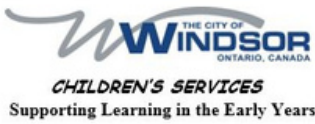


CHILD CARE DIRECTED GROWTH: PHASES

The 4P's for Directed Growth: Purpose, Planning, Priorities & Process



PHASE 1: PURPOSE

PURPOSE: Ontario's vision for the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system is that more families in Ontario have **access to high quality, affordable, flexible and inclusive early learning and child care** no matter where they live.

In line with Ontario's vision for child care and the early years, the Children and Youth Planning Committee (CYPC) identified that in Windsor-Essex there are three priorities for child care and early years programs. The priorities were:

- Access to services
- System coordination
- Focus on services for children with special needs

Ministry of Education (MEDU) identifies the criteria for priority neighbourhoods as follows:

- Low-Income families
- Children with disabilities and children needing enhances or individual supports
- Francophone children
- Indigenous children
- Black children
- Other racialized children
- New Immigrants

PHASE 2: PLANNING

PRIORITIES that have been identified through the planning phase to determine expansion spaces/areas of need based on the best start neighbourhoods. The priority neighbourhoods are identified as: Central, Leamington, East/Fontainebleau, West, Forest Glade/Riverside, Amherstburg, Essex

PLANNING

- Current Data:
 - Windsor-Essex Child Care and Early Years Service System Plan 2020-2025
 - EDI: Early Development Instrument, Cycle 5 2017-2018
 - Social Risk Index 2016
 - Special Needs Resourcing Data
 - Windsor Essex Child Care Expansion Survey 2023
 - Windsor Essex Child Care Mapping
 - The Journey Together, 2017 (Indigenous Plan)
 - The OEYCFC Initial Plan (Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres), 2017
 - Child Care Environmental Scan, 2017
 - Special Needs Resourcing Funding Review, 2019
 - Statistics Canada, Census 2021
- Updated Data- To be reviewed:
 - Amendment of current (WECCEY) System Service Plan
 - Knowing Our Numbers- KON 2023/2024
 - Indigenous Led Plan- Environmental Scan
 - EDI: Early Development Instrument, Cycle 6 2023-2024

PHASE 3: PRIORITIES

PHASE 4: PROCESS

PROCESS: The City undertakes an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to select an operator for new or expansion of a current child care location. Priority will be based on child care centres within Windsor-Essex in the priority neighbourhoods

Directed Growth Phase Process:

- Step 1: Expression of Interest (EOI) Child Care Application & Start Up Grant Form
- Step 2: Formal application including viability/ benchmarking (detailed information and financial documentation)
- Step 3: Letter of application approval sent (Additional promissory letter may be sent)
- Step 4: Service agreement amended or enter into a new agreement once final plans are made/approved

Note: If multiple applications are received for the best start neighbourhoods, a request for proposal (RFP) may be required

Eligibility Criteria:

- Priority will be given to operators within Windsor-Essex
- Operators must be in good standing and in compliance with CCLS- S.O.R.
- Operator must be in good standing and contractual compliance with CMSM, proper utilization of funding allocations and on time reports submissions
- Adhering to the inclusion policy and servicing children with special needs
- Business must be viable
- Centre is operating at full licensed capacity