

News

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Have your say on EarlyON programming in Oxford County

Survey runs now until November 13 and will help prepare the County when it assumes EarlyON programs and services January 1, 2021

If you're in a household with children up to six years of age, Oxford County's EarlyON Child and Family Centres is looking for your feedback on program ideas, areas of focus, online preferences and other offerings that support early childhood learning and development.

The **EarlyON survey** runs now to November 13, 2020 and will help prepare Oxford County when it assumes local EarlyON programs and services beginning January 1, 2021. Approved at County Council today, the change will integrate the provincial EarlyON program into the County's Human Services department, making it easier for at-risk families to also benefit from early learning and development opportunities in the community.

To take the survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OxfordEarlyON>.

EarlyON Child and Family Centres offer high-quality, free drop-in programs and other child and family programs and services that build responsive adult-child relationships, encourage children's exploration, and promote play and inquiry. Until in-person programming can safely begin again, Oxford County will continue in 2021 the virtual, or online, format EarlyON adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic. Moving forward, programs and services will be offered in response to feedback from the community.

Comment

Cara vanKlaveren, Supervisor, Family and Children Services, Oxford County

"As the local service system manager responsible for planning and managing licensed child care and EarlyON Child and Family Centres, Oxford County is primed to further the work that has been done by Oxford Community Child Care and Tillsonburg Community Living since 2018 through to the end of this year. We look forward to continuing this important service for Oxford County families by supporting early learning and development, engaging parents and caregivers, and making connections for families."

About Oxford County

Located in the heart of southwestern Ontario at the crossroads of Highways 401 and 403, Oxford County has a population of approximately 121,000 people across **eight area municipalities** that are “growing stronger together.” As a partnership-oriented, two-tier municipal government, Oxford County is emerging as a leader in sustainable growth through the **Future Oxford Community Sustainability Plan** and County Council’s commitment to achieving **100% renewable energy**, becoming a **zero waste** community and working towards **zero poverty**. Situated in one of Ontario’s richest areas for farmland, agriculture is a key industry that is driving innovation in sustainable industries and diversifying the local economy. Oxford County offers a thriving local arts, culture and culinary community, as well as conservation parks, natural areas and more than 100 kilometres of scenic trails. The Oxford County Administration Building is located in Woodstock, Ontario. Visit www.oxfordcounty.ca or follow our social media sites at www.oxfordcounty.ca/social. Oxford County’s Strategic Plan is at oxfordcounty.ca/strategicplan.

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