



CHILD CARE IN ONTARIO SCHOOLS

Alignment and Expansion A Report on the Current State of
Early Learning and Child Care in Ontario Schools

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not-for-profit success story

The majority of Ontario's child care centres (54%) are in public schools, far ahead of any other province.

6 out of 10 of these centres in public schools are before-and-after-school programs exclusively serving children of kindergarten and school age

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This is not a surprise because schools in Ontario are mandated to provide before-and-after-school child care



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The problems

Space shared space and new spaces

Shared space for before and after school child care programs often create frictions. Effective protocols, engaged principals and much communication are the best cure.

Staffing especially because of split shifts

Directly operated programs avoid split shifts but others have others have



Who needs to do what?

The Ministry of Education

Continued support for ELCC in the schools including directly operated before and after school child care

A wage grid to establish wage parity

A guaranteed future revenue stream a funding formula

Money to support expansion capital grants

School Boards or Service System Managers to handle detailed work of expansion financing design construction management



Who needs to do what?

School Boards

Procedural manual clarifying relationships with child care and before' and' after' school programs BASPS in every school

Senior school staff to meet at least annually to review alignment of procedures between child care centres and schools

Educational workshops including principals at the beginning of every school year to ensure that protocols and procedures are well understood

Meetings at least quarterly between Early Childhood Leads Supervisors and local service system managers

Offer joint professional development opportunities for school staff and child care staff together

