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A ROADMAP TO END POVERTY



Early Learning & Education

6.2 Reduce the wait time to receive childcare subsidy

As of December 2018 there is no wait list for childcare subsidy. Applications are processed immediately upon receipt.

The 2018 London-Middlesex Child Care and Early Years budget totaled \$65,356,114. Of that, \$58,503,801 was provided by the Province, \$6,628,282 was provided by the City of London, and \$224,031 was provided by Middlesex County. The City of London annually contributes \$1,076,034 above what is required by the Province, showing a strong commitment to enhancing supports for children and families across the community.

Update: November 2019

Since April 2019 the Province of Ontario has announced and implemented changes in the provincial allocation of childcare funding 3 separate times. Based on these changes the wait list has grown to 869. Of those on the wait list there are 200 clients currently being actioned on.

The Child & Early Years Plan contains a prioritization process and this policy was approved by London City Council in 2019. At present the wait list is addressed in order of receipt of application. LFA has followed up with the City regarding invoking the priority plan.

Strategic Priority #1: Create a common experience for families accessing the service system - the first priority in this detailed action plan the City of London and community stakeholders is: *Review and revise Fee Subsidy policies and procedures to streamline the process for families*. This action is anticipated to occur with high involvement/action by the City of London in 2021.