
EarlyON Child and Family Centres – The Transformative Plan for Ottawa

It is an exciting time for Ontario's childcare and early years service, the province has embarked on an ambitious plan to modernize programs. In collaboration with the City of Ottawa, community partners, families, caregivers, and broader community members, the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre (WOCRC) is working to ensure that the services we provide to children newborn to 6 years old, their families, and caregivers respond directly to the needs in your neighbourhood.

In February 2017, the Ontario government announced the transformation of the early years' programs for children and families. Every year, thousands of families benefit from these programs across Ontario. Historically, the province funded four programs for the early years. These four programs were the Ontario Early Years Centres, Parenting and Family Literacy Centres, Child Care Resource Centres, and Better Beginnings Better Futures. As part of the modernization plan, these four programs have merged to form the EarlyON Child and Family Centres.

What this means for you:

As of July 2019, the WOCRC will remain your provider for early years' services. In addition to enhancing existing programs, we have been given the funding to expand these services, which is very exciting news. Over the next few months, we will be expanding services in West Carleton, Kanata North, and Stittsville, including the launching of a mobile toy library.

We are committed to ensuring that the quality of the programs and services you are receiving remains consistent, informative, engaging, and helpful.

For further information, please refer to the following documents:

- [How Does Learning Happen \(HDLH\)](#)
- [Early Years Act 2014](#)
- [Ministry of Education](#)

If you have any questions about this transformation, please contact us through the EarlyON Child and Family Centre at earlyonyva@wocrc.ca

