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Six Southeastern Ontario institutions sign agreement to help Crown Wards get better post-secondary education

Six institutions in Southeastern Ontario – universities, colleges and children’s aid societies – have signed a landmark deal that will give Crown Ward youth a better chance for a post-secondary education.

Crown Wards are children who are in the care of a children’s aid society. Traditionally, they don’t have the same educational outcomes as their peers and often face challenges going on to get a post-secondary education. The new agreement, signed at St. Lawrence College January 10th, commits the local post-secondary institutions to work together with children’s aid societies to help Crown Wards go to university or college.

“These are some of the most deserving youth in our region. All the partners have come together to help them get a good start in life – children’s aid, universities and colleges, school boards and the government. This is a real success story,” said Mehroon Kassam, the co-chair of the team leading the initiative.

The institutions signing the agreement include Family and Children’s Services of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Highland Shores Children’s Aid, Loyalist College, St. Lawrence College, the University of Ottawa and Queen’s University. They call themselves the Crown Ward Education Championship Team. Financial support for the Team is provided through the combined Ministries of Education, Children and Youth Services and Training, Colleges and Universities.

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EDITORS NOTE

Media are welcome to attend the signing event January 10th event at 10:00AM at St. Lawrence College. Please RSVP the media contact below.

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