

News from the Province

Ministry of Education



Year 3 Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) Schools Announced

The Ministry of Education announced Year 3 FDK schools on March 2, 2011 (see [2011: EL1 Memorandum](#)). In Sept. 2012, 900 additional schools will be offering FDK across the province. This means, approximately 49% of kindergarten students in Ontario will be participating in the program.

In its announcement, the Ministry acknowledged the dedication and hard work of school boards, Consolidated Municipal Service Managers/District Social Services Administration Boards and Best Start Networks in the successful implementation thus far. The ongoing leadership and collaboration, demonstrated in Peel, has enabled the government's vision of full-day kindergarten to move forward.

Ministry of Child and Youth Services



Best Start Child & Family Centres – Survey

The Ministry continues to build on the government's FDK plan through the development of Best Start Child and Family Centres. These centres will help integrate and connect families with a variety of services, as well as provide parents with information and supports.

Your voice matters

The Ministry wants to hear from you! As a parent/caregiver, expert and/or service provider, your input will assist in improving how services meet the needs of children and families. The final framework is expected to be released this summer.

There are two ways to participate:

1. **Online:** [Provide your input now.](#)
OR
2. **Download this [PDF form](#)** to print a copy or save on your computer to complete. Email, fax or mail your completed form to:

Best Start Child and Family Centres Initiative
Ministry of Children and Youth Services
56 Wellesley Street West, 14th Floor
Toronto, ON M5S 2S3
Fax: 416-314-1862
Email: bscfc_mcys@ontario.ca

The deadline for all submissions in April 15, 2011.

News from the Region



Transforming Peel's Services for Children and Families

- On February 11, 2011 community partners received a [letter](#) from Joan Kaczmarek, Director Service System Management. The letter re-capped some of the activities the Region has undertaken over the last 18 months, released the results of the [2010 Pilot Survey on the impact of FDK](#) and gave readers a sneak peek at what's coming down the pipeline.

Child Care Survey

Peel's licensed child care providers have received a second survey which will provide us with information on the kinds of resources and supports that would help providers respond to and plan for change, as well as recapture

baseline information (August – December). The results of this survey will enable us to track the impact of change on providers and monitor the system through quarterly surveys as we move forward. Results will be posted on our [website](#).



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Or by emailing us at: fulldaylearning@peelregion.ca