IT STARTS WITH KIDS: YORK REGION’S CHILD CARE AND EARLY YEARS SERVICE SYSTEM PLAN

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Early Learning Program Outcomes

- $7 return on every $1 invested*
- Children are less likely to require social assistance, experience homelessness or incarceration as adults
- Improved mental health for children
- Increases community connections, decreases social isolation for parents
- Improves labour market participation for parents
- Helps reduce income inequality

70,000 children across York Region received direct or indirect early childhood supports annually

10,907 children received subsidized child care

*Ontario’s Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework
The number of children in York Region is growing; but the rate is slowing

166,760 children 0-12
Increase since 2006 of 10% (15,710)

14% (23,250)
Aged 0-12 lived in low income households
(A 35% increase from 2005)

The distribution of the children’s population is changing across the cities and towns

22,135 were recent immigrants
(population in census families with at least one child 0-12)

12,415 spoke neither English nor French
(population in census families with at least one child 0-12)

Provincial changes to funding model will begin in January 2020, with increases to cost-sharing

13% were single parent families
(13,375 census families)

2016 Census Data; See Attachment 2 “Profile of Children in York Region” for additional data
We heard…

• Access to data is needed by all stakeholders
• Work collaboratively and consider community needs
• Programs and services should support all children and families
• Keep the voice of parents at the front of planning
• Information needs to be easier to find
RECOMMENDED PRIORITIES

The 2020-2023 Child Care and Early Years Service System Plan focuses on **five key priorities** based on feedback from parents, stakeholders and child care and early years professionals.
Decisions based on data
A system that works together to plan services
Parents, caregivers and professionals have the knowledge and capacity to support child development.
A responsive system that reflects the needs of children, families and stakeholders
Children are **included** and have **access** to services
Great Beginnings Inspire Great Possibilities
Recommendation

Council approve York Region’s 2020-2023 Child Care and Early Years Service System Plan (Attachment 1)
THANK YOU

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