

Early Learning Program Update – Vol. 5



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Ministry of Education

Starting October 2010, planning for Phase 3 of Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten (FDK) has begun. As outlined in the [October 5 EL11 Memo](#), school boards have been provided with information about the planning steps for Phase 3 FDK Implementation for the 2012-13 school year. Boards are required to submit their recommended sites and associated capital requests by November 26, 2010.

Best Start Child and Family Centres

In June, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services announced the start of the consultation process for these centres. At this time, the Province has developed a Province-wide reference group and is conducting community engagement tables. On behalf of the Peel early learning and child care service system, the Region submitted a letter of interest to Minister Broten advising that Peel would like to be represented at these groups as well as pilot a Best Start Child and Family Centre. Updates on this will be provided as we are made available.



Full-day Early Learning

Benefits of Full-day Early Learning

Full-Day Early Learning benefits children, families and the economy. Did you know that full-day early learning is more than just full-day kindergarten? When paired with the extended day program, full-day kindergarten becomes full-day early learning. A recent study by the Centre for Spatial Economics reports that the full-day early learning delivers an [immediate return of \\$2.02 for every dollar](#) invested in operations and \$1.47 for every dollar invested in capital infrastructure. In the long term, the Province benefits through increased earnings, improved health outcomes and reduced social costs.

For more information, review the Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten information [Key Facts Resource Sheet](#).

Phasing in Full-day Kindergarten

Phase One full-day kindergarten (September 2010 – June 2011) is being offered at 36 Peel schools; of which 19 offer families full-day early learning.

The extended day program is currently delivered by three child care service providers: Family Day, PLASP, and the YMCA. Child care service providers have an agreement with the school boards to operate the extended day program until June 2012. Beginning in September 2012 the school boards will operate the extended day programs for four and five year olds.

If you would like to know more about legislative requirements for full-day early learning, you can keep current by checking the Ministry of Education's [Early Learning Memos](#).



Peel's 2010-11 Child Care Service Plan

In consultation with Peel's early learning and child care service providers and partners, the [2010-11 Child Care Service Plan](#) was developed. The Plan has identified 22 non-profit child care centres who will receive Phase One Full Day Kindergarten Capital Stabilization Funding. Similar to the Health and Safety funding process we will soon distribute letters advising of the eligibility process. Eligible centres are listed in the [Child Care Service Plan 2010-2011](#).

Next Steps – In September the Region was advised to submit a plan to distribute the Operating Stabilization Funding. Staff are reviewing the allocation framework and will finalize plans in October. As originally identified by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS), the first priority is to help stabilize the system by investing the funding in fee subsidy.



Stay informed!

Be sure to check out these resources too!

- [Government of Ontario](#)
- [Ministry of Education](#)
- [Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario](#)

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

In addition to our website, stay informed through [CDRCP](#) for information about professional networking opportunities.

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