

FACTS ABOUT CHILD CARE IN PEEL REGION

Availability – regulated child care

-# of children aged 0-6 in Peel 107,320 (2006 Census)

-# regulated child care spaces 13,952

-% of children 0-6 years for whom a regulated spaces is available in Peel 13%

(Ontario-wide comparison -% of children 0-6 years for whom a regulated spaces is available 19.7%)

-Availability of infant and toddler spaces is especially low –

 % of infants for whom a regulated space is available - 3.3%

 % of toddlers for whom a regulated space is available - 6.3%

-Geographical distribution of spaces is inequitable by town and ward (2011 Service Plan)

Subsidies

-140 contractual “purchase of service” agreements (multi site agencies or operators may hold one service contract for multiple centres)

-Approximately 3,500 subsidies

-Approximately 3,100 on the subsidy waiting list, 66% infants/toddlers/preschool

-Subsidy waiting list grows by about 230 per month

Regional centres

-12 centres

- 828 children aged 19 months to 5 years

- Specialized programs include one evening program, an inclusive nursery school and a therapeutic infant/caregiver program, a Best Start Community integrated model offering before, after and school holiday programs for children preschool to 10 years

- 72 children with special needs

- About 80% of the children are subsidized (est.)

- Regional centres use the High Scope curriculum

- Two centres were recently developed – Colleside, built at Sheridan College (2005) and Lancaster (2007)

Capacity of Peel Regional centres by age group

Child Care Centre	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	Kindergarten	Total
Howden	0	10	40	0	50
Brampton West	0	15	48	32	95
Chinguacousy	0	15	56	12	83
Greenbriar	0	10	16	20	46
Collegeside	0	15	32	10	57
Streetsville	0	15	50	0	65
Malton	0	15	40	0	55
Ernest Majury	0	15	24	32	71
The Valley	10	15	40	20	85
Cooksville	0	30	48	20	99
(Alternatively)	0	15	64	20	99
Ridgeway	0	10	48	0	58
Lancaset	0	0	40	30	70

Children with special needs

-164 children on subsidy wait list , “wait of 2 years or longer for special needs support services” (2012 budget doc)

-72 special needs children in regional centres

Auspice - centre-based spaces

For children aged 0-6 years

Non-profit	For-profit
5586 spaces	6648 spaces
46% of total	54% of total

(Ontario-wide comparison –

Non-profit	For-profit
75% of total	25% of total)

For infants and toddlers

Non-profit	For-profit
998 spaces	1402 spaces
42% of total	58% of total

Auspice – home child care

Agencies – Six non-profit, four for-profit

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