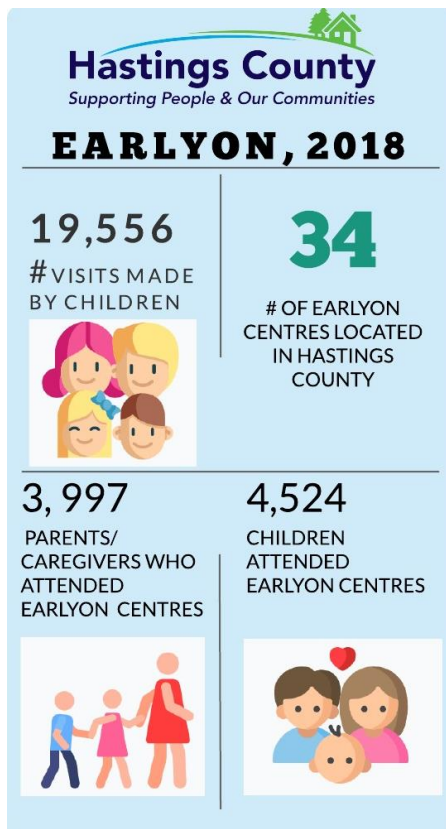


# EarlyON Update, Summer 2019



## EarlyON, A Year in Review



July 2019 officially marked the one year anniversary of rebranding the former Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres to EarlyON Child and Family Centres. The programs continue to run successfully throughout Hastings County including many outdoor opportunities for children and their families. There are 34 locations for families to access with almost 20,000

visits made to the centres in 2018. Many programs are continuing in schools over the summer along with expanded outdoor and afternoon programming.

Hastings County staff want to take this opportunity to thank Trenton Military Family Resource Centre, North Hastings Children's Services and Family Space for their dedication to making the first year of EarlyON a success for families and children in Hastings County.

Feedback from parents and caregivers continues to indicate that EarlyON programs provide positive social interactions for their children, a place to access information and resources, and an opportunity to meet new parents and caregivers in a safe and positive environment.

## Indigenous-led programs

The Ministry of Education has recently announced that the Journey Together Program will now be referred to as Indigenous-led programs. There are currently two Indigenous-led programs in Hastings County.

Kahwá:tsire Family and Child Program is providing culturally responsive early child and family programs in various locations throughout Hastings County, Prince Edward Lennox and Addington and Kingston, Frontenac.

Kahwá:tsire programs provide families with a safe environment that nurtures, strengthens awareness, as well as promotes and celebrates Indigenous languages and cultures. Kahwá:tsire has partnered with Family Space Thursday mornings at the Frink Centre in Plainfield for indigenous-led programs from 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. This program continues to be well attended and families are interested in the cultural Indigenous teachings that are presented each week.

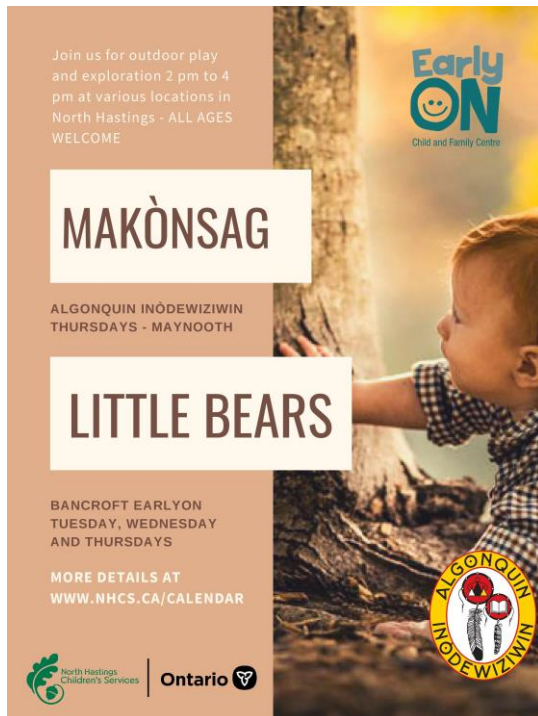


Pictured above, Elder, Ada Tinney, shares a moment with the youngest participant at the Algonquin Inòdewiziwin Centre in Maynooth.

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The Algonquin Inòdewiziwin Child and Family Centre located in North Hastings continues to provide a variety of programming at Maynooth Public School and Bancroft EarlyON. The Algonquin Inòdewiziwin programs support parents and caregiver's well-being in their role(s) as their child's first teacher. This program is available to all families. For further program details, visit [nhcs.ca](http://nhcs.ca).



Makònsag is an Indigenous knowledge and activity-based nature program for families with children 0-6 years. Makònsag is held each Thursday afternoon at the Algonquin Inòdewiziwin Centre from 2pm to 4pm outdoors, rain or shine.

## EarlyON Programs Extended

In Central Hastings, (Tweed, Madoc and Marmora) EarlyON Programs have been extended to support parents and caregivers during the summer months.

Programming is offered from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. which provides parents with many options to attend in the morning and/or afternoon. Access to outdoor play is also available at many of these centres. These programs have been well attended and many families like the option of attending EarlyON in the afternoon during the summer months.

The EarlyON program has also been extended at Trent River Public School, Trenton until 2:30 p.m. and will run daily through the summer months. For full program details, visit [familyspace.ca](http://familyspace.ca).

## “Swap Screen Time for Wild Time!”

There are many opportunities for families and children to access outdoor programs at various EarlyON locations this summer. North Hastings Children's Services has developed a schedule full of options for everyone. New this summer is the Little Bears program encouraging families to “swap screen time for wild time!” This is a free eco-friendly and nature based program being offered in the afternoon. There are several locations at various beaches and parks including: Bird's Creek Park, L'Amable Beach, and Riverside Park. For further details visit, [nhcs.ca](http://nhcs.ca).

## Travelling Playgroups

Trenton Military Family Resource Centre has organized travelling EarlyON groups for the summer months. Every Wednesday, a new location has been determined so families have the opportunity to access the wonderful attractions in the area. Upcoming trips include The Big Apple, Massassauga Conservation Area, and Campbellford. More information can be found at [trentonmfrcc.ca/earlyon](http://trentonmfrcc.ca/earlyon).

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