

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
- 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
 - Statistics Canada, Census 2016
 - Special Needs Resourcing
 - Social Determinants of Health, Children First
 - Autism Reporting, Children First
 - Special Needs Resourcing (SNR) Referrals
 - 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
- Updated Data- To be reviewed:
 - Amendment of current (WECCEY) System Service Plan
 - Knowing Our Numbers- KON 2023
 - Indigenous Led Plan- 2023 (Environmental Scan)
 - EDI: Early Development Instrument, Cycle 6 2023-2024
 - Statistics Canada, Census 2021

PHASE 3: PRIORITIES

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

Application Process:

- Step 1: Submission of licence application/revision
- Step 2: Expression of Interest Child Care Application: SSM approves (move to Step 3) or denies or on standby
- Step 3: Applications reviewed and scored. Additional information may be required
- Step 4: Successful proponents notified and service agreement amended / enter into a new agreement

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