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Transformation of the Child Care and Early Years System Update

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System Transformation

Implementation of full day kindergarten for all 4 & 5 year olds

2012 - Invested \$203 million to create new child care spaces and to stabilize the child care system.

- § Locally - created 190 infant and toddler spaces to better address local needs and reduce waiting lists.

2014 - Replaced the Day Nurseries Act with the Child Care & Early Years Act

2015 - Invested \$269 million to support the implementation of a Wage Enhancement in the licensed child care sector

- § Locally – invested \$3 million over last 3 years to increase 255 FTE staff wages by \$2/hour.

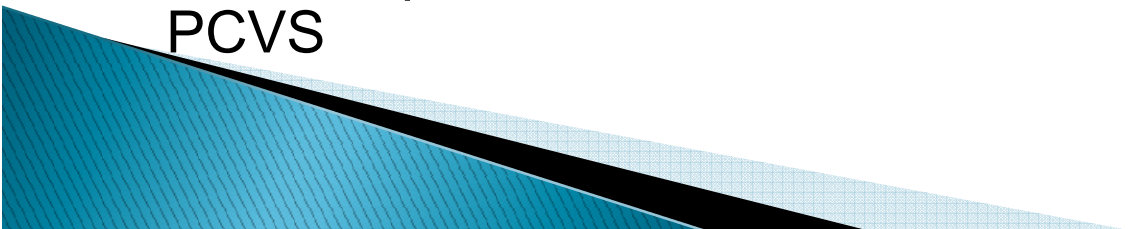
- § Provided 47 home child care providers with a \$20/day increase to wages.



System Expansion

Over the next 5 years, the government will provide funding to increase fee subsidies and access to licensed child care spaces for 100,000 more children in Ontario.

In 2017 Expansion funding will help to eliminate the Fee Subsidy waitlist and support access to 97 new child care spaces for children 0 – 4yrs in our community.

- 49 spaces in Millbrook at the Elementary School
 - 22 spaces with the relocation of YMCA Lakefield Child Care to the new elementary school in Lakefield
 - 13 spaces with the relocation of Les Petits Curieux to the new French School
 - 13 new spaces with the relocation of Pearson Child Care at PCVS
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Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres (OEYCFC's)

In 2016, the Ministry announced its intention to transform Ministry-funded child and family programs into an integrated, cohesive system of services and supports – OEYCFC

In 2018, Municipal Service Managers will be responsible for the funding and management of OEYCFCs as part of service system management of child care

- ▶ In 2017, municipalities were required to plan for the transformation of existing child and family programs to ensure they are responsive to local need and provide increased access in 2018 and beyond.

City Neighbourhoods

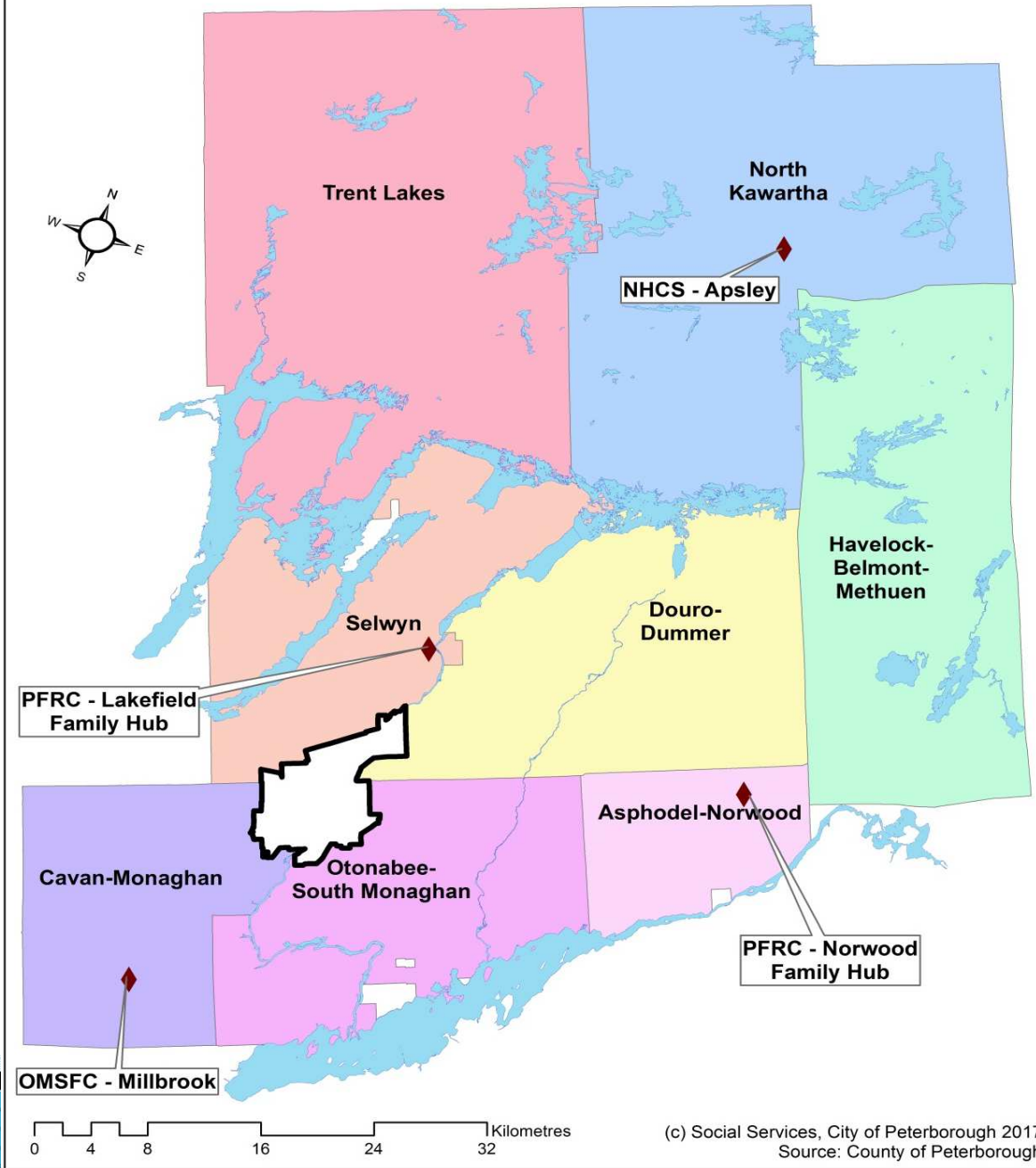
City Areas & OEYC Locations



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County Townships

County Townships & OEYC Locations



Key Objectives of OEYCFCs

Parents and caregivers have **access to high quality services** that support them in their role.

Children have **access to play and inquiry-based learning opportunities** and experience positive developmental health and well-being.

Parents and caregivers have **opportunities to strengthen their relationships** with their children.

Indigenous children and families have **access to culturally responsive programming**.

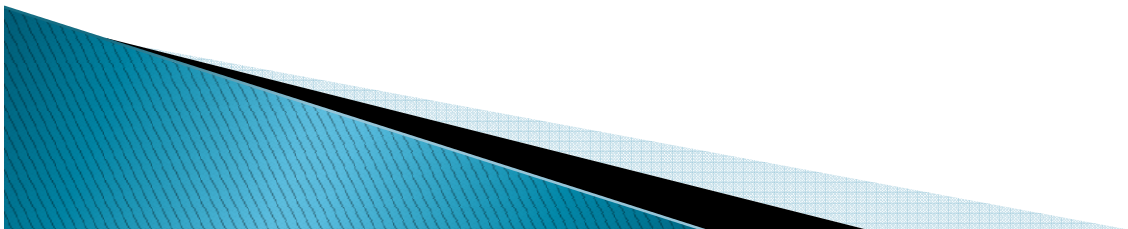
Francophone children and families have **access to French language programs** and gain enhanced knowledge about language and identity acquisition.

Parents and caregivers are provided with **timely, relevant and current information** about community and specialized services.

Local service providers **collaborate and integrate services** to meet community needs in an efficient and accessible way.

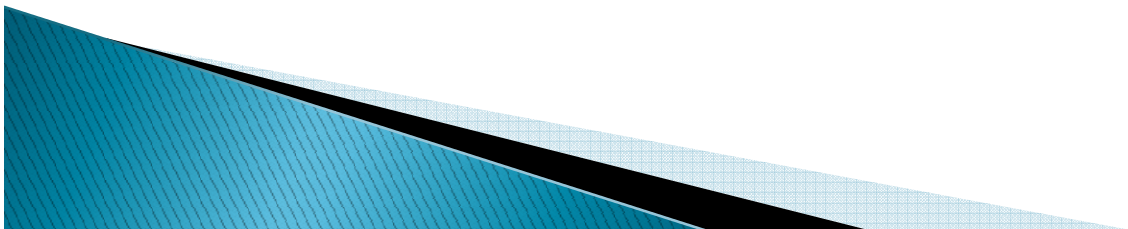
Community Needs Assessment

- ▶ 0 – 6 population and language by area
- ▶ Existing child and family programs (locations & utilization)
- ▶ Children with identified social or developmental vulnerabilities and their approximate location
- ▶ Number and location of children and/or families that self-identify as Indigenous
- ▶ Available or potential program space within local schools or community buildings
- ▶ Parent and caregiver feedback



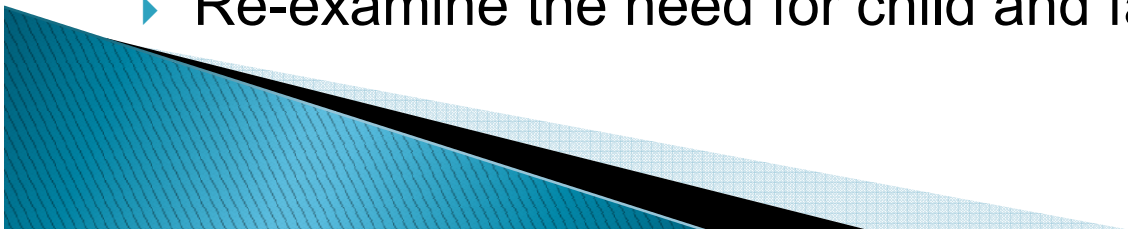
Stakeholder Engagement and Data Analysis

- ▶ Online survey (468 - parent and caregiver respondents)
- ▶ Large series of key informant interviews (20)
- ▶ Focus groups with parents and caregivers (4)
- ▶ Pop-ups in variety of locations (4)
- ▶ Deep analysis of multiple data sources
- ▶ A multi-pronged strategy was used to collect **qualitative and quantitative** information/data from stakeholders, as well as sources such as Statistics Canada census data and Ministry of Education Early Development Instrument (EDI) data.



Key Findings

- ▶ Families expressed a desire to receive more services including:
 - More parent and child drop-in programs throughout the week and longer hours of service for these programs;
 - Summer, March Break and after-school programming; and
 - More parent education and parenting workshops.
- ▶ Continue to provide services at Antrim, Otonabee Valley, St. John, Lakefield, Millbrook, Norwood
- ▶ Consider potential new child and family centres in the following locations:
 - Chemong (north end)
 - South East Clonsilla (Keith Wightman/St. Alphonsus area)
 - Otonabee-South Monaghan
- ▶ Re-examine the need for child and family services in Apsley



Recommended Implementation Plan for 2018

1. The City sole source with the Peterborough Family Resource Centre (PFRC) and the Old Millbrook School Family Centre (OMSFC) for the provision of OEYCFC services in the City and County.
2. The PFRC provide the suite of mandatory core OEYCFC services at their five existing locations – Antrim St.; Otonabee Valley; St. John’s; Lakefield; and Norwood.
3. The OMSFC provide the suite of mandatory core OEYCFC services in the township of Cavan-Monaghan at the Old Millbrook School in Millbrook.
4. The municipality examine the needs of families living in Apsley in order to determine the need for OEYCFC programs and services in this community and determine if it should also be included in the service agreement for PFRC or OMSFC.
5. Hub-based core services are offered year round and at least five days per week, including either Saturday or Sunday.
6. Parent/child drop-in programs are offered a minimum of two times per week in each hub location and operate at different times and on different days of the week.
7. Service providers develop and submit an implementation plan describing how the core services will be provided. Plans will include budget and staffing details and timelines.

