

Early Years Experience @ Kindergarten (EYE@K) Survey

VOLUNTARY PARENTAL SURVEY FOR 2018

Survey Details

This year the Ministry of Education is collecting new information about the experiences of children in childcare and early years programs in Ontario. Collecting this information is important because it will help in understanding how families access programs and services in communities and in understanding the impact of early years experiences on children.

If you choose to complete the survey, the answers you provide will be shared within schools to help educators and principals support your child's transition to full-day kindergarten. The information will also help us to plan, coordinate and improve the programs and services for families and young children in our community.

Parents registering their child for JK/SK can access the survey when completing their registration online. At the end of the registration form, you will be asked if you would be willing to take part in an **OPTIONAL** seven-question survey regarding childcare. If you select "yes", an on-line version of the EYE@K survey will appear.

Ontario's Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework (2017)

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/eyccframework.html>

Health, Learning, and Economic Outcomes of Positive Early Years Experiences



Healthy Child Development

- A high-quality early childhood education positively contributes to a child's overall health and well-being
- The positive effects of high-quality early childhood experiences last a lifetime



Learning

- Early learning experiences have a long-lasting impact on a child's language, literacy and mathematics skills
- A high-quality early childhood education has a positive effect on school success



Economic

- For every dollar spent on a child's early years, there is an immediate \$2 return on investment
- Over the life of the child, this dollar investment can grow to return up to \$7

Feedback to our Discussion Paper

"In order to measure the quality of early years and child care programs we believe that it is imperative that the suggestions of the children, parents, community and educators be sought when determining the criteria for quality child care programming in Ontario."

– Early childhood educator candidates

Ontario's Increased Investments in Licensed Child Care

In 2017, the ministry is providing **\$1.37 billion** to 47 municipalities, including wage enhancement and child care expansion plan funding.

This investment will increase the number of child care spaces in Ontario. As of 2015–16, the number of licensed child care spaces in Ontario has grown to nearly 390,000 – an increase of more than **108 per cent** since 2003–04.

This investment supports child care operating costs, including: operating funding, fee subsidies, supports for children with special needs, and administration.

