

# Children's Early Years Division

Child Care  
EarlyON Child and Family Centres

Presentation to the Town of Minto

April 2018



# Social Services

## County of Wellington and City of Guelph

- Children's Early Years
- Housing
- Ontario Works



As of January 1, 2018 Consolidated Municipal Service Managers/District Social Services Administrative Boards were appointed with authority for the planning, management and governance of the new EarlyON child and family centres.

This forms a new early years system that includes child care and child and family centres.

EarlyON centres will replace the following:

- **Better Beginning Better Futures**
- Child Care and Resource Centres
- **Ontario Early Years Centres**
- Parenting and Family Literacy Centres



# Guiding Principles of EarlyON Child and Family Centres

Child and Family Centred

Welcoming

High Quality

Inclusive

Integrated

Community Led

## Key Goals

- Parents and caregivers have access to high quality services
- Children have access to play and inquiry based learning opportunities
- Parents and caregivers have opportunities to strengthen their relationships with their children
- Indigenous families have access to culturally responsive programming
- Francophone families have access to French language programmes
- Parents and caregivers are provided with timely, relevant information about community and specialized services
- Local service providers collaborate and integrate services to meet community needs



## Wellington's Children's Early Years Planning Principles

1. High Quality – high standards, professional staff
2. Equitably Accessible- ability to participate, inclusive, culturally responsive, adaptable
3. Equitably Available- ensure services are located in places for families to access
4. Affordable – low costs, subsidies, **no cost**



### **EarlyON Core Mandatory Services**

- Engages Parent and Caregivers
- Supports Early Learning and Child Development
- Makes Connection for Families

Examples: Drop-in, Playgroup, Literacy, Pre and post-natal, Parenting, Warm transfers to other agencies, referrals for direct therapy

### **EarlyON Secondary Services**

- Specialized Services for children and families
- Integrated services for children and youth

Examples: Cultural enrichment programmes, community nutrition kitchens, parent peer support, mentorship programmes

### **EarlyON Community Services**

Food banks, clothing cupboards, newcomers groups, employment and social services



# Current Early Years Services

Area	Population	Full Time Full Year Spaces	Percentage of Spaces for Population
Service Delivery Area	9,950	1,620	16%
Guelph	5,940 (60%)	1,315 (81%)	22%
Wellington County	4,010 (40%)	305 (19%)	7.5%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Population, Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-400-X2016004.

Source: County of Wellington Licensed Child Care database, extracted January, 2018.

# Minto

Full-time, full year Licensed Child Care Spaces for Children birth up to 4 years in Minto		
Number of children birth up to 4 years	Number of Spaces	Percentage of Child Care spaces for population of children
425	13 No infant, 5 toddler and 8 preschool	3%
Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Population, Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-400-X2016004. Source: County of Wellington Licensed Child Care database, extracted January, 2018.		



# Minto with new build

Full-time, full year Licensed Child Care Spaces for Children birth up to 4 years in Minto		
Number of children birth up to 4 years	Number of Spaces	Percentage of Child Care spaces for population of children
425	49 110 infant, 15 toddler, 24 preschool	11.5%
Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Population, Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-400-X2016004. Source: County of Wellington Licensed Child Care database, extracted January, 2018.		

# Early ON Services

- None at this time

## Planning Phase

1. Community Engagement – Fall 2018
2. Centre Wellington Early Years Services Advisory Group – Late Fall 2018



Request for a contact person to advise on engagement strategies and for a member of Council to participate on the advisory group

