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## Step-By-Step given new authority

## For immediate release

**(Kahnawá:ke – Seskéha/August 2005)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) announced that, as of 11 Seskéha/August 2005, the Kahnawá:ke Childcare Authority has given formal recognition of the home childcare component of Step-By-Step Child and Family Center's programs and services.

As a result, Step-By-Step will have the authority to oversee the programs and services offered by Avery's Playhouse.

In effect, this allows the two organizations to work together to provide relevant services to the community.

The Kahnawá:ke Childcare Authority, whose members are the MCK's Tonia Williams and Chiefs Arlene Jacobs and Peter Paul, is also in the process of negotiating a long-term childcare agreement that will replace Quebec's law on childcare with a Kahnawake law. The agreement will also identify a block number of childcare seats as well as funding for additional childcare services within the community under the \$7 per day provincial program.

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