
Holy Name of Mary School Child Care in the Town of Almonte to open its doors on December 2, 2019 thanks to Provincial Funding

Through funding provided by the Ministry of Education to the County of Lanark and the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario, 63 new child care spaces are planned in the Municipality of Mississippi Mills. The child care centre which is located at Holy Name of Mary school in Almonte plans to be licensed for 48 preschool age children and 15 toddlers and will open its doors on December 2, 2019.

The creation of these new licensed child care spaces is made possible due to the County's shared commitment and partnership with the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario and the Province of Ontario to provide investments in the early years aimed to increase quality, accessibility, affordability, flexibility and inclusivity. We are delighted to have the opportunity to increase the number of licensed child care spaces to meet the needs of our community.

In its 2019 Child Care and Early Years' Service Plan, Lanark County identified the need to increase child care spaces in high pressure areas; Mississippi Mills being one of them. The new program will support Mississippi Mills in addressing this issue. Families rely on infrastructure being in place to offer quality child care for their children to enable parents to work. The County's Children's Services department is committed to increasing access to child care for more families.

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). The responsibilities include service planning, supporting families and licensed child care providers, and overseeing delivery of EarlyON Child and Family Centres.

For more information about children's services in Lanark County, visit
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