
Support for Ontario's Child Care Modernization Plan

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Here is what people are saying about the McGuinty government's plan to create a more integrated and seamless early learning and child care system:

"It is essential that we move beyond our fragmented child care situation to develop a truly modernized and integrated system of early learning and care. I truly hope that this consultation will be taken seriously by parents, providers and experts and lead to action by the government to provide a new approach to funding and accountability for an affordable, accessible and high quality child care system for Ontario's children and families."

— Charles E. Pascal, Professor of Human Development & Applied Psychology at OISE/University of Toronto

"The commitment of the government to quality early learning is clear with the implementation of full-day kindergarten. We now need to ensure that the child care system is strengthened and stabilized while promoting consistent quality of early learning and care across the province."

—Joan Arruda and Linda Cottes, Co-Chairs of the Quality Early Learning Network

"The Day Nurseries Act hasn't gone through a thorough review since 1983. Since then a lot has changed in the child care sector. It is critical that we review this legislation to ensure it fits the times and is consistent with a sustainable child care system that is coordinated with FDK."

— Medhat Mahdy, President of YMCA Ontario; President & CEO YMCA of Greater Toronto

"Moving forward on modernization is an important step towards building a coordinated, seamless model of child care that works with full-day kindergarten and works for Ontario families. Ontario Municipal Social Services Association members know the day-to-day successes and challenges of child care service system management and delivery in urban, rural, northern and remote contexts, and are eager to provide their expertise into these discussions."

— Kira Heineck, Executive Director of the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association

"Congratulations to Minister Broten on this comprehensive discussion paper that is both thorough and thoughtful. While the issues we all face are many, the paper clearly, and with deep understanding, outlines the issues. I know that many of us will spend much time in thinking through the issues, and responding in kind, with thoughtfulness and the best possible outcomes of our children in mind."

— Peter Frampton, Executive Director of The Learning Enrichment Foundation

"The Council of Ontario Directors of Education is pleased that the government is taking additional steps to reinforce the smooth transitions of early learning for children by strengthening day care provision, locations and program. Directors believe strongly in the outcomes of a continuous learning experience for all students. These new measures will be of great benefit in making more schools the places where children begin and continue their education."

— Frank Kelly, Executive Director of the Council of Ontario Directors of Education