

# EarlyON Update, Fall 2018



It has been over a year now since the Ministry of Education announced that Hastings County received \$1.4 million dollars to support the implementation of the EarlyON Child and Family

Centres. As of July 1, 2018, three lead organizations have been providing EarlyON programs and services in all areas of Hastings County.

EarlyON centres are designed especially for children up to six years old. The programs offer children, parents and caregivers a friendly environment that fosters positive learning with a wide range of quality programs and services to help children reach their full potential.

In a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, service providers were required to demonstrate their experience and qualifications to deliver the following:

- High quality early years programs that align with the pedagogical approach of *How Does Learning Happen?* Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years;
- The ability to collaborate and integrate services with community partners; and
- The existing capacity, knowledge and expertise to address the diverse needs of all children, parents and caregivers.

The successful applicants are: Family Space, North Hastings Children's Services and Trenton Military Family Resource Centre



North Hastings Children's Services will be an EarlyON Centre offering child and family services in multiple locations and at outreach sites. This will include increased mobile services to outlying areas of North Hastings.

Family Space Quinte Inc. will be providing services in Belleville and South East Hastings, as well as Central Hastings including Madoc, Marmora, Tweed and Stirling. In addition, Family Space will provide services in parts of Quinte West.



Trenton Military Family Resource Centre be an EarlyON Centre located in Quinte West, which will include francophone services for military and civilian families both at CFB Trenton and off base including the French

Catholic and Public School Boards.

We continue to work with our three EarlyON leads to ensure that services are provided in all of Hastings County and that the needs of children and families are recognized.

## Community Engagement

Staff at Hastings County have made several presentations to our community partners to inform them of the EarlyON program. These presentations will continue through the fall and winter of 2018. In addition, a radio advertising campaign is underway and will play until this winter to inform the general public of the EarlyON initiative as well as a campaign surrounding licensed child care. The radio ads can be found on: <http://hastingscounty.com/services/social-services/childrens-services/earlyon>

In June, staff organized a community information booth at the Quinte Mall to provide families with information related to EarlyON. Our partner, Family Space set up engagement opportunities for children to explore, be curious and play! Over 125 families stopped by the booth and received information related to all EarlyON programs in Hastings County. Thank you to Family Space for providing the engagement opportunity to children and their families.

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Child and Family Centre



Carmela Ruberto, Hastings County & Tina Kinmond, Family Space, Quinte Mall

Staff will continue to partner, engage and inform the community of EarlyON Child and Family Centre Programs throughout Hastings County.

## EarlyON Programs to Open in Centre Hastings!

We are pleased to announce that Family Space will be providing EarlyON programming in Centre Hastings. Locations have been confirmed in Tweed, Marmora and Madoc commencing this September. All families

and children are welcome to attend! Programs will be offered at the following locations:

Tuesdays	<b>Marmora,</b> Marmora Public School 91 Madoc St.	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays	<b>Tweed,</b> Tweed Elementary School 52 McClellan St.	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays	<b>Madoc</b> <i>(Outdoor)</i>  O'Hara Mills, 638 Mill R.	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Thursdays	<b>Madoc,</b> Madoc Public School  32 Baldwin St.	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Visit Family Space monthly calendar for further details regarding programming. [www.familyspace.ca](http://www.familyspace.ca)

## Visit to Curve Lake

Staff at Hastings County had the opportunity to visit an Indigenous led program in Curve Lake. The Oshkiigmong Early Learning Centre offers a high quality program that meets the needs of the children and families of the community and creates a "home away from home" environment. The practice of How Does Learning Happen? (HDLH?) was evident as soon as one enters the door of this beautiful centre. This program is licensed by the Ministry of Education and resides within the Curve Lake First Nation. Staff at the Centre provided us with much information regarding

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their culture and teachings as well as a general overview of all their programs.



Above, Manager of Children Services, Cathy Utman, visits O'shkiigmong Early Learning Centre in Curve Lake

## Journey Together Funding Announced

In early 2018, The Ministry of Education announced that Hastings County was successful in its application for Journey Together Funding. The funding was to support the establishment of the Algonquin Inòdewiziwin Child and Family Centre in Maynooth in partnership with North Hastings Children's Services and Anishinaabe Baptiste Community Organization. Funding also included one

-time capital for purchases of culturally relevant materials and set up of the classroom in Maynooth Public School. Further information about the Inòdewiziwin program is below.

**Fact:** the word Inòdewiziwin means 'family' in the Algonquin language.

The Kahwa:Tsire Initiative in partnership with Prince Edward Lennox and Addington, City of Kingston-County of Frontenac, Hastings County and the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte is underway with planning that occurred over the summer months. Three language and cultural leaders have been hired who will directly deliver drop-in programs in partnership with EarlyON programs throughout the partner three Service Manager areas. The leaders will also continue to develop and circulate the e-newsletter, "Come Walk in my Moccasins". Prince Edward-Lennox and Addington Social Services took the lead and submitted this Journey Together proposal.

## Inòdewiziwin, Journey Together Program Now Open

At this Child and Family Centre both indigenous and non-indigenous parents and caregivers have access to high quality indigenous services that will support them in their role as their children's first teachers, enhance their well-being and enrich their knowledge about early learning and development. In particular, children and parents will both learn the Algonquin language, history and culture.

The Anishinaabe Baptiste Community Organization and the Kijicho Manito Madaouskarini Algonquin Nation Community have partnered with North Hastings Children's Services to administer

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the EarlyON program through the Journey Together funding with Hastings County.

Located in Maynooth Public School, parents check in at the School Reception and an Algonquin Inòdewiziwin team member will bring the family to the classroom where parents/caregivers can learn and play with their child(ren), meet people or get advice. An Early Childhood Educator, Diane Martin and Language and Cultural Coordinator, Michele Guadry will offer support to the program. Elder and Planner, Ada Tinney attends programs with other elders to share teachings and local legends of the Algonquin's.

In fall of 2018 the programming will run Monday to Friday 9 am to 4 pm with Saturdays at the Bancroft EarlyON site. Outreach programming will occur at various sites across North Hastings including Bancroft, Coe Hill, Hermon, Maynooth and all North Hastings schools.

Stay tuned to the NHCS calendar and website for more information as the programs are developed.



Above, Elder and Planner Ada Tinney, and Executive Director, Jessica Anderson, North Hastings Children's Services, Celebrate the opening of the Inòdewiziwin Journey Together Program at Maynooth Public School.

## Mindful Parenting Workshops

Hastings County and the EarlyON team is pleased to partner with Hastings Prince Edward Public Health regarding the upcoming Mindful Parenting Workshops being held throughout Hastings County. This free interactive workshop is designed for parents and caregivers looking for additional mindful parenting skills. Details are below:

Turn off the screens and tune into each other!



**Everyday Mindfulness for Parents & Caregivers**

When parents and children bring more mindfulness into their daily routine, the result is increased self-regulation, decreased stress at home and school, and boosted self-esteem.

Join mindfulness educator and coach Alicia Preston for a **FREE** interactive workshop to learn mindful parenting skills.

**Workshops 6:30-8:30 pm**  
Belleville – September 19  
Trenton – September 20  
Bancroft – September 27

**Register at [eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca) (topic: mindful parenting) or call 613-966-5500 or 1-800-267-2803 ext. 223**

Light refreshments will be served. Childcare available upon request.

