



Report To:	Program Planning Committee
From:	Donna Stewart, Director of Integrated Social Services and Lori Clark, Children's Programs Supervisor
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Re:	Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres – Issue Report

Background:

On February 19, 2016, the Premier announced the provincial plan for moving forward with the integration and transformation of child and family programs to establish Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres (OEYCFCs) by 2018. These centres will be managed locally by CMSMs/DSSABs as part of the existing responsibility for the Service System Management of child care and other human services.

Staff have been working with the Best Start Network and the Data Analysis Coordinator to develop a community plan for OEYCFC's. Over the last several months meetings have occurred with existing service providers, parents and community partners.

Purpose:

Building on the success of Best Start Hubs, the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board is committed to ensuring OEYCFC programs are guided by the following principles as outlined by the Ministry of Education.

Guiding Principles:

Child and Family Centered

OEYCFC programs will be responsive to child, parent and caregiver interests and needs to support development, health and well-being.

Welcoming

OEYCFC programs will provide an environment that fosters a sense of belonging, well-being, engagement and expression.

High Quality

OEYCFC programs will be supported by the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Quality Assurance Program to ensure the latest evidence and research is used to design programs fostering positive child and family outcomes.

Inclusive

Programs will be accessible and responsive to children and families and will be supported by the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Special Needs Resource Program.

Integrated

Programs will connect and collaborate with community partners to ensure services are delivered in a coordinated and cohesive manner for children and families. Coordination will occur at both a broad community level (Manitoulin-Sudbury Best Start Network) and at a local level (Local Service Provider Networks).

Community Led

Local Service Provider Networks, child care programs, children, parents, educators, caregivers and other community members will be engaged to support and design OEYCFC programs that are responsive to unique community needs.

Service Providers:

Service providers and locations will remain the same for 2018:

- LaCloche - Our Children Our Future
- Manitoulin - Manitoulin Family Resources
- Sudbury East - Our Children Our Future
- Sudbury North - Chapleau Child Care Centre

Outreach locations will be expanded based on community need, a review of outreach will be completed at the end of 2018 to support planning for 2019.

In June 2017, MEDU released the 2018 funding allocations for OEYCFC's. The 2018 allocation for OEYCFCs for the Manitoulin-Sudbury District is \$1,441,809, the current 2017 budget for Resource Centres is \$650,583. The increase in funding will ensure, hours of operation, outreach, accountability and professional learning opportunities will be increased.

All communities will receive a base allocation for 2018, one-time funding needs will be considered to support the transition of hubs to OEYCFC's. A review of the funding model will be done in the fall of 2017 with input from each of the three agencies providing service.

2018 will be a transition year, we will be supporting the existing providers in their efforts to meet all requirements of OEYCFC's and to align their efforts to be responsive to community need.

Conclusion

The Board support the [Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres Plan and Local Needs Assessment Summary 2017](#) submission to the Ministry of Education.