



Children's Services Portfolio in Manitoulin-Sudbury - Employment Impacts and Costs

Background

The operation of child care and Family Resource centres provide both services to the general public and employment for those who work in these operations. Adequate child care programs are one of the essential components which assist parents in securing and keeping employment and/or training. The operation of these programs is a direct economic benefit to employers and the community. Where these programs exist they are also a significant component of local employment.

The provision of adequate child care is essential to the moving of sole support parents from the Ontario Works (OW) caseload into training and employment. The lack of adequate child care resources has a negative impact on the Ontario Works Employment programming which is funded on results. Any loss of child care resources will also be reflected in longer times on assistance and OW increased costs.

Financial Overview

The chart below details the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB's global budget for Children's Services. The total budget of \$2.5 million includes detail lines for Special Needs Resourcing, Administration, and Ontario Works Informal Care.

2008 Children's Services MCYS Approved Budget	3,247,907	100%
provincial share	2,889,244	89%
municipal share	358,663	11%

Until the addition of Best Start dollars in 2006, the Children's Services portfolio was 80% provincially funded and 20% municipally funded. On our contract with MCYS, the budgetary detail lines for municipal cost sharing have not changed.

There are eight direct operators of childcare, and a contracted special needs resourcing provider:

1. The One Tot Stop - LaCloche
2. Our Children Our Future - LaCloche
3. All Star Children's Services, Le centre de la petite enfance d'Española - LaCloche
4. Manitoulin Family Resources - Manitoulin
5. Gore Bay Child Care Centre - Manitoulin
6. West Nipissing Child Care Corporation - Sudbury East
7. YMCA Markstay Public School Site - Sudbury East
8. Chapleau Child Care Centre de garde d'enfants - Sudbury North
9. Child and Family Centre - Contracted for Special Needs Resourcing - all areas

The above listed operations employ

- **66.51 Full-Time Equivalent Employees**
(A full time employee is calculated as an employee working 35 hours per week)

The chart below details the streams of revenue that fund centre based operations and family resource centres in our service jurisdiction.

1. Centre Generated Revenue	535,683	13.40%
2. Provincial and Federal Funding	3,008,186	77.47%
3. Municipal Funding	358,663	9.13%
Total Revenue in CC Operations¹	3,902,532	100%

Through revenue generated by parent fees, centre fundraising, provincial and federal dollars invested by other agencies (OEYC, CAPC) managed outside our service jurisdiction, the child care portfolio increases by \$680,893 without further municipal investment, representative of nearly 2%.

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1. Centre Generated Revenue includes all streams of revenue from parent fees, donations to the centre, and fundraising efforts.
 2. Provincial and Federal Funding include the 80% provincial share of 80/20 dollars, 100% funded Best Start Dollars, 100% Funded Ontario Early Years (from other regions) dollars for Satellite operations and funded programs, 100% Federally Funded CAPC dollars (which are exclusive to Our Children Our Future).
 3. Municipal Funding is the 20% municipal share of 80/20 dollars.

Local childcare operations create jobs and stimulate our economy

Examples of Average Centre Based Operations			
# Full Time Equivalent Staff	3.39	3.28	5.72
Revenue			
Centre Generated Revenue	45,506	45,061	49,067
Provincial and Federal Funding	101,976	108,402	155,905
Municipal Funding	12,659	13,457	19,354
Total Revenue	160,141	166,920	224,326
Expenses			
Salaries and Benefits	73,116	89,885	125,070
All Other Expenses	87,025	77,035	99,256
Total Expenses	160,141	166,920	224,326
Average Annual Salaries per Full Time Equivalent Staff	\$ 21,568	\$27,404	\$21,865