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

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Agenda

1. Our evolving role as Service System Manager
2. Pressures and Opportunities
3. Child Care and Early Years Service System Plan
4. Work underway

Service Manager's Role…stewardship

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)

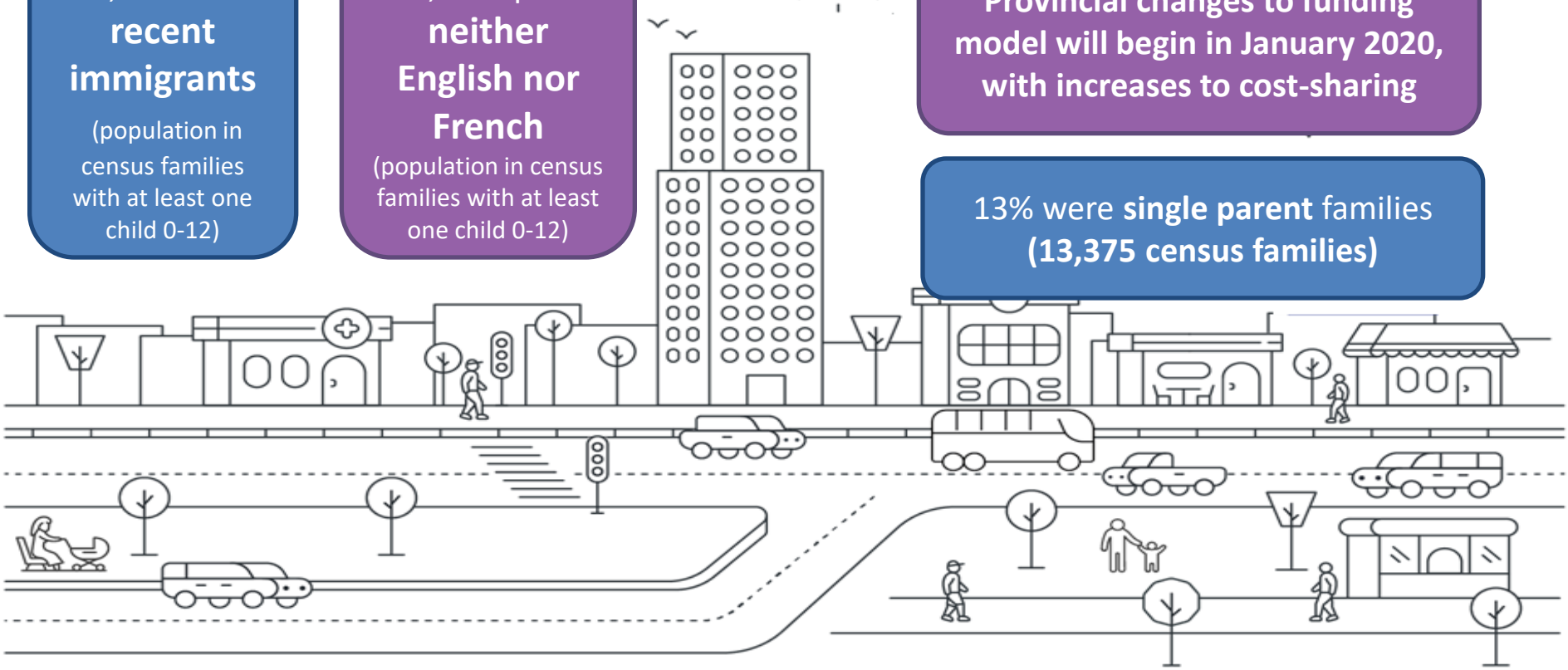
The distribution of the children's population is changing across the cities and towns

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

A Community Informed Plan

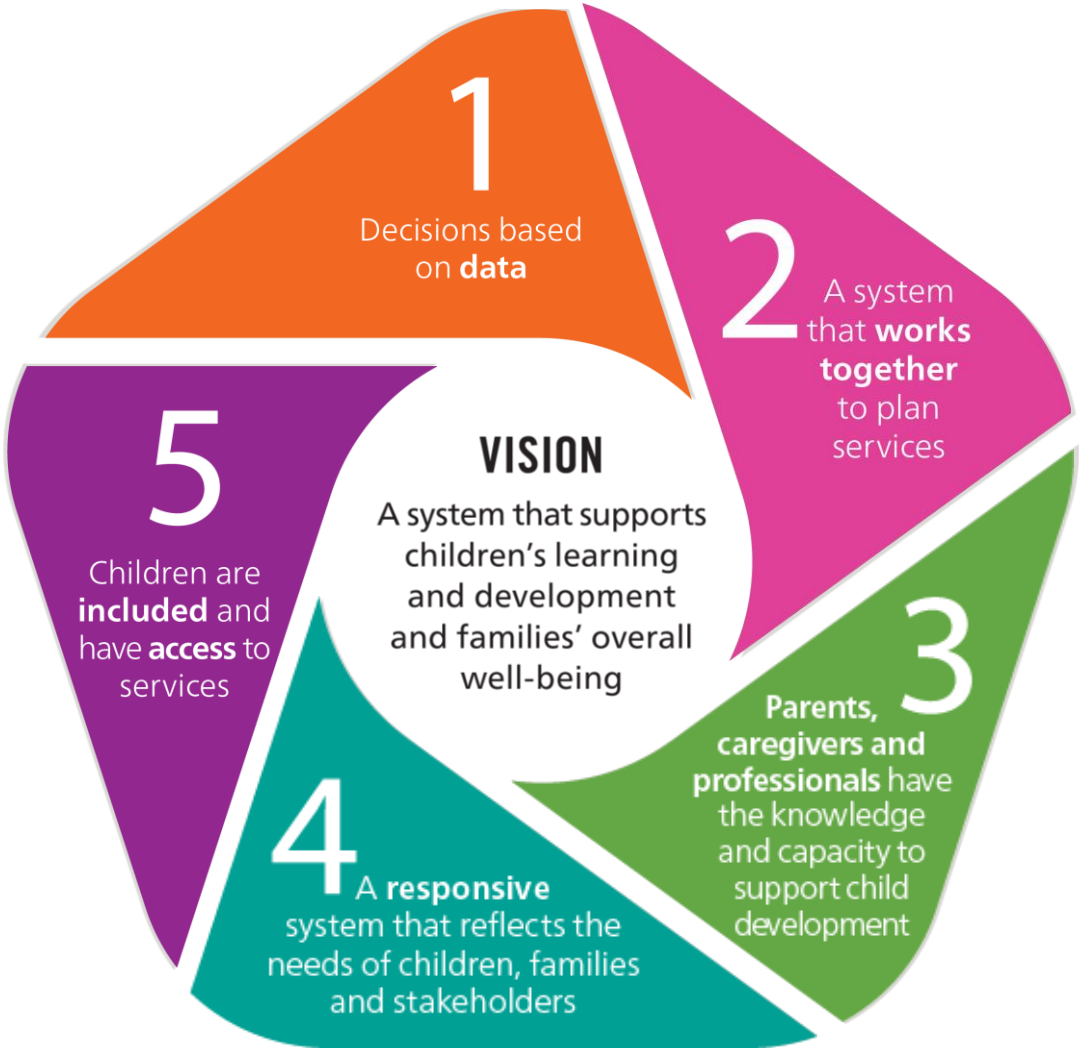
We heard…

- 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

Child Care And Early Years Service System Plan Priorities

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.



Priority 1

Decisions based on **data**

Priority 2

A system that **works together** to plan services

Priority 3

Parents, caregivers and professionals have the knowledge and capacity to support child development

Priority 4

A **responsive** system that reflects the needs of children, families and stakeholders

Priority 5

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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