

The Early Years and Child Care Sector in Peel

The EYCC Service System Plan

Peel Region is a growing and diverse municipality, and the needs of its children and families have changed over the past 20 years. To help manage this growing system, Peel Region introduced a road map for early years and child care ([EYCC System Plan 2025-2030](#)).

It is our vision for creating a system that is affordable, diverse, inclusive, high quality, accountable, and accessible.



The EYCC System



Early Years and Child Care Services builds and supports a system that is responsive to current and future needs of children and families in Peel.

Licensed Child Care: we support child care providers to deliver inclusive, affordable, accountable, high quality and accessible child care.

EarlyON Program: we oversee free programs that help families with children 6 years and younger to grow and learn together.

Child Care Subsidy: we provide money and support so that families with lower incomes can afford licensed child care.

Special Needs Resourcing: we support all children to participate in licensed child care by connecting providers and families with special needs resources.

EYCCS by the Numbers

53,834

of licensed
child care spaces
we support

3,052

Children with
additional
needs
supported in
licensed child
care in 2024

5,587

Subsidies
provided so
lower income
families can
access licensed
child care

647,000

Family visits to
EarlyON
programs in
2024

The Role of Peel Region



As the Service System Manager, Peel Region oversees the early years and child care system.

That means we are responsible for planning, strategic supports, funding, evaluation and oversight of the early years and child care system.

We work closely with service providers so families have programs and services that are inclusive, affordable, accountable, high quality and accessible.

As service system manager we ...

Plan, fund
and oversee
**Licensed
Child Care**

Plan, fund
and oversee
**Special
Needs
Resources**
in licensed
child care

Plan, fund
and oversee
**EarlyON
Child and
Family
Centres**

Provide
**Child Care
Subsidy** for
lower
income
families

**Administer
funding** to
reduce child
care fees for
all families

Partner with
**child care
providers** to
ensure
quality child
care services

Strategic Priorities

Affordable

- Public funds are used to improve the **affordability** of licensed child care

Inclusive

- Early years and child care programs are **inclusive** of all children and families

High Quality

- Service providers continuously improve early years and child care program **quality**

Accountable

- Early years and child care system management is future-oriented, responsive and **accountable**

Accessible

- Families have **access** to early years and child care programs that meet their specific needs
- Families have **access** to accurate and up-to-date information about early years and child care programs

Thank you!

For more information visit our website at:
peelregion.ca/children/operators-and-partners/

