

| Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL | |
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INTRODUCTION

The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) is committed to the goal of supporting an affordable, accessible, and accountable child care system which benefits children, their parents and caregivers, and the broader community.

This policy and procedures manual is intended to serve as a guide based on the Day Nurseries Act and the Ontario Child Care Service Management and Funding Guidelines as set by the Ministry of Education and the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Child Care objectives include:

- Planning and managing the delivery of child care services, within provincial legislation, regulations, standards, policies and directives\guidelines
- Setting policies that allow for effective guideline implementation
- Developing a local child care plan with community partners to reflect community services approach for children; establishing local priorities and outcomes
- Entering into agreements with service providers, allocating available resources in a way that can achieve the agreed- to outcomes
- Receiving and responding to serious occurrences reports from resource centres and special needs programs
- Monitoring criminal reference check policy for resource centres and special needs programs
- Providing information and advice to the province

Child Care objectives reflect a system that:

- Cares for children in a safe, nurturing environment
- Supports the needs of parents who want to work
- Allows Flexibility and provides choice
- Supports children and families at risk or with special needs
- Provides appropriate standards of child care
- Fosters early childhood development
- Works in partnership with others involved in the child care system