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BANYAN TO SUPPORT YOUTH JUSTICE SECURE EXPANSION

HAMILTON, Ontario – Over the past twelve (12) months Banyan Community Services has worked with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) on current system pressures within their secure custody and detention programs.

Banyan’s CEO, Kim Ciavarella remarked, *“I am pleased to announce that with the help of MCCSS, Banyan will support an expansion of their secure custody and detention program over the next four months. This expansion is intended to increase capacity by twelve (12) beds starting at Peninsula Youth Centre (PYC) with the opening of eight (8) beds and Arrell Youth Centre (AYC) with opening the remaining four (4) beds.”*

Banyan is a well-established and well-connected not-for-profit organization providing quality services to the youth justice, children, and seniors community support sectors since 1978. Banyan has developed a strong infrastructure to support those we serve. Our specialized programs and services offer new learning opportunities to increase skills and abilities, improve and change negative behaviour, and promote successful engagement with community. Our multidisciplinary approach provides support with the utmost respect and dignity for those we serve.

To learn more about Banyan’s programs and services visit: <https://banyancommunityservices.org/>

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