



# Introducing Early Years Experience @ Kindergarten (EYE@K) Survey

## VOLUNTARY PARENTAL SURVEY



This year the Ministry of Education is collecting new information about the experiences of children in childcare and early years programs in Ontario. Collecting this information is important because it will help in understanding how families access programs and services in communities and in understanding the impact of early years experiences on children.

If you choose to complete the survey, the answers you provide will be shared within schools to help educators and principals support your child's transition to full-day kindergarten. The information will also help us to plan, coordinate and improve the programs and services for families and young children in our community.

A paper version of the EYE@K Parent Survey is attached for those who wish to participate in the data collection. Please return your completed survey to the school with your child's/children school registration package.

### Ontario's Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework (2017)

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/eyccframework.html>

#### Feedback to our Discussion Paper

*"Increasingly the literature and experiences of educators and families demonstrate the importance of affordable, accessible, high-quality services for families across the economic spectrum, for children's well-being and for the economy."*

– A parent

#### Health, Learning, and Economic Outcomes of Positive Early Years Experiences



##### Healthy Child Development

- A high-quality early childhood education positively contributes to a child's overall health and well-being
- The positive effects of high-quality early childhood experiences last a lifetime



##### Learning

- Early learning experiences have a long-lasting impact on a child's language, literacy and mathematics skills
- A high-quality early childhood education has a positive effect on school success



##### Economic

- For every dollar spent on a child's early years, there is an immediate \$2 return on investment
- Over the life of the child, this dollar investment can grow to return up to \$7

## Early Years Experiences Collection at Kindergarten Registration (EYE@K) Survey

The following questions are about your child's participation in child care and activities in your community from birth until today. Answering these questions is voluntary, so thank you for taking the time to respond.

The answers you provide will be shared within the school to help our educators and principals support your child's transition to full-day kindergarten. The information will also be shared with the Ministry of Education, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board and child care system planners in your community. The information will help them to plan, coordinate and improve the programs and services for families and young children in your community.

*The personal information is collected under the legal authority of the Education Act R.S.O.1980, s.8.1. If you have any questions, please contact the school principal.*

### **CHILD CARE**

The Ministry of Education strives to build a child care and early years system that better supports parents and gives children the best possible start in life. There are many types of child care services available in Ontario. The types of child care referred to in this survey are defined as follows:

**Full-time** – More than 30 hours per week

**Part-time** – 30 hours or less per week

**Parent/Guardian Care** – Care provided by a child's parent or guardian

**Unpaid Care** – Care provided by friends, relatives or caregivers, other than the child's parent(s) or guardian(s), where no fees are charged to the parent(s) or guardian(s).

**Paid Care** – Care provided by friends, relatives, nannies, or home child care providers who charge a fee to provide care in a child's home or in the provider's home.

**Licensed Home Child Care** – A licensed home-based child care agency enters into a contract with providers who use their own homes to look after children. The licensed home-based child care agency screens, approves and monitors the caregivers. Parents often pay their child care fees to the home-based child care agency.

**Licensed Child Care Centre** – These programs operate in a variety of settings including workplaces, private and public buildings, schools and places of worship. They include nursery schools, full-time or part-time child care.



2. If the child you are registering for school participated in licensed child care in a centre or a home, please list the name(s) of your **licensed child care centre** or **licensed home child care agency**, for each age period. If your child was in parent/guardian care full-time or participated in care with friend, relative, nanny or unlicensed home child care, do not include the name below, please select the box in the Not Applicable column.

Age of Child	Not Applicable	Name of Licensed Child Care Centre of Licensed Home Child Care Agency	Intersection/Street Name	City/Community Name
0 up to 12 Months	<input type="checkbox"/>			
12 Months to 18 Months	<input type="checkbox"/>			
18 Months to 24 Months	<input type="checkbox"/>			
24 Months to 2.5 Years	<input type="checkbox"/>			
2.5 Years up to Present	<input type="checkbox"/>			

### **ACTIVITIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

The Ministry of Education has invested in child and family programs and services in the community that promote early learning and development, support parents and caregivers, and provide referrals to specialized services. In your community, these centres may be called Ontario Early Years Centres, Better Beginnings Better Futures, Child Care Resource Centres, Parent & Family Literacy Centres, or Best Start Hubs. The following questions are about your child's participation in those programs and services as well as other activities in your community.

3. Have you heard about child and family centres in your community?  Yes  No

