

WARD 43 – SCARBOROUGH EAST

The ward analysis projects the service levels under 2 scenarios when children 4 and 5 years of age enrol in full-day kindergarten. It provides a description of the wards child care capacity today in comparison to 2014 forecasts, including with and without transitional resources.

Information from this analysis can be used as a starting point for discussions on how to maintain the stability of the child care system.

Changes to licensed child care

By September 2014, all publicly funded schools will offer full-day kindergarten. Kindergarten aged children will no longer be served by licensed child care. The preschool group will change from including children 2 ½ years of age until they start grade 1 to including children 2 ½ years of age until they start junior kindergarten.

Ward equity targets* for the preschool age group will also change. Currently 45% of a ward's allocated subsidy spaces go to preschool children. That number will be divided with 25% of subsidy allocations going to preschool and 20% going to kindergarten. Equity targets for this ward are as follows:

Equity Target	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	Kindergarten
Sep 2011	103	171	410	
Sep 2014	103	171	228	182

Children's Services is developing a strategy to ensure that sustainable, affordable, high quality child care remains a cornerstone of an integrated system that meets the needs of children and families in Toronto.

In response to the changes impacting the licensed child care system, Children's Services is working with operators and their boards to assess their options.

Centres included in the ward analysis

For the purposes of this analysis, centres were identified at risk when:

- The centre has the potential to lose 25% or more of its revenue as kindergarten age children transition from child care into the school system; and
- The centre generates 50% or more of its revenue from subsidized children

Centres in the ward serving young children (infants to preschoolers) - September 2011			
Total	with a fee subsidy contract	without a fee subsidy contract	percent at risk of closure
17	14	3	53%

*Equity Target: In order to equitably distribute the limited number of fee subsidies, each City ward is allocated its share based on the number of children living in the ward whose family income is below Statistics Canada's Low-income Cut-off (LICO). Within each ward, the equity target is further distributed by age to ensure that children in each of the age groupings receive access to a child care subsidy.

Results of the ward analysis

The tables below compare the ward's licensed capacity (the number of physical spaces) to the equity target to show if there is a shortfall or surplus of physical spaces available to meet the needs of families receiving subsidy.

- Actual as of September 2011
- Forecast to September 2014 – no transitional resources
- Forecast to September 2014 – with transitional resources

Note: The physical spaces in the ward are used by families receiving subsidy and families paying full fee, therefore for each age group, a surplus is optimal for a stable child care system.

Actual - Licensed capacity of the ward - September 2011				
	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	Total
Licensed Capacity	73	135	569	777
capacity of centres without a fee subsidy contract	0	0	64	64
capacity of centres with a fee subsidy contract	73	135	505	713
Equity Target	103	171	228	502
shortfall / surplus capacity to meet equity target (#)	-30	-36	277	211
shortfall / surplus capacity to meet equity target (%)	-29%	-21%	122%	42%

Scenario 1: Licensed capacity of the ward - forecast to September 2014 (assumes centres at risk will close)				
	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	Total
Licensed Capacity	50	75	192	317
capacity of centres without a fee subsidy contract	0	0	64	64
capacity of centres with a fee subsidy contract	50	75	128	253
Equity Target	103	171	228	502
shortfall/surplus capacity to meet equity target (#)	-53	-96	-100	-249
shortfall/surplus capacity to meet equity target (%)	-51%	-56%	-44%	-50%

Scenario 2: Licensed capacity of the ward - forecast to September 2014 (assumes sufficient financial resources are available to implement operators' plans to serve younger children)				
	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	Total
Licensed Capacity	110	235	458	803
capacity of centres without a fee subsidy contract	0	0	64	64
capacity of centres with fee subsidy contract	110	235	394	739
Equity Target	103	171	228	502
shortfall/surplus capacity to meet equity target #	7	64	166	237
shortfall/surplus capacity to meet equity target %	7%	37%	73%	47%