

Adopted by Council at its meeting held October 5, 2015 [M407-2015]

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Windsor, Ontario, October 5, 2015

**REPORT NO. 321 of the  
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,  
HEALTH & CULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
of its meeting held September 9, 2015

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**Present:** Councillor Ed Sleiman, Chair  
Councillor Paul Borrelli  
Councillor Rino Bortolin  
Councillor John Elliott

**Regrets:** Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac

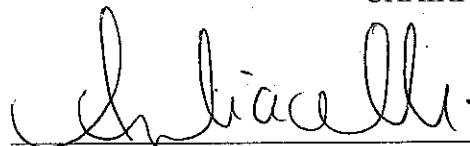
That the following recommendation of the Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee **BE APPROVED** as follows:

Moved by Councillor Borrelli, seconded by Councillor Elliott,  
**THAT** the presentation by Dawn Bosco, Manager of Children's Services providing members of the Standing Committee with a brief overview of the City of Windsor's Children's Services **BE RECEIVED** for information.  
Carried.

Clerk's Note: City of Windsor Children's Services presentation dated September 9, 2015 is attached as background information.

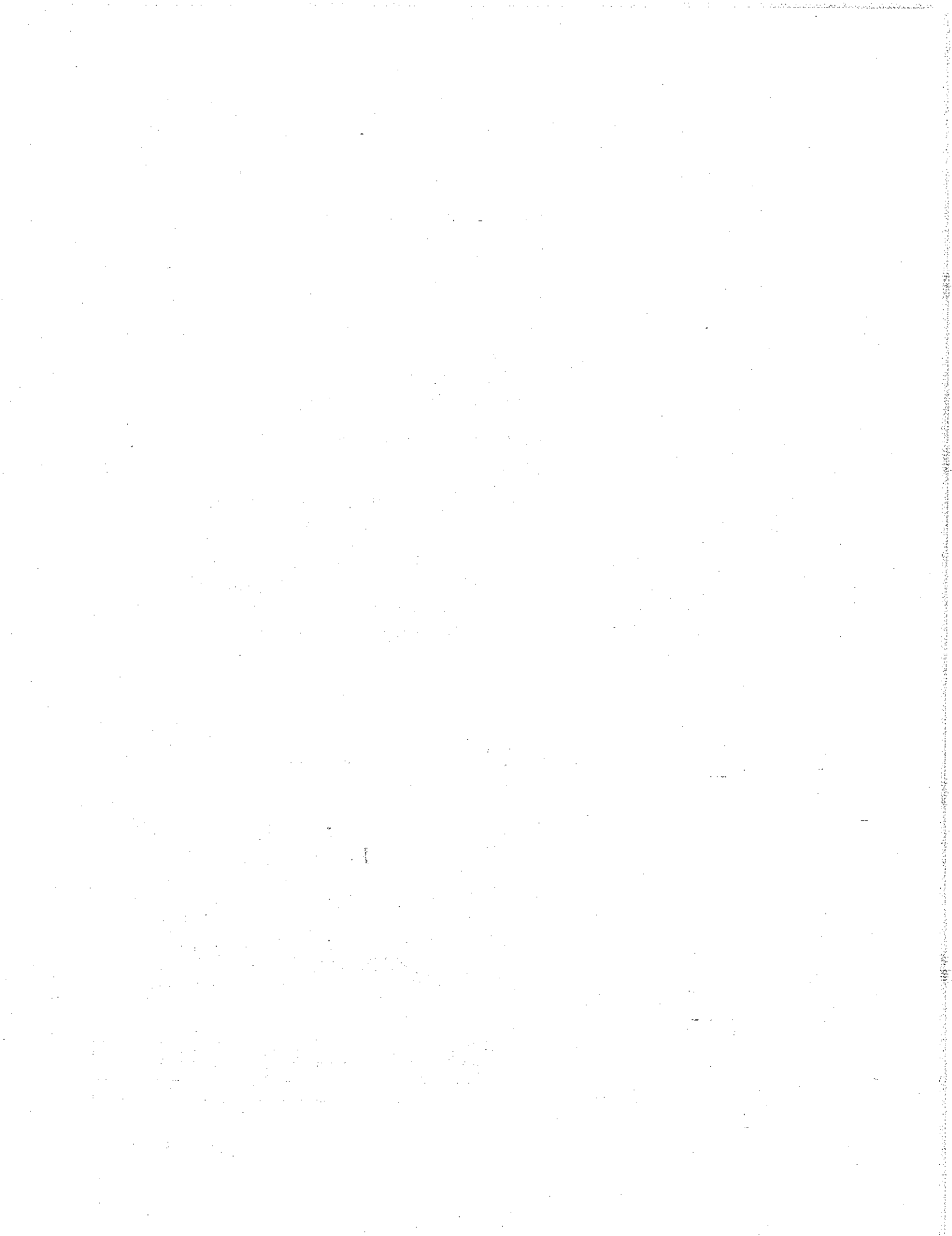


CHAIRPERSON



SUPERVISOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES

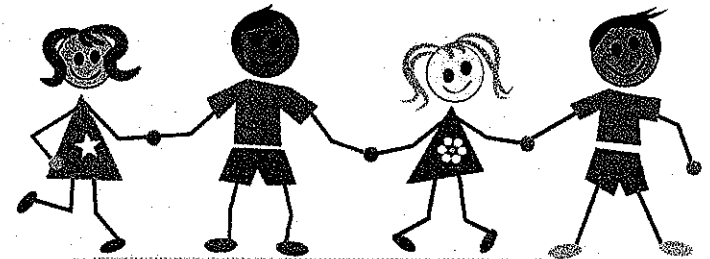
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# City of Windsor Children's Services



September 9, 2015



# Ontario's Vision

Ontario's children and families are well supported by a system of responsive, high-quality, accessible, and increasingly integrated early years programs and services that contribute to healthy child development today and a stronger future tomorrow.



# City of Windsor's Role as CMSM

The City of Windsor, Children's Services as the *Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM)*, is responsible for planning and managing the delivery of community-based early years programs and services for children from pre-natal to 12 years of age, governed and funded by the Ministry of Education.



# Children & Youth Planning Committee

## **Vision**

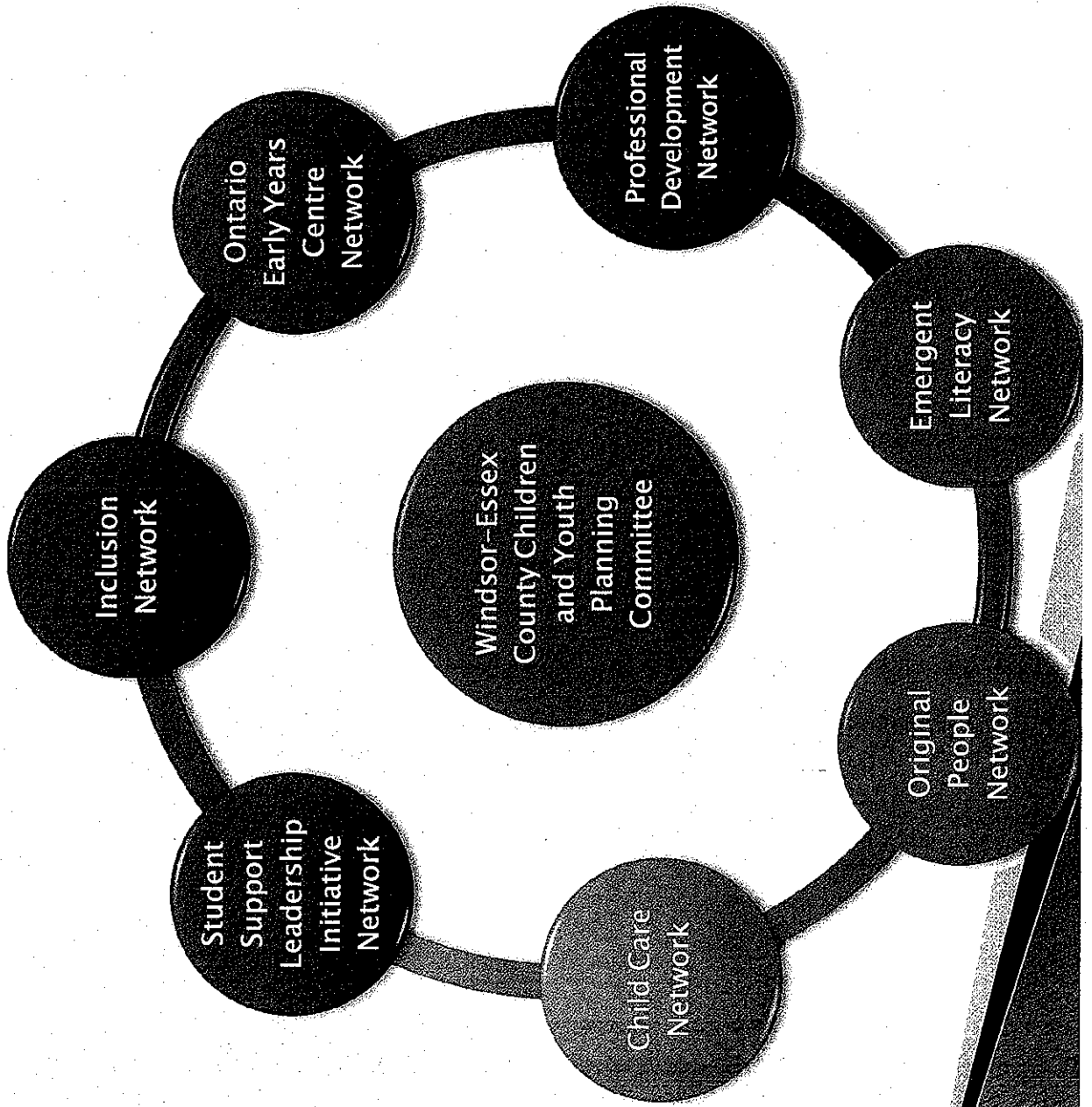
All children, youth and families are healthy and valued.

## **Mission Statement**

By working together we plan, lead and implement strategies to achieve the best outcomes for all children, youth and their families in Windsor–Essex County.



# Children & Youth Planning Committee



# Children & Youth Planning Committee

- ▶ Is working to build an effective integrated system of services that supports children and youth from prenatal to 12 years of age and their families.
- ▶ Priorities for the 2014–2016 Community Plan identified for action are:

Access to Service

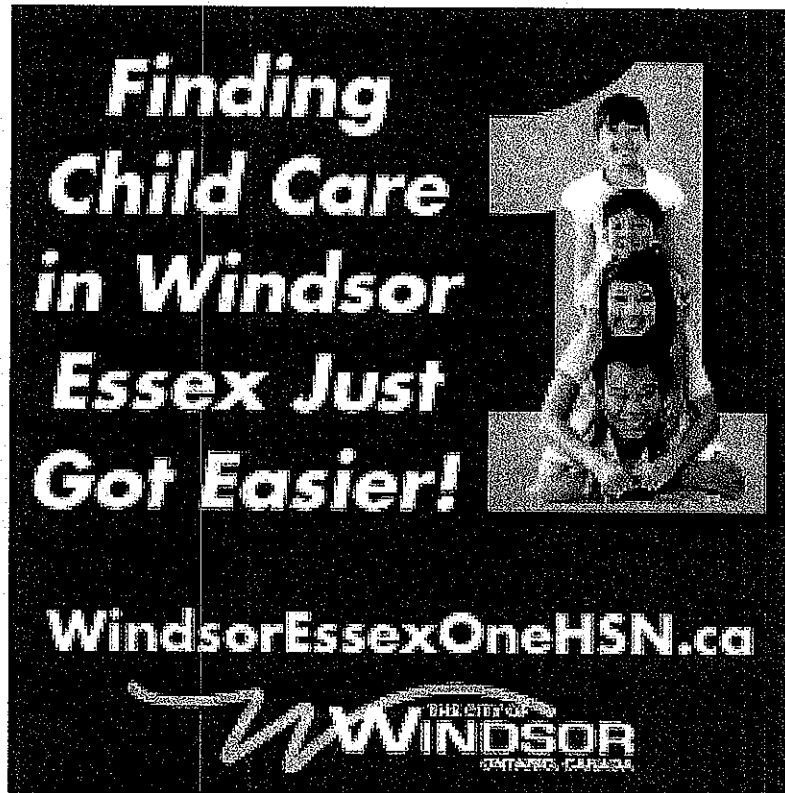
Hubs/System Coordination



# Children's Services

- ▶ High quality child care plays a key role in promoting healthy child development.
- ▶ We encourage parents and caregivers to access information regarding quality child care and to utilize the type of child care that will best suit their needs.
- ▶ We provide information with a focus on *licensed child care options* such as centre based, school based & home based child care options and discourage the use of informal, unlicensed care.

# WindsorEssexOneHSN.ca



- ▶ *Windsor–Essex One HSN* is a central application and registry for all families looking for licensed child care in our community.
- ▶ By applying online there is no need to contact multiple child care programs and complete many forms.

# Children's Services

- ▶ In 2014 we provided *\$12,100,954.00* to:
  - **3 Licensed Home Child Care Agencies**
    - (with 37 Home Care Providers)
  - **30 Non-Profit Child Care Operators**
    - (with 101 Child Care Centres)
  - **20 For-Profit Child Care Operators**
    - (with 32 Child Care Centres)
  - **4 Recreation Programs**
    - (with 11 sites)
- ▶ **Serving a total of :**
  - **3,612 Children**
  - **2,398 Families**

# Child Care Fee Assistance

- ▶ Families may be eligible for Child Care Fee Assistance.
  
- ▶ To qualify, parents/caregivers must:
  - be a resident of Windsor/Essex or if residing on a student/work visa, verification is required
  - be the child's parent/foster parent/legal guardian
  - live with the child
  - file a federal tax return
  - have a demonstrated need for child care

# How To Apply For Child Care Subsidy

- ▶ Online Application

- [www.citywindsor.ca](http://www.citywindsor.ca) search *Children's Services*

A fee subsidy calculator will estimate the monthly contribution requirement towards child care costs. When it is determined that the applicant would like to proceed, the applicant will then have access to an on-line child care fee subsidy application form.

# How Much Will You Pay?

Contribution amounts are based on:

- Line 236 of the previous year's *Notice of Assessment* (NOA) for each applicant.

OR

- The family net income reported on the *Canada Child Tax Benefit Notice* (CCTB).

# Child Care Fee Assistance

(2014) Average Number of Children Served Per Month:

Infant: 179

Toddler: 313

Preschool: 562

JK/SK: 453

School-Age: 757

Total: 2267

# Special Needs Resourcing

- ▶ Contracted through *Children First* who provides individualized services to families with children up to 6 years of age, who are at risk for or experiencing mental health challenges or developmental concerns.
- ▶ In 2014, *1,235 children* were supported.
- ▶ Program Support funding can be offered to school age children 6–12 once an assessment is completed by our internal Program Analyst.
- ▶ In 2014, *274 children* were supported.



# Ontario Early Years Centres

A Place For Parents And Their Children.



Centres de la petite enfance

Un endroit pour les parents et leurs enfants.