

# EarlyON Update, Winter 2019



## New Program in Stirling!

We are pleased to announce that a new EarlyON program has opened in Stirling operated by Family Space. The opening of this centre took place in November, 2018 with many families attending. This program is located at St. Paul's United Church, 104 Church Street, and operates on Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The opening of the Centre aligns with the goal of providing access to programs in all areas of Hastings County.

## Journey Together Update

Kahwá:tsire is the Mohawk word for "Family" and is pronounced: *GAW\*WAAH\*JEE\*REH*.

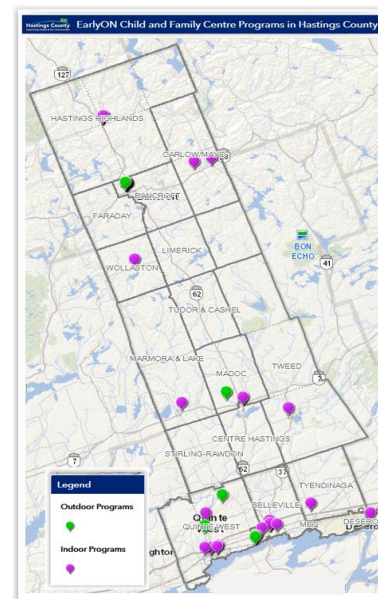
Kahwá:tsire Family and Child Program is providing culturally responsive early child and family programs in various locations throughout Hastings County, Prince Edward Lennox and Addington and Kingston, Frontenac. Kahwá:tsire is funded through the Journey Together Program: the Government of Ontario's Commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. Kahwá:tsire programs provide parents, caregivers and children a friendly, safe environment that nurtures, strengthens awareness as well as promotes and celebrates Indigenous languages and cultures. In Hastings County, this program is located at the Tynendinga Public School every Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the Deseronto Public School every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Algonquin Inòdewiziwin Child and Family Centre located in North Hastings continues to provide a variety programming at Maynooth Public School and Bancroft EarlyON. The Algonquin Inòdewiziwin programs supports parents and caregivers well-being and supports them in their role(s) as their child's first teacher. This program is available to all families. For further program details, visit <https://www.nhcs.ca/algonquin-inodewiziwin>

On September 14, 2018, the program celebrated with its grand opening with many dignitaries and community members attending. The event was a wonderful opportunity to inform and share with the community the work and partnership of the Anishinaabe Baptiste Community Organization and North Hastings Children Services.



## EarlyON Programs in Hastings County



In partnership with Hastings County GIS mapping department, an EarlyON mapping system has been created for parents and caregivers to access all EarlyON locations, hours and agency information.

Visit: [hastingscounty.com/services/social-services/childrens-services/earlyon](https://hastingscounty.com/services/social-services/childrens-services/earlyon)

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## Outdoor Programs Continue This Winter!



EarlyON outdoor programs will continue to run throughout Hastings County this winter - snow, rain or shine! If school buses are cancelled, check program website or Facebook page for cancellations. No preregistration is required.

Above, Megan Boettcher and Donna Kaye from Family Space at EarlyON Batawa Wildwood program, open every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m - 11:30 a.m.

The implementation of additional outdoor programming is responsive to the request of parents and caregivers to provide more opportunities for families and children to interact with outdoors and nature. Despite variations in each location, all Wildwood programs operated by Family Space follow the guiding principles of Forest School Canada which included regular and repeated access to the same natural space and child-directed, emergent, play and enquiry based learning.

Outdoor programs encourage increased creativity, engagement with nature, and curiosity within a natural setting. Research indicates engaging in the outdoors is essential to a child's healthy brain development and overall health and well - being. (Wildwood Parent Handbook, Family Space)



## Partnerships in Quinte West



We are pleased to announce that the Trenton Military Family Resource Centre (TMFRC) has partnered with the Francophone school boards to provide EarlyON services (ON y va)

within their schools. We are pleased with this new partnership and working towards increased promotion and awareness of both programs. The EarlyON programs are delivered in French. Details of programs are:

**Thursdays:** École Élémentaire Publique Cité-Jeunesse, 9 a.m. – noon. 30 Fullerton Avenue, Trenton,

**Fridays:** École élémentaire catholique L'Envol, 45 pr. Johnson, Trenton, 9 a.m. – noon.

In addition, TMFRC provides EarlyON programs Mondays through Wednesdays at their main location, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., 50 Rivers Dr., Trenton.

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