney General

RE: Legal Advice for Victims of Sexual Assault Program

As part of its ongoing commitment to strengthen Ontarians' access to responsive and resilient victim services, no matter where they live, the Attorney General recently announced that effective May 1, 2021, the Independent Legal Advice for Sexual Assault Survivors Program has been expanded province wide.

After being initially piloted in Toronto, Ottawa and Thunder Bay, the program now provides up to four hours of free legal advice to victims of sexual assault across Ontario. This confidential service is available any time after a sexual assault in Ontario has occurred. More online information can be accessed by visiting the Ministry's information page: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/independent-legal-advice-sexual-assault-victims>.

Your ministries have been identified as having linkages to individuals who may benefit from knowledge of this program. I am therefore writing to ask for your help in raising awareness of both the program, as well as its recent expansion.

To support this request, I am including a Fact Sheet and social media graphics for distribution among your relevant teams, partners and stakeholders.

If there are any questions about the Independent Legal Advice for Sexual Assault Survivors Program or assistance required regarding an outreach strategy, your staff is welcome to contact Irene MacDonald (Irene.MacDonald@ontario.ca) in the Victims and Vulnerable Persons Division.

Thank you for your support.



David Corbett
Deputy Attorney General

c: Olha Dobush, A/ADAG, Victims and Vulnerable Persons Division

Enclosures: Fact Sheet
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