

Children's Programs



Licensed Child Care

Licensed, or regulated care, is child care licensed under the Day Nurseries Act by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS).

- The Act establishes a host of minimum standards
- These standards are in place to ensure the safety and quality of care for children in licensed child care settings.
- The Province is responsible to license day nurseries.



Funding Streams

DSSAB provides financial supports to Child Care providers through a variety of funding streams. This Board does not directly deliver child care or related services.

Fee Subsidies:

- These subsidies assist eligible parents with the cost of the daily fees associated to the licensed child care provided to their child.
- Financial eligibility of the parent(s) is determined based on an income test.
- The actual subsidy that the DSSAB pays is attendance based and is driven by an attendance reporting system.



Funding Streams

Wage Subsidies:

- These “Wage Subsidy” payments were designed to enhance the salaries and benefits of staff.
- The payments under this program are to the providers who then must pass the subsidy on to their individual staff members.



Funding Streams

- **Special Needs Resourcing (SNR):** This funding stream provides funding for staff, equipment, supplies or services needed to support the inclusion of children with special needs in licensed child care settings.
- **Health and Safety Grants:** These are one time grants which can be used to complete capital repairs and renovations to child care centres.
- **Family Resources Centre:** Funding to the Delivery Agent (FRC) is to purchase community-based non-profit centres that serve caregivers, parents and children through the provision of information, public education, consultation and support.



Universal Rates

- As of January 1, 2010 the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB has adopted the Universal Rate system.
- The use of universal rates is used across the province in a number of CMSM/DSSAB's.
- Previous to January 1, 2010, the licensed service providers set per diem rates for both full fee and subsidized parents.
- With the introduction of the Universal Rates the number of care codes used by child care centres in order to invoice the DSSAB has dropped from well over 200 care codes down to approximately 30 care codes
- In the conversion to Universal Rates the DSSAB ensured that centres were not adversely affected.





Best Start Network

- The Best Start Network was formed after the Provincial government's Best Start Plan was designed to give Ontario's Children the best possible start in life so that they can achieve success in school.
- The Manitoulin-Sudbury Best Start Network is made up of members reflecting a broad range of community perspectives to help develop a plan that contains the community's vision for Best Start Hubs.



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Best Start Hubs

What is available through Best Start Hubs?

- Access to flexible programs available at times that meet parents' needs
- Provision of information on parenting and community programs that promote healthy child development and early learning
- Quality Child Care
- Early and ongoing screening of all children to enhance their developmental health and well-being
- Provision of referrals to specialized community services for those children identified with potential issues, needs and risks



Manitoulin Best Start Hub

- Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) is the Lead Agency
- Located at the Little Current Public School adjacent to Magic Rainbow Daycare



Sudbury East Best Start Hub

- Nickel Belt Early Years Centre (OEYC) is the Lead Agency

In building on existing capacity in Sudbury East, is working closely with Our Children, Our Future / Nos enfants notre avenir to provide services in 5 communities

- Located at École St. Antoine, Noëlville

Outreach in:

- École Camille Perron, Markstay
- St. Thomas, Warren
- École St. Charles Barromée, St. Charles
- Monetville Public School, Monetville



LaCloche Best Start Hub

- Our Children Our Future (OCOF) is the Lead Agency
 - Located in Espanola at Sacred Heart School
- Outreach in:
- Massey
 - Webbwood



Sudbury North Best Start Hub

- Chapleau Child Care Centre is the lead agency of the Sudbury North Hub
- Was developed in 1992 as a core model of childcare service delivery
- Located in Chapleau
Outreach in:
 - Gogama
 - Foleyet
 - Sultan



Quality Assurance Audit

The purpose of this audit was to get a comprehensive overview of the quality of the licensed programs in the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB jurisdiction.

The Quality Assurance Audit will be completed by the end of April.

As a result of the review, best practices are being shared among the operators and any problems are being addressed with those operators.



Board Governance Review

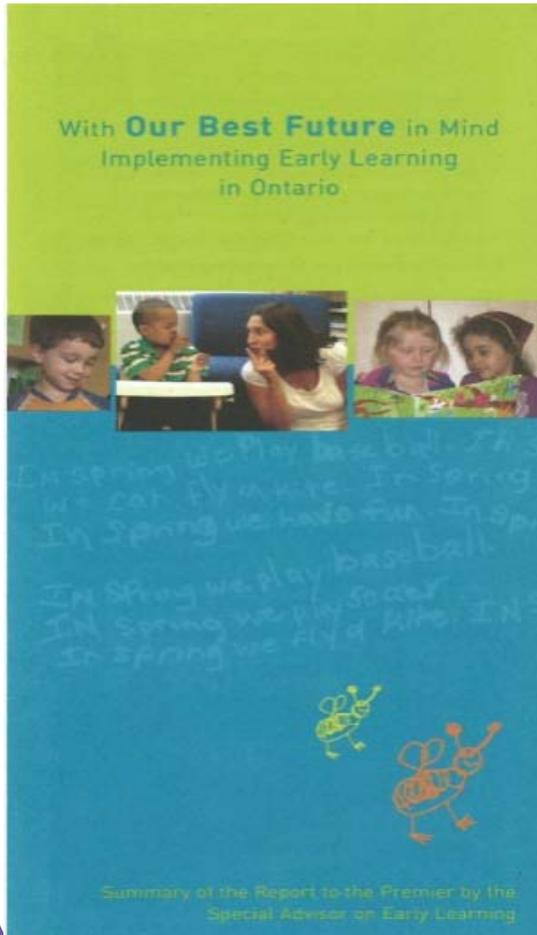
As part of the strategic plan for the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB, the Children's Services Department was committed to ensuring that all non-profit boards are trained, have a full understanding regarding their operations and understand their responsibilities as Board members.

The process includes:

1. Operational Review of all Child Care Centres
2. Provide Governance Training to the Boards of Directors of Child Care Services (i.e. workshops)
3. Develop a policies and procedures template for each provider site to use to develop their own policies.



With Our Best Future in Mind Implementing Early Learning in Ontario



- In partnership with parents, full-day learning will provide Ontario children with high-quality programs that help lay the foundation for a healthy and productive life.
- In November 2007, the Premier asked Dr. Charles Pascal to recommend the best way to implement full-day learning for 4- and 5-year-olds.



Four key components of Early Learning

This new, comprehensive and transformational early learning plan for Ontario begins by recommending better use of the resources we have to create a system of service for children and families from the prenatal period to age 12, including the following:

1. Full-day learning for 4- and 5-year-olds
2. Before and after school and summer programs for school-age children
3. Quality programs for younger children
4. Enhanced parental leave by 2010



Early Years Policy Framework Ages Four and Five

School boards to offer:

A two-year, full-day Early Learning Program prior to Grade 1, participation would be by choice; option of a half, full (school hours), or a fee-based extended day of programming.

Staffing:

The team would consist of certified teachers and registered early childhood educators (ECEs).



Phase One: Full-Day Learning for Four- and Five-Year-Olds

- On Tuesday, October 27, 2009 Premier Dalton McGuinty announced plans for the implementation of a full-day early learning program for four- and five-year-olds.
- Nearly 600 schools across every school board in Ontario will be selected to offer ELP.
- The program will be phased in over time starting in September 2010-11 school year.



Recommendations in the Selection of Schools to Offer ELP

- School Boards worked with local schools, municipalities and DSSABs to make their recommendation.
- Together, they reviewed schools using ministry guidelines which include:
 - Available Space
 - Impact on existing local child care
 - Local need
- In our area, the following schools were selected for ELP in Sept. 2010
 - Espanola - École St-Joseph, Conseil Scolaire Catholique du Nouvel Ontario
 - Espanola - A.B. Ellis Public School, Rainbow District School Board.



Future Direction

- With four- and five-year-olds going to the Full Day Early Learning Program, we will work with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and Ministry of Education to support our Child Care Providers in hopes that they can expand their programs to serve a different age group so that they can continue to be viable.
- The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB's Children's Program Department continues to work closely with all its Child Care Providers as we prepare for full day learning and the increasing professional expectations of early childhood educators.
- Continue to promote the development of new initiatives in the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB jurisdiction.
- Continue to advocate on behalf of Child Care Providers for a base funding model that ensures the viability of existing centres.



Questions?



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