

This is an update on the work completed in January 2017 by the OEYCFC working groups in Peel.

#### Local Needs Assessment and Research Working Group

- Service inventory survey was sent in November 2016 to all Ministry of Education funded family support programs (Ontario Early Years Centres, Child Care Resource Centres and Parent Family Literacy Centres).
- Survey results were presented to the working group and feedback was incorporated to complete an analysis of the service inventory survey.
- A service provider needs assessment survey was disseminated in December 2016 and 75 responses were received. Co-chairs are developing a draft analysis for the working group.

#### Family Engagement Working Group

- Reviewed studies from 2012 to 2016 of families in Peel with children 0-6.
- Produced a synthesis of findings describing recurring themes, knowledge gaps and recommendations. The synthesis was validated by the working group.
- Identified the segments of the parent/caregiver population who have been unrepresented in consultation processes. The working group identified the OEYCFC project as an opportunity to tap those parents/caregivers who have not been reached for input.
- Generated a list of innovative and diverse avenues to reach families.
- Drafted a summary report of work completed to date and next steps. Currently, collecting feedback from the working group.

#### Program and Service Development Working Group

- Members provided input and discussion on a vision for mandatory core services for families – recommendations and guidelines were created for the three service core areas (Engaging parents and caregivers, Supporting early learning and Making connections for families.)
- A subcommittee was formed to review the information from the Local Needs Assessment Working Group service inventory survey.
- The subcommittee created a service inventory tool to tally information from the survey completed by Ministry of Education funded programs.
- Draft of the initial plan is underway and will be presented to the working group.

#### Other Working Groups

- **Capital Planning Working Group:** First meeting held in December and second meeting to be held in February.
- **Performance Measurement Working Group:** First meeting held at the end of January. Currently, developing Terms of Reference and work plan.
- **Local Policy Working Group:** Kickoff meeting to be held in Spring 2017.

#### Next Steps

Each working group is preparing a summary report of their work due in February to the Region of Peel. The OEYCFC Project Team will use the information, data and recommendations from each summary report to inform the initial plan that will be submitted to the Ministry of Education. The initial plan will be reviewed by Success by 6 and presented to Peel Regional Council before it is submitted to the Ministry in May 2017.

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