

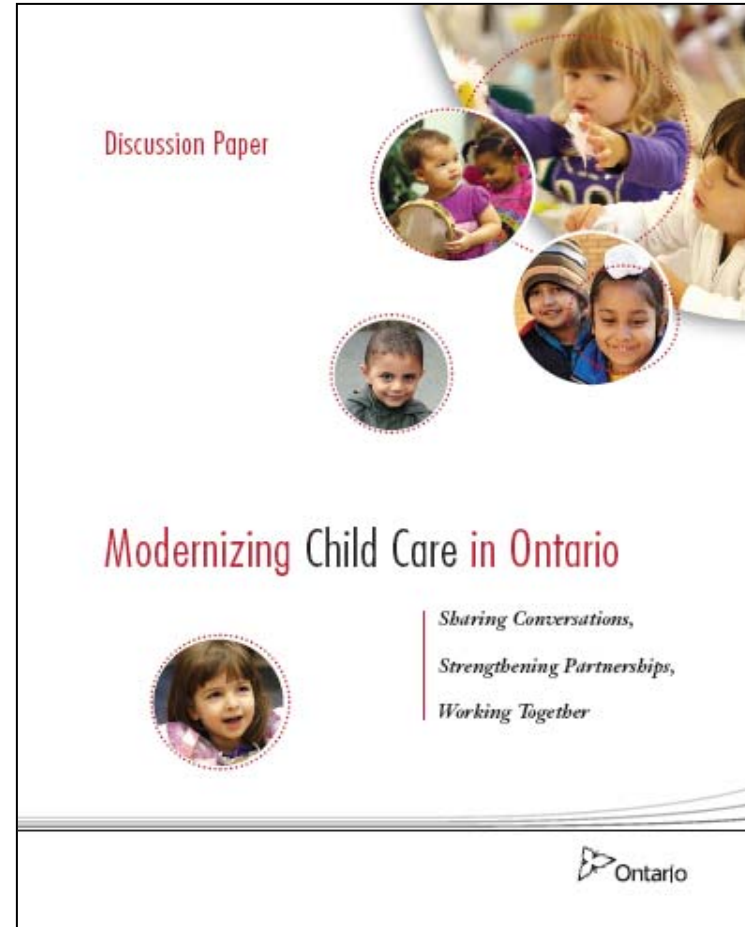
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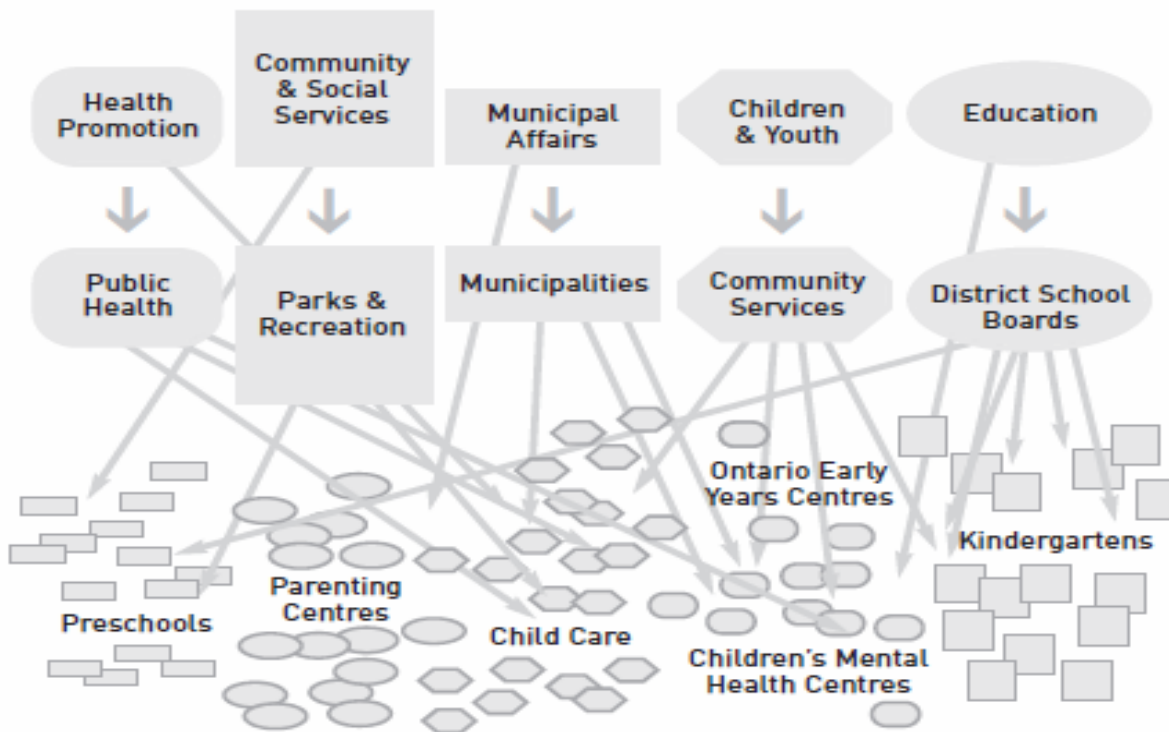
Update on Early Learning and Care

Consultation: Child Care Modernization



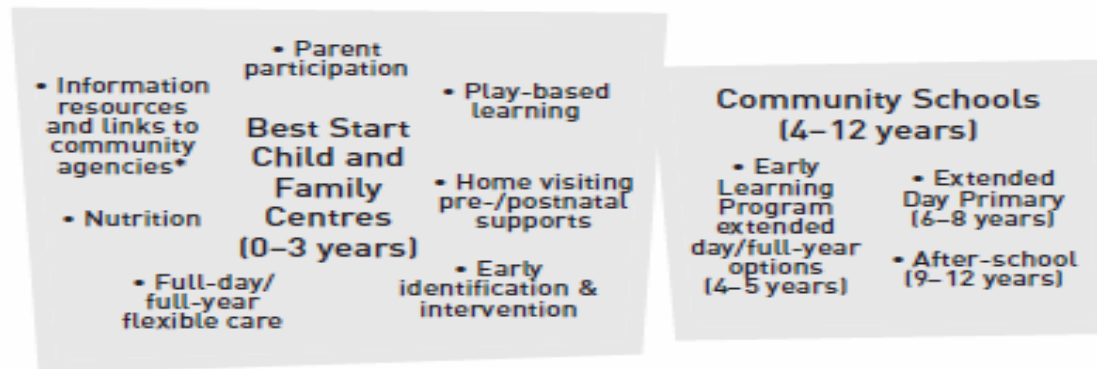
The State of the 'System'

Current Chaos



Special Advisor's Recommendations

Ontario's Child and Family Service System
2010 and Beyond at the Local Level



* including libraries, recreation and community centres, health services, family counselling, employment training, language learning, settlement services, and housing

Special Advisor's Recommendations

Transitioning from Chaos to Integrated Best Start Child and Family Centres



Key Milestones in Reforming the System

- Best Start Initiative 2005
- Dr. Charles Pascal –Special Advisor to Premier
- College of Early Childhood Educators
- Full Day Learning (JK/SK)
- Transfer of Child Care to Ministry of Education
- Opportunities for Local Integration Initiatives
- New Investments & Increased Flexibility with Existing Funding

Managing Change Locally

- Hamilton's Best Start Network 2011-2016 Strategic Framework
- 'Pooled' Funding – Integration Case Study
- 18 Month Well Baby Campaign
- ECE Recruitment & Retention Strategy
- Implementation of Full Day Learning
- City of Hamilton Early Years Community Plan
- Fee Subsidy Pressures

Modernizing Child Care in Ontario

“Sharing Conversations, Strengthening Partnerships, Working Together”

- Operating funding formula
- Capital funding priorities
- Quality programs
- Modernized legislation and regulations
- Accountability & capacity building

Highlights of Joint Response

- Set funding model within an outcomes based accountability framework
- Apply an Equity based funding formula
- Capital funding decisions need to consider entire early years system with a focus on neighbourhood capacity
- Replicate Hamilton's 'Raising the Bar' quality assurance program

Highlights of Joint Response

- Ensure access to high quality service for children with special needs
- Harmonize standards and shared supports between child care and school boards where appropriate
- Develop a recreation based care model for 6 to 12 year olds
- Ensure provincial licensing process aligns with local service planning

Our Next Steps

- Release of City of Hamilton Early Years Community Plan
- Best Start Network 2011-2016 Strategic Framework (three focus areas)
- Provide inputs to OMSSA & AMO to influence provincial policy
- Community Integration Leaders Project
- Distribution of 2012 One Time Funding