
New capital funding approved for community-based child care

The Ontario government has approved funding for Lanark County through the Community-Based Early Years and Child Care Capital Program (CBCP). The funding will help create new licensed child care space in Lanark County. The Town of Carleton Place will create 98 additional spaces for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at their current site.

The creation of these new licensed child care spaces is possible due to the County's shared commitment with the Province of Ontario to provide investments in the early years aimed to increase quality, accessibility, affordability, flexibility, and inclusivity.

Children's Services Manager Tammy Kealey-Donaldson says the County has been involved with two school-based capital funding projects in the past, but this is the first community-based capital project. "We are very pleased to have the opportunity to increase the number of licensed child care spaces in a Lanark County community as part of this program."

Ms. Donaldson explained the capital funding will support Carleton Place's new addition at their site on Francis Street. The partnership will help address capacity issues and child care waiting lists in the community. Lanark County will be working with the Town of Carleton Place to begin the development process, as the spaces must be opened by December 2020.

Lanark County Social Services (Children's Services Department) is the Service System Manager for the Early Years and Licensed Child Care Services under the *Child Care and Early Years Act* (CCEYA). Responsibilities involve service planning, supporting families and licensed child care providers, and overseeing delivery of the EarlyON Child and Family Centres.

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