

Attachment 2

Goals in the 2010-2014 Child Care Service Plan

1. Strategic Leadership

- To deliver the highest quality of service that balances system accountability and sustainability with local needs and accessibility;
- To advance delivery of a fully integrated and seamless system of services for children aged 0–12 years and families, by developing and implementing a framework;
- To enhance the role of Children's Services and the child care system in addressing broader City and intergovernmental policy objectives and priorities;
- To be recognized as a leader in service system management;
- To foster and lead research initiatives with educational community intended to measure, evaluate and improve the quality of child care and children's services in Toronto; and:
- To encourage federal support of family and children's services.

2. Advancing Quality

- To utilize the Operating Criteria to evaluate and articulate the City's expectations of quality;
- To promote "Early Learning for Every Child Today" (ELECT) as a curriculum framework;
- To develop a Middle Childhood Strategy that defines and sets direction for high quality out-of-school-time programs for children aged 6–12;
- To establish Children's Services as a leader in infrastructure planning and development for Children's Services;
- To develop universal design guidelines for child care spaces that are developmentally appropriate, safe and accessible physical environments; and
- To continue to develop and invest in a comprehensive system of support for children with special needs.

3. Improving Access and Equity to services for children

- To improve geographic equity at the individual ward level so that each ward is within 10% of equity;
- To continue to support the principles of age equity and ensure equitable access to child care for infants and toddlers;
- To improve access to service and communication of information for families through the use of technology;
- To expand the capital strategy to include a ten year capital plan that will identify capital investment needed to improve access to child care across the city; and

- To ensure that a capital program for building new child care sites meets provincial standards for accessibility.

4. Developing an Integrated System of Services

- To promote collaborative practices and partnerships to support the alignment of our service planning activities with other service planning initiatives to move towards an integrated system of services; and
- To align the Middle Childhood Strategy with Early Learning.

5. Transition to Early Learning

- To support full implementation of the early learning system articulated in *With Our Best Future in Mind—Implementing Early Learning in Ontario*, a report to the Premier by the Special Advisor on Early Learning, Charles E. Pascal;
- To develop strategies to maintain service sustainability and system stability during and following the transition to Early Learning;
- To engage in transitional planning processes that are transparent; and
- To provide leadership in the implementation of an integrated early learning system for children 0 to 12 years of age and their families.