2024 Early Learning Family Survey Community Report

This survey was completed by families of children (0-12 years of age) who attended a Child Care or EarlyON program in the City or County of Peterborough in spring 2024.



71 Early Years
Community
Partners
Participated



1075 Family Responses

PURPOSE

- Measure family satisfaction across the system
- Identify priority areas
- Create a systems approach to improving quality
- Build a collaborative & cohesive community



Family satisfaction was measured as a key quality indicator

- 67% of the parents found CWELLC program introduction made child care more affordable.
- 14% of families accessing childcare and EarlyON programs identify with a racialized group, and 8 per cent of the respondents were born outside Canada, highlighting a presence of diverse international backgrounds.

Opportunities



Based on the family input, these four areas were identified as having the most room for improvement. This makes them ideal priority areas.



- of the parents feel that the program provides information and links to other services available in my community.
- of the parents feel like an engaged partner in the learning that happens within the program.

"The use of technology and in person communications is a great balance! They always have a variety of activities both indoors and outdoors".

"I love how connected I feel to my child while they are at daycare all day. I am constantly updated on the fun she is having it I'm contacted right away if she is sick."



- of the parents feel that their child(ren)'s learning is visible through documentation.
- of the parents use ideas and experiences at home they learned through the programs.



Inclusivity & Engagement



- of the families feel valued, respected & accepted by the educator(s) in the program.
- of the families feel the programs are engaging and fun for their child(ren).
- of the families feel their Child(ren) are encouraged to be fully themselves in the program.

"The educators make special efforts to engage the children in activities they are personally interested in. They foster kindness and respect amongst all students and value inclusivity in their activities."

Healthy Relationships

98% of the families see positive and responsive interactions between educator(s) & child(ren).

"Both of my children have found a sense of belonging and formed healthy relationships with their peers and educators" Our EarlyON programs are champions at creating a sense of belonging, fostering engagement and providing children with the space to explore their expression freely.

Expression



- of families feel their child(ren) have opportunities to creatively express their ideas using a variety of materials.
- of the families feel their child(ren) are given opportunities to follow their interests.

"The facilitators are extremely observant and constantly helping all of the children to express themselves and feel empowered in their choices."

Our Child Care programs are Champions at providing outdoor environment that encourage unstructured active play

Our sense of
Belonging &
Belonging are
Educators are
Educators
our greatest
strength

"Everyone is always welcoming. I always appreciate the extra help when it is time to go home, since my daughter never wants to leave."

"Caregivers are always fostering belonging by sharing learning related to friendship and community, whether that be group activities in team building, singing songs etc."

Opportunities are connection

This report was created by the Knowledge Mobilization Committee, part of the Early Years Planning Network. For more information, contact your local Child Care or EarlyON program.