

City-School Boards Advisory Committee

BEFORE-AND-AFTER SCHOOL
PROGRAMS
KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 6

SEPTEMBER 27, 2017



New Before and After School Program (BASP) Regulations

Beginning September 2017, school boards are required to ensure the provision of before and after school programs in **each** elementary school in Ontario for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 [where there is sufficient demand].

(Part IX.1 of the Education Act, 221/11:
Extended Day and Third Party Programs)

Program Options

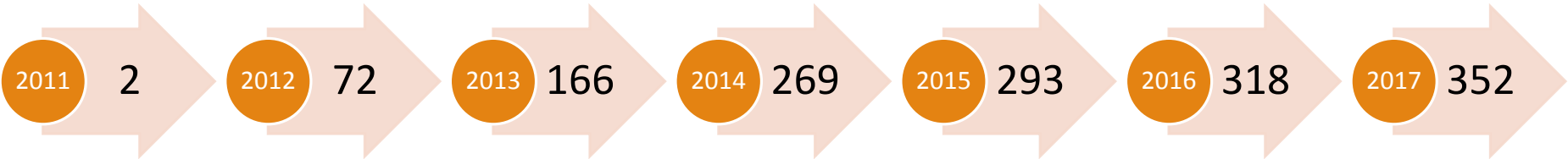
LICENSED Before-And-After CHILD CARE for children in FDK

LICENSED Before-And-After CHILD CARE for children in Grades 1 to 6

Authorized Recreation Programs/Skill Building Programs for children in Grades 1 to 6 (one period only)

Growth— Programs in Schools

Kindergarten 3rd party programs in schools



Schoolage programs in schools



Current Status of BASPs

- Across all four school boards, 67% of elementary schools have a BASP (397 out of 592)
 - 12,031 kindergarten spaces in schools.
 - 18,228 schoolage spaces in schools.
- Plus approximately 74 authorized recreation programs - ARC (33) and Boys and Girls Clubs (41) - in schools

2017 Growth in Schools

- Overall 1,879 kindergarten and 3,005 schoolage spaces were added for the 2017-18 school year
- This occurred by:
 - adding 64 new services (entirely new BASP locations or new age groups at existing locations)
 - expanding capacity in existing programs – 44 kindergarten and 72 schoolage programs
- In addition, 74 Authorized Recreation programs are now recognized under legislation as BASP operators

Expansion Process

- Multi-layered joint sector consultation
- Sector Consultation about planning process and establishing demand
- Other factors considered (e.g., size, needs, community-based options)
- School-based survey results

Benefits of BASP Policy & Guidelines (2017)

- Increased safety, well-being and learning for children.
- Increased access for families.
- Effective partnership and collaboration between Toronto Children's Services and School Board Staff leading to a more transparent process for families
- Greater continuity of services.
- Recognition of Authorized Recreation & Skill-Building Programs as a new model of care for 6-12 year olds
- Joint professional learning as a sector (Child Care, Recreation & School-based Educators)

Challenges

- Common policy requirements for all districts regardless of size of the population
- Cost/Affordability
- Space
- Ability to meet parental demand (waiting lists)
- Establishing standard business practices across 400 programs
- Aligning requirements across levels of Government
- Authorized Recreation Programs & Exemptions

New Investments in Expanding Child Care

- **City of Toronto:**

- April 2017: Child Care Growth Strategy

- **Government of Ontario:**

- May 2017: Provincial Expansion Funding Announcement
- June 2017: Capital Investments in Schools

- **Government of Canada:**

- June 2017: Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care Agreement

QUESTIONS?



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