

## Making Child Care Work for Families

*McGuinty Government Working with Partners to Modernize Child Care*

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Ontario is looking to modernize the child care sector to ensure it remains strong and will help families experience a seamless transition to full-day kindergarten (FDK).

The province is releasing a discussion paper, [Modernizing Child Care in Ontario](#), to begin a conversation that will help move Ontario towards a high quality, accessible and co-ordinated early learning and care system for all children. The paper was developed to encourage feedback from the sector and families to help guide the modernization of the child care sector so it works effectively with FDK, once fully implemented in 2014-15.

Modernizing [child care](#) is part of the McGuinty government's plan to create a more integrated early learning and child care system to ensure children get the best possible start.

### QUOTE

"We know that when parents drop their children off to child care in the morning, they need to know they are safe and getting the best care available. These discussions will build on our efforts to give our children the best possible start in school and in life, while moving towards a high quality, reliable and coordinated system of child care that works with Full-Day Kindergarten."

— Laurel Broten, Minister of Education

### QUICK FACTS

- Visit the [Regulatory Registry](#) to read and comment on the discussion paper. Feedback will be accepted until Sept. 24.
- In 2012-13, the government is investing an additional \$90 million to modernize the existing child care sector.
- This investment will bring the government's commitment to child care funding to more than \$1 billion, an increase of 90 per cent since 2003-04.
- By September 2014, all four- and five-year-olds in the province will have access to full-day kindergarten, saving families up to \$6,500 per child per year on child care costs.

### LEARN MORE

- [Find out what people are saying about the province's plan for child care.](#)
- [Find licensed child care providers in your neighbourhood.](#)
- [Read more about full-day kindergarten.](#)