



## What is the Early Learning Program?

- Ontario is changing how service for children and families is organized and delivered to develop a seamless and integrated system to support children prenatal to 12 years old and their families.
- Municipalities are responsible for managing the services for children under 4 and creating a service plan for children prenatal to 12 years old.
- Starting in September 2010, 15% of Ontario's 4 and 5 year olds (35,000 children) will be offered a full day early learning program delivered by a blended staffing model of a teacher and a registered early childhood educator.
- Over 5 years, School Boards will implement a full day early learning model for all 4 and 5 year olds for 188 instructional schools days. In addition, they may run after school, non-instructional days and summer programs for children 4-12 years old.
- Early childhood services, child care, parenting programs, early identification and intervention and other support services may be consolidated and integrated.
- Starting next year, the Province will create Child and Family Centres. These centres will integrate early childhood services for children prenatal to 4 years.
- see *Early Learning Program Key Announcements*

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