

Appendix D Child Care Modernization Framework

1. System Planning and Continuous Improvement

Goal: To develop an annual service plan and local policies within the parameters of legislation, regulations, standards and policies established by the Ministry of Education

Key Activities:

1. Develop a consultation strategy that includes a Stakeholder Reference Group, an Expert Panel and an ongoing community engagement plan with key stakeholders
2. Develop an annual service plan to address changing needs for child care in the community
3. Develop annual performance measurement and continuous improvement practices

2. Prioritized Access to Subsidy

Goal: To ensure child care fee subsidies are directed to the most vulnerable children

Key Activities:

1. Develop and implement a new child care waitlist management system
2. Redesign the service delivery model for child care fee subsidies

3. Financial Management

Goal: To be financially accountable and transparent in the management of the local child care system

Key Activities:

1. Redesign the purchase of service contracts for child care providers
2. Develop a new funding formula with a per diem rate and transitional supports
3. Develop and implement operational procedures and administrative practices to support Provincial funding guidelines

4. City Operated Child Care Programs

Goal: To preserve programs and services in under serviced neighbourhoods

Key Activities:

1. Conduct operational reviews to ensure efficient and effective programs and services
2. Recommend community-based investments