

Best Start Funding Impacts

Action	Timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify the Hamilton Best Start Network and all impacted partners of the recent funding announcement. 	August 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with the Hamilton Best Start Network and determine the areas of highest priority. 	September 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with other Early Years community partners including those that are directly impacted. • Engage in discussions about the benefits of the demonstration site activities and opportunities to mitigate the impact of the funding loss. 	September 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Ministry of Education’s ministerial mandate to create Best Start Child and Family Centres and the provincial “community hubs” initiative. • Determine what leadership role the City of Hamilton could play and what resources would be required. 	October 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In partnership with the Best Start Network, Family Support Programs, and local school boards, develop a plan to approach the Ministry of Education with a funding request to offset any pressures created. • Demonstrate how this funding request aligns with the ministry’s mandate and the positive impacts of the funding. 	October 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop recommendations and a proposed implementation plan that addresses how to best utilize remaining funds, determine which services and programs will need to be reduced, and determine any mitigation strategies. 	November – December 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present recommendations and the proposed implementation plan to Emergency & Community Services Committee. 	February 2016