

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Child Development Institute recognizes \$750,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant**

**Toronto, ON**—On Friday, March 22, 2019, Child Development Institute (CDI) welcomed children’s mental health champions, strategic partners and generous donors to celebrate CDI’s donor wall unveiling. At the event, local MPP Marit Stiles (Davenport) offered her congratulations to CDI on the work done as a result of receiving a \$750,000 Grow grant in 2015 for SNAP® (Stop Now And Plan). SNAP is a proven evidence-based, cognitive-behavioural program that teaches children with conduct problems, and their families, how to make better choices ‘in the moment’.

MPP Chris Glover (Spadina-Fort York) was also present as an enthusiastic supporter of SNAP programs. The three-year Grow grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation was awarded to help CDI continue building on its capacity to deliver on the SNAP program, making it available to more communities and young people.

“This grant has allowed us to sign nine new SNAP affiliates, serve over 750 children and facilitate advanced training for 13 of our licensed SNAP affiliates,” said Dr. Leena Augimeri, Director of SNAP Scientific and Program Development at CDI.

**ABOUT CHILD DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE:** Child Development Institute (CDI) is an accredited children’s mental health organization mandated with the mission to support the healthy development of children, youth and their families. A leader in the field, CDI develops and delivers world-class, evidence-informed mental health programs and services across four streams (Early Intervention, Family Violence, the Integra Program and Healthy Child Development). Recognized for its innovation and excellence in child development, CDI is committed to transforming the landscape of children’s mental health through continuous process improvement, research and training. For more information about CDI, please visit: [childdevelop.ca](http://childdevelop.ca).

**ABOUT THE ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION:** The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations. OTF awarded more than \$120 million to some 700 projects last year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario. For more information, please visit: [www.otf.ca](http://www.otf.ca)

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