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Early Learning & Education

6.6 Support development of national childcare strategy

Building an Early Years Policy Framework – Dr. Céline Bourbonnais-MacDonald

The purpose of this research study (see attached) is to create an Early Years' policy framework that is co-constructed by those this particular policy would impact the most: parents, early years service providers, and practitioners. This policy-building process is based on using existing data provided by the City of London, along with Strive, a community partner who can provide access to ECE practitioners within the community.

Licensed Child Care Network (LCCN)

LCCN works collaboratively with the community to draft responses to proposed regulatory recommendations to ensure the voices of London & Middlesex are heard at all levels of government. Collectively, LCCN expresses the ongoing needs of the early learning community to ensure their voices are heard so high quality child care remains a focus and a priority.

London-Middlesex Child Care & Early Years Service System Plan 2019-2023

The Child Care and Early Years Service System Plan will serve as the roadmap for the next four years. As the Service System Manager (SSM) for London-Middlesex, the City of London has a mandate and directive from the Province of Ontario to engage in system-wide planning for licensed child care and early years. The service system plan provides a picture of the current services and opportunities for growth and development in London-Middlesex, based on the input and feedback from over 1,730 parents/caregivers, as well as multiple service providers. It builds on the Family-Centred Service System work that has been underway in the community since 2007.

Licensed child care and early years services have undergone transformative change in the last few years. A family-centred approach is at the core of this service system plan. In alignment with the work of London's Child & Youth Network (CYN) and the Middlesex

Children's Service Network, the objective is to improve outcomes for families by creating change through a culture shift using a "collective impact" approach. This approach emphasizes collaboration between community partners and families, interprofessional practice among service providers, and the continued integration of services for families as a mechanism to improve access to supports and services.

The City of London's Neighbourhood, Children & Fire Services Department has received no direction from either the Government of Canada or the Province of Ontario regarding the development of a national child care strategy.