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Vision & Guiding Principles

EarlyON Child and Family Centres (CFCs) support all children, parents and caregivers in learning, growing and connecting - together. The Ministry of Education expects that when planning for EarlyON CFC programs and services, the following guiding principles will be observed:

Child and Family Centred: All programs and services are designed and delivered to meet the unique needs of participants.

Welcoming: EarlyON CFCs provide a warm and welcoming environment based on the foundational conditions for supporting growth and long-term success.

High Quality: Programs and services are designed to foster positive experiences and outcomes and foster nurturing relationships based on the latest evidence and research.

Inclusive: Programs and services are accessible and responsive to participants with varying abilities and cultural, language, socio-economic, sexual orientation and religious backgrounds.

Integrated: Programs and services are developed, coordinated and delivered in a cohesive manner in collaboration with broader community services, school boards, early year's partners, primary care providers, parents and caregivers.

Community Led: Communities, educators, parents and caregivers are engaged in designing EarlyON programs and services that embrace and build on their strengths, address identified gaps and meet their unique needs.

References

- [Ontario Child Care and Earlyon Child and Family Centres Service Management and Funding Guideline 2024 \(gov.on.ca\)](https://www.gov.on.ca/childcare/management-funding-guideline-2024.pdf)