

Early Learning Program Update – Vol. 7

Regional Update



Early Learning and Child Care

Early Years Team

Lisa Pecarski, Early Years Advisor and team, Tracy Galvao and Paul Lewkowicz have been busy providing updates and presentations to child care service providers at the Best Start Network, SPRING and Supervisor's Network Meetings. These conversations are valuable opportunities to:

- Talk about full-day early learning kindergarten's impact on your programs
- Advise you of Ministry of Education and Children and Youth Services plans
- Consult and plan for the transformation of the early learning and child care service system

Early learning and child care is changing and **together we will inform the transformation** of Peel's services for children and families.

Child Care Survey

A new survey examining the impact of full-day kindergarten was distributed to child care and home child care service providers in November. This first edition resulted in an **excellent response rate**.

58% of child care programs serving children 0 – 6 years of age responded!

The data from the survey is important! It will support the planning of the child care system by providing us with an understanding of how the implementation of full-day kindergarten has impacted your program. In turn, the information will help inform the transformation of the child care system and to advocate for additional resources.

Look for a **full report** on the results of this survey in January.

News from the Province



Ministry of Education

Stabilization Funding

The Ministry of Education's announcement of 2011 stabilization funding allocation is expected in the next couple of months. Last year's funds were distributed to 22 phase one full-day kindergarten impacted child care programs for investment in programs for children 0 – 3. 8 yrs.

Most service providers chose to invest these funds in equipment and materials. One provider invested the funds to renovate their preschool climbing structure for toddler use. Service providers offered valuable advice to always speak to your provincial licensing consultant when planning to transform your program to meet the needs of younger children.

September 2012 – Year 3 Implementation of Full Day Kindergarten

Peel's four Boards of Education announced their proposed Year 3 full-day kindergarten proposed school sites in November. Confirmation of these sites is expected in **February 2011**.

The following chart highlights **implementation plans and ECE staffing** requirements for Peel's four school boards:

Full-day Kindergarten Implementation				
School Boards	Sept. 2010	Sept. 2011	Sept. 2012	2010-2012 Total
Peel District School Board				
# of classrooms	115	45	228	388
# of schools	20	11	51	82
Dufferin Peel District School Board				
# of classrooms	45	21	106	172
# of schools	15	8	31	54
Conseil scolaire viamonde				
# of classrooms	0	0	31	31
# of schools	0	0	TBD	TBD
Conseil scolaire de district Catholique Centre-Sud				
# of classrooms	0	0	32	32
# of schools	0	0	TBD	TBD
Total new ECE positions for Peel school boards	160	66	397	623



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