



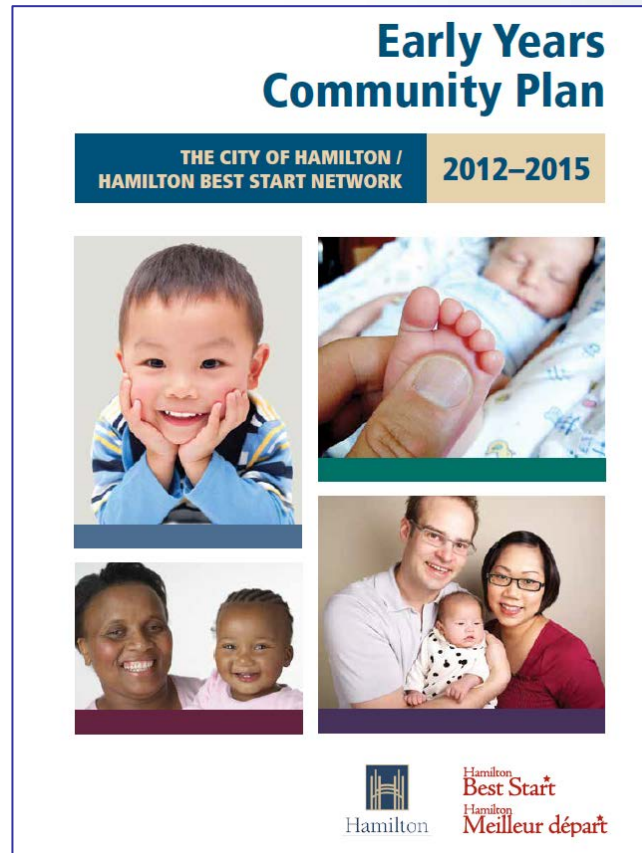
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# **Early Years Community Plan**

## **2016-2020**

# Background

- In January 2013, Children's & Home Management Services (CHMS) Division released the Early Years Community Plan (EYCP), 2012-2015
- This plan guided the work of the CHMS Division and the Hamilton Best Start Network
- In the fall of 2015, staff identified the need for a new EYCP to guide the next five years



# EYCP 2016-2020: Stakeholder Consultation

- Six planning sessions were held with the Best Start Network
- Interviews and focus groups were held with over 100 individuals including:
  - Parent and families
  - Best Start Network sub-committees
  - School boards
  - Variety of early years service providers
- There was a particular focus on consulting with those representing the perspectives of diverse populations including:
  - Indigenous families
  - Parents of LGBTQ children
  - Newcomers
  - LGBTQ parents
  - Francophone families
  - Young parents

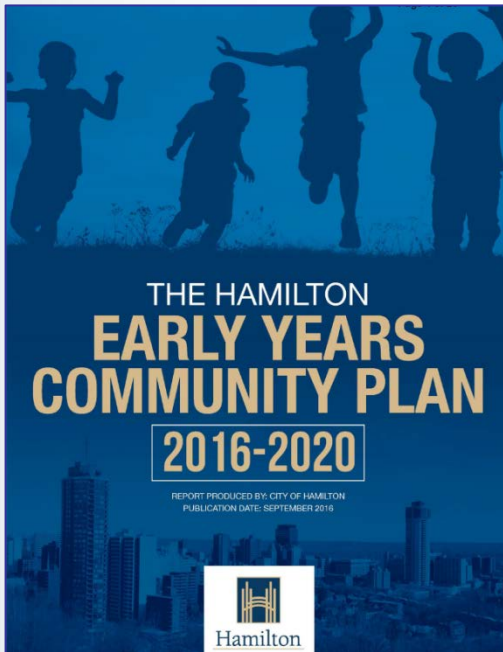
- Over the past four years, significant progress has been made towards achieving the goals from the past EYCP in the areas of:

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- Pathway to Connect**  
CALL, CLICK OR DROP IN
- Information & Referrals**  
Interview, Interview and/or in-person  
416-222-8922
- Prenatal Services**  
Centre for Prenatal Assessment  
416-960-1234
- Hamilton Child Care Registry**  
Child Care Hamilton  
416-222-8922
- Health Connections**  
Prenatal/Infant Services  
416-222-8922
- Check It Out Drop-In**  
416-222-8922
- Early Years Interventions**  
416-222-8922
- Hamilton Public Library**  
416-222-8922
- Parent & Family Literacy**  
416-222-8922



# Recommendations

- The EYCP 2016-2020 identifies a Course of Action aimed at creating a more integrated system of programs and services for children and families
- The Course of Action consists of five elements:
  1. Description and definition of the early years system
  2. Strategy map that aligns the vision, focus and foundational principles
  3. An equity and engagement lens
  4. A new organizing structure
  5. Seven strategic priorities with specific goals and actions



# Strategic Priorities

- The seven strategic priority areas were identified through analysis of environmental scan finding and a review of the changing landscape
- The seven strategic priorities are:
  1. Quality, Evaluation & Learning
  2. Child Care System Planning & Stabilization
  3. Access & Pathways
  4. Family Support Programs
  5. Systems Advocacy & Education
  6. Special Needs Resourcing & Strategy
  7. Before & After School Programs Community-wide Planning
- Each priority identifies specific goals and actions





# Next Steps

- The EYCP 2016-2020 will be used to guide the work of the CHMS Division, Hamilton Best Start Network and broader early years community
- A community meeting has been scheduled for November 8, 2016 with all early years providers
- Development of a communications strategy
- Engage the Hamilton Best Start Network in the development of an implementation plan which will be released in early 2017



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