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**MEMORANDUM TO: Service Providers of Youth Job Connection (YJC) and
Youth Job Connection Summer (YJC-S)**

**FROM: Kristie Pratt
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DATE: April 12, 2018

RE: Announcement of the YJC and YJC-S Evaluation

The Ontario Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) is carrying out an evaluation of the Youth Job Connection (YJC) and Youth Job Connection Summer (YJC-S) programs.

The intent of the YJC and YJC-S program evaluation is to better understand the delivery of the programs, identify best practices and challenges as well as areas in need of improvement. The evaluation will also assess program outcomes.

In accordance with the ministry's procurement process, an independent consulting group, Social Policy Evaluation Group (SPEG), Queen's University, has been hired to conduct the study on behalf of the ministry.

The evaluation will employ multiple lines of evidence, including the following evaluation consultations:

- Key informant interviews with service providers and support organizations
- Survey of past participants, employers, and service providers
- In-person consultation visits to service provider sites,
- Focused discussions with participants, employers, and service providers.

Next Steps

In the coming weeks, SPEG will initiate contact directly with your organization to invite you to participate in data collection activities (e.g., key informant interview, survey, or focused discussions). SPEG will detail how they plan to seek your input, with whom within your organization they wish to speak, and will make arrangements for your time accordingly. While your participation is voluntary, your input is critical for the evaluation.

Your responses will remain confidential and will not be attributed to any individual or organization in any reports that result from this study. The information that you provide will be used for the sole purpose of the evaluation and will in no way affect funding and relationship between your organization and the ministry in the future.

The ministry will provide updates throughout the evaluation process on the Employment Ontario Partners Gateway website.

If you have any questions, you may contact:

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We thank you in advance for any support you may provide for this evaluation.

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