

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL	
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INTRODUCTION

The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) is committed to the goal of supporting an affordable, accessible, and accountable child care **and early years** system which benefits children, their parents and caregivers, and the broader community.

This policy and procedures manual is intended to serve as a guide based on the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* and the Ontario Child Care and **EarlyON Child and Family Centres** Service Management and Funding Guidelines as set by the Ministry of Education and the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Child Care and **Early Years system** objectives include:

- Planning and managing the delivery of child care **and early years** services, within provincial legislation, regulations, standards, policies, and directives\guidelines
- Setting policies that allow for effective guideline implementation
- Developing a local child care **and early years system** plan with community partners to reflect community services approach for children; establishing local priorities and outcomes
- Entering into agreements with service providers, allocating available resources in a way that can achieve the agreed- to outcomes
- Receiving and responding to serious occurrences reports from **EarlyON Child and Family Centres**
- Providing information and advice to the province

Child Care and Early Years objectives reflect a system that:

- Cares for children in a safe, nurturing environment
- Supports the needs of parents who want to work
- Allows ~~F~~flexibility and provides choice
- Supports children and families at risk or with special needs
- Provides appropriate standards of child care **and early years programming**
- Fosters early childhood development
- Works in partnership with others involved in the child care **and early years** system