

## Early Learning Program Update – Vol. 2

Phase 1 of full-day early learning for four-and-five year olds continues to move ahead toward September's implementation deadline. Did you know that the Ministry of Education will announce final approval of **Phase 2** sites by May 21, 2010?

Peel's Phase 1 includes:

36 schools  
158 classrooms  
3,978 children



### News from the Province

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) recently conducted focus groups regarding proposed regulatory amendments to the [Day Nurseries Act](#). In March, MCYS representatives advised that based on feedback from many sources, there will be no changes to the regulations at this time. The feedback was clear and MCYS remains committed to quality standards as they move forward with future policy directions.

On February 17, 2010, the Ministry of Education [announced plans](#) to support the implementation of full-day early learning for four- and five-year olds by introducing the [Full-Day Early Learning Statute Law Amendment Act, 2010](#) which would amend the Education Act.



### Impact to Service Providers

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) continues to request information to support the transition of children into the school system. In February, the Region's Purchase of Service Analysts completed the second stage impact assessment. Thank you for taking the time to collect and report the data! Your information is critical in supporting MCYS's assessment of the impact to Peel's child care sector.

Don't forget we also have the [Cost Analysis Toolkit](#) to help you estimate the cost involved in replacing your program for four- and five year olds. This easy to use online workbook can help you assess the potential impact to your program.

If you need help to complete the toolkit, please contact:  
Jenny Rains at [jenny.rains@peelregion.ca](mailto:jenny.rains@peelregion.ca) or 905-791-7800 ext. 3172.



### Stay informed!

Be sure to check out these resources too!

- [Government of Ontario](#)
- [Ministry of Children and Youth Services](#)
- [Ministry of Education](#)
- [Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario](#)
- [College of Early Childhood Educators](#)

### [Region of Peel – Children's Services](#)

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