

# IMPLEMENTING EARLY LEARNING: STATUS REPORT

Presentation to CDRC June 24, 2010



# OVERVIEW OF TORONTO'S CHILD CARE SYSTEM

Toronto manages the second largest system in Canada

949 child Care Centres

20 Home Child Care Agencies





City of Toronto Operates
57 child care centres and 1 home
child care agency

56,750 spaces



### TORONTO CHILDREN AGED 0-12 YEARS

	Infant (0-18 months)	Toddler (18 months to 2.5 years)	Preschool (2.5 to 3 years)	JK/SK (4 to 5 years)	School Age (6 to12 Years)	<b>Total</b> (0 to12 years)
Children attending child care	2,655	6,417	14,326	14,327	15,828	53,553
Children receiving a fee subsidy	1,737	3,327	6,807	5,923	6,359	24,153
Child population	108,945			52,145	192,730	353,820
Low-income children	51,709				62,575	114,284



## TORONTO'S CHILDREN - 0 TO 12

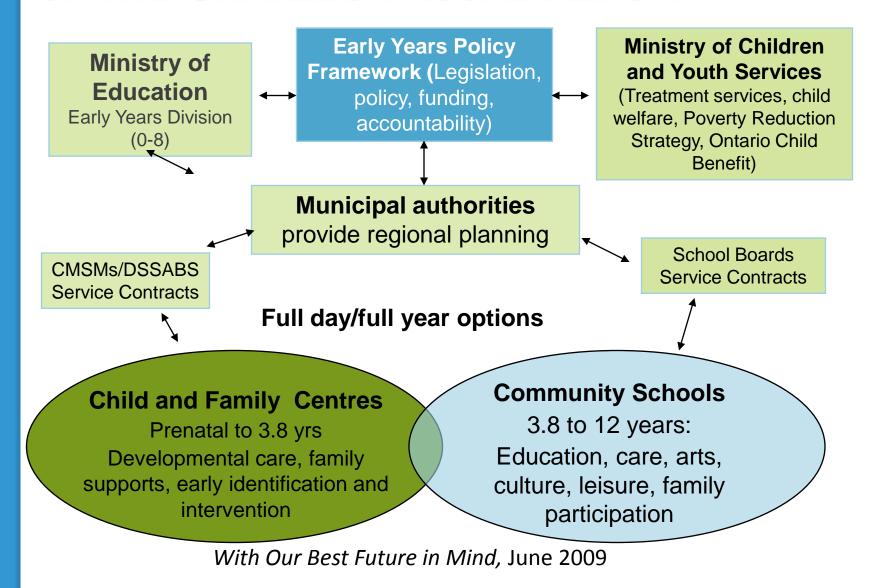
353,820 children

114,284 below LICO

24,000 Available subsidies



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## STAFF REPORT CONTEXT

Historical Fiscal Pressures

Implementing Early Learning Program ELP

Sustainability of Child Care System

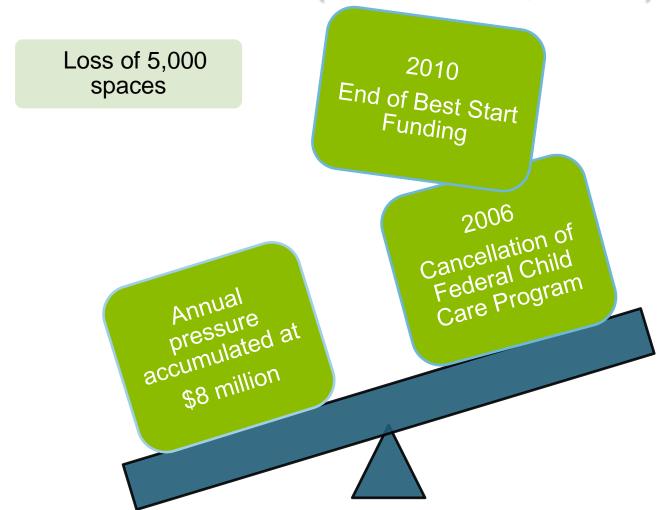


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# HISTORICAL FISCAL PRESSURES PRESSURES (JANUARY 1, 2010)





# PROVINCIAL INVESTMENT \$63.5 MILLION

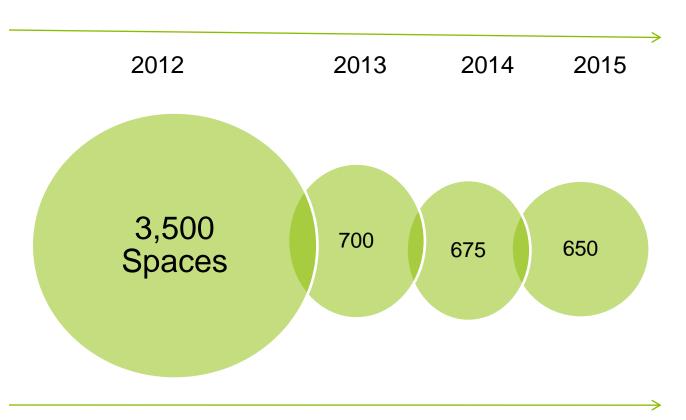
Reduces draw & Extends reserve to 2012 Reduced loss of spaces to 3,500

Annualized \$15.390 million

Child Care Expansion Reserve Fund 2010 \$7.954 million



### YEARLY SPACE LOSS

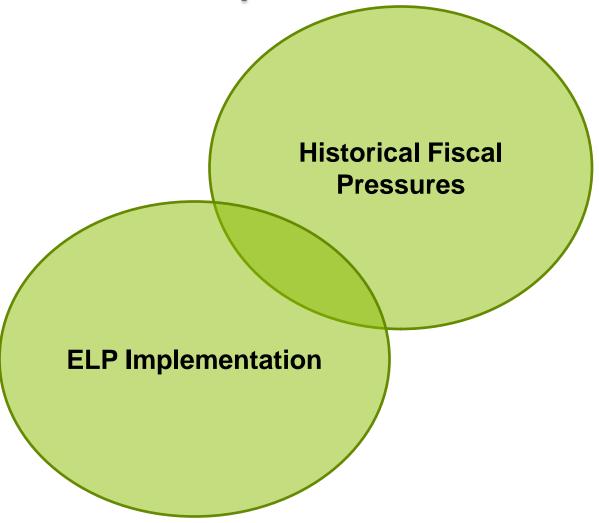


Total space loss at 2015 if annual fiscal pressures not addressed

5,525 spaces



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## IMPLEMENTING ELP

Integrated and seamless system of services for families and children from birth to 12 years old

Child With a strong Municipal role.
Centres

**ELP** 

Full day learning for 4and 5-year olds and extended day program

With Our Best Future in Mind, June 2009

Our Best Future Early Learning in Ontario

### ELP - LEGISLATION

•Full-day early learning for all four-and fiveyear-olds in Ontario phased in over 5 years

7:00 am

•Extended day program before and afterschool for four and five year olds on instructional days.

9:00 am

 Special needs support for extended day program funded through per diems

Lunch

•Before and after school programs for older children (ages six to 12).

3:30 pm

•Programs throughout the year for children aged four to 12, including non-instructional days

6:00 pm

Regulatory review after year 1

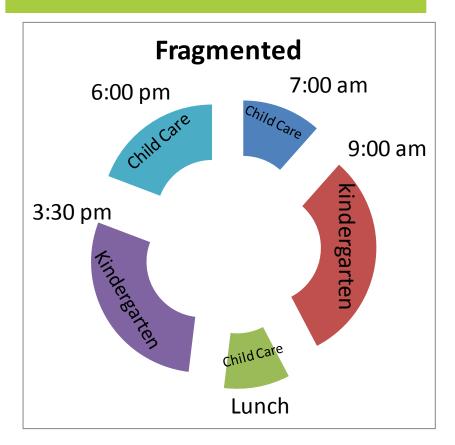


#### **ELP full implementation**

#### **ELP** current implementation

#### **Seamless**

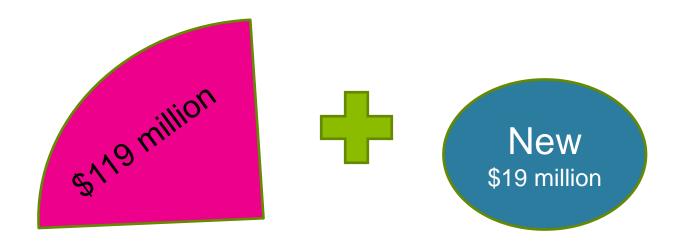




# FULL DAY LEARNING FOR 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS



# FUNDING FOR 4-AND 5-YEAR-OLDS IN ONTARIO



Toronto's Share:

\$27.4 Million

\$4.37 Million



## TORONTO'S SHARE

Funding for subsidies for 4-and 5-year olds





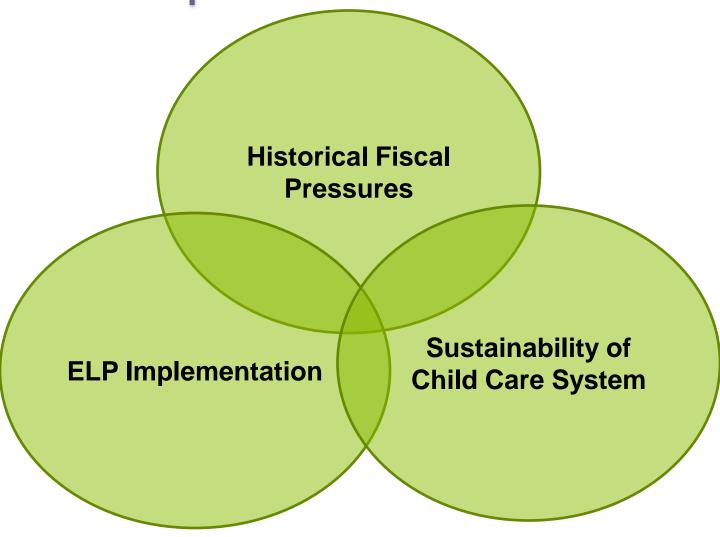
**Projected Need** 

**Provincial Allocation** 

Toronto needs an additional \$23 million

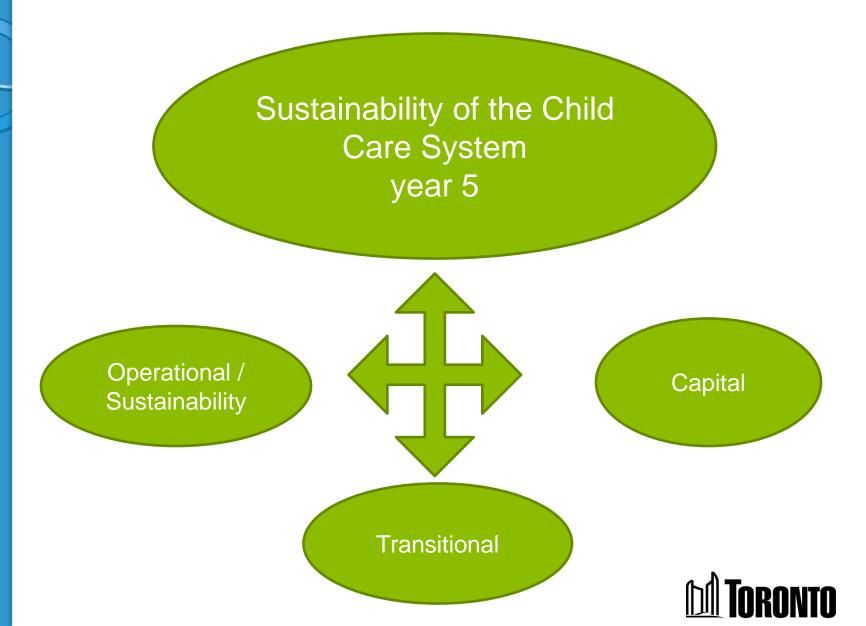


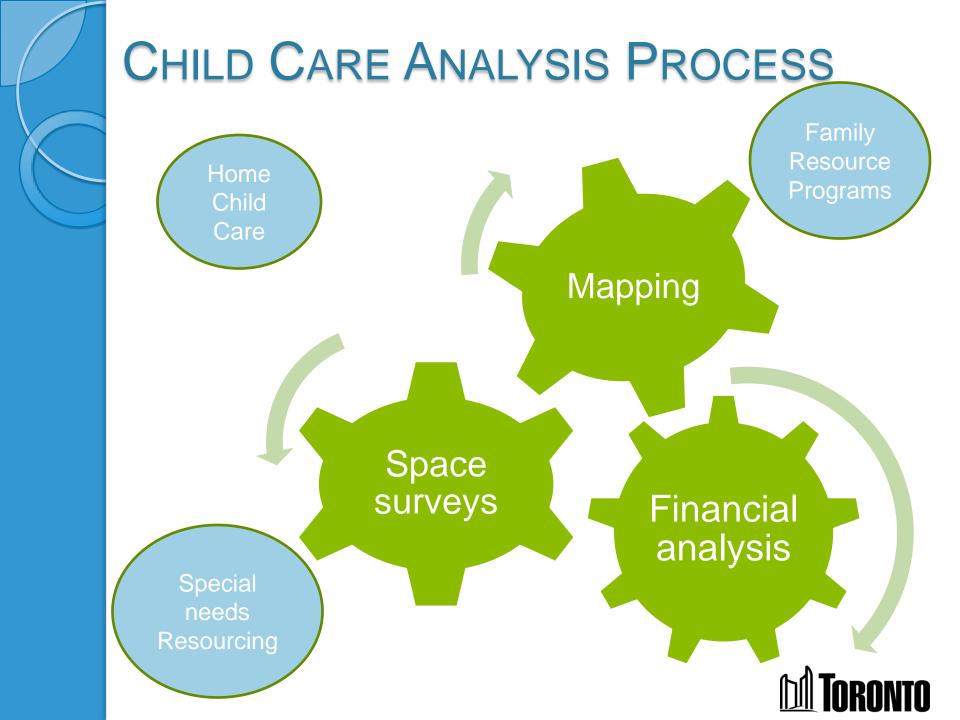
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# STABILITY OF CHILDCARE SYSTEM





# MUNICIPAL PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS ELP IMPACT IN TORONTO

### Service Plan Principles

All 4/5s will leave the child care system within 5 years when ELP is fully implemented. All child care funding currently in Toronto will remain in Toronto.

All other age groups, including 6-12 will remain part of the child care system.

Capital investment will occur in the not-for-profit and public sector

Subsidies for 4/5s will be 100% Provincial \$.

Subsidies will be seamless and follow the child



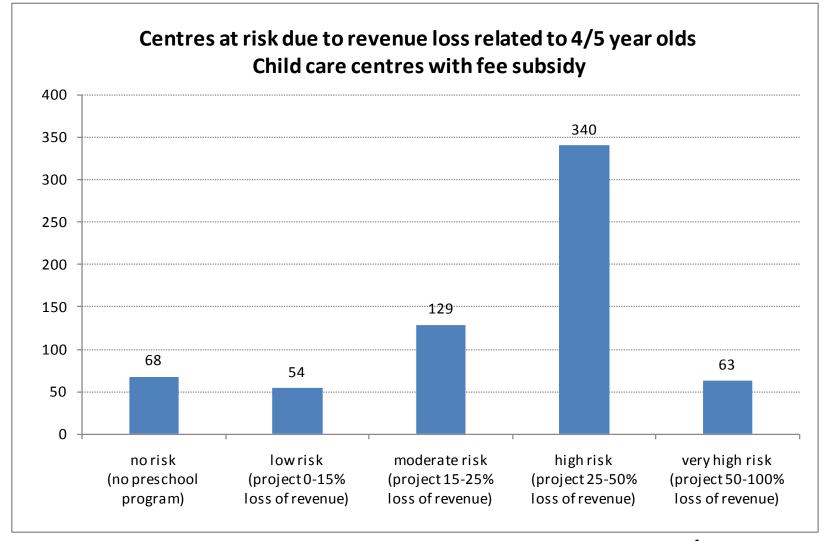
# ANALYSIS SUBSIDY SPACES AND FUNDING Children 0-12 Years

	2010	2015	Change
number of subsidy spaces	24,000	22,739	(1,261)
\$ Million	274.0	279.3	5.3

Assumes historical fiscal pressures are addressed



# IMPACT ON SERVICE LEVELS Child Care Centres





## HOME CHILD CARE

Out of 930 providers 360 of them care for 4/5s (39%)

annual income loss of \$3.1 million

18% of children cared for in home child care are 4/5s

\$8,000 per provider.



### **OPERATIONAL/STABILIZATION**

Funding required to sustain current child care system as 4 and 5 year olds move to ELP

\$51 million Ontario

\$11.7 million Toronto (est.)

\$27 million estimated need



### CAPITAL

Funding required to reconfigure child care centres to serve younger children

\$12 million Provincial

\$2.8 million Toronto

\$13.5 estimated need

(\$30 million including schools)



### TRANSITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

One time funding required to support child care centres during the transition to full implementation

- >assist with mergers/closures
- sustain programs as 4 and 5 year olds incrementally leave the system
- >sustain programs during reconfiguration



# TORONTO'S Year One ALLOCATION 0 to 3.8

Operational / Stabilization

Capital



(\$ 6 million required)



(\$3 million required)



# Toronto's Year One Allocation

4 & 5

Re-investment

**New Funding** 

\$10.32 Million Ontario

\$2.37 Million Toronto

\$1.65 Million
Ontario

\$0.38 Million
Toronto

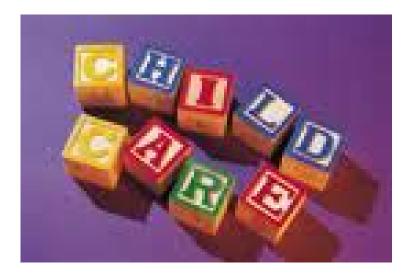


### What does this mean to Parents



longer waiting list

increased cost of child care





### **OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

Historical Fiscal Pressures  Resolution of the city's base funding pressure

ELP Implementation

- Impact of regulation and guideline on analysis
- Funding of special needs in the regulations

Sustainability of Child Care

- Clarification of CFC financing and implementation
- Revised transitional and capital requirements



# SYSTEM RE-ENGINEERING

Service Integration

Stakeholder involvement

System Re-engineering

Community Consultation

Child and Family Centre Framework





- 1. Toronto/Ontario Table
- Negotiate transition agreement that ensures creation of a sustainable and integrated child care system
- Explore flexible funding models
- Develop new monitoring and reporting requirements
- Address base funding issues



### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Province provide an additional \$27 million in base funding and \$13.5 million in capital funding.
- 3. Revise transitional and capital requirements once a provincial framework is available for CFC's.
- 4. For each new subsidy dedicated to ELP provide a new subsidy for school age to ensure continuity of services for all children.



### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Invest phase 1 funding of \$0.971 million as follows
  - \$0.787 million in fee subsidies
  - \$0.184 million in Child Care Capital Reserve
- 6. Report to council by July 2011 on
  - (A) status of ELP
  - (B) strategies to reduce service levels should base funding requirements not be addressed.

