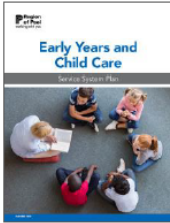


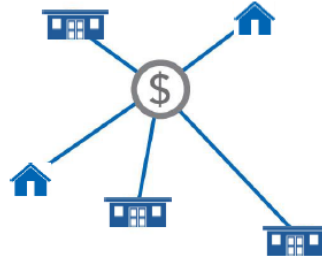
Peel's Early Years and Child Care Service System Plan: Strategic Priorities for 2025-2030

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Mandate for Peel's Service System Manager



Responsible for evidence-based system planning



Accountable for the distribution of provincial funding to achieve system outcomes



Develop and administer local policies for the operation of child care and early years programs and services

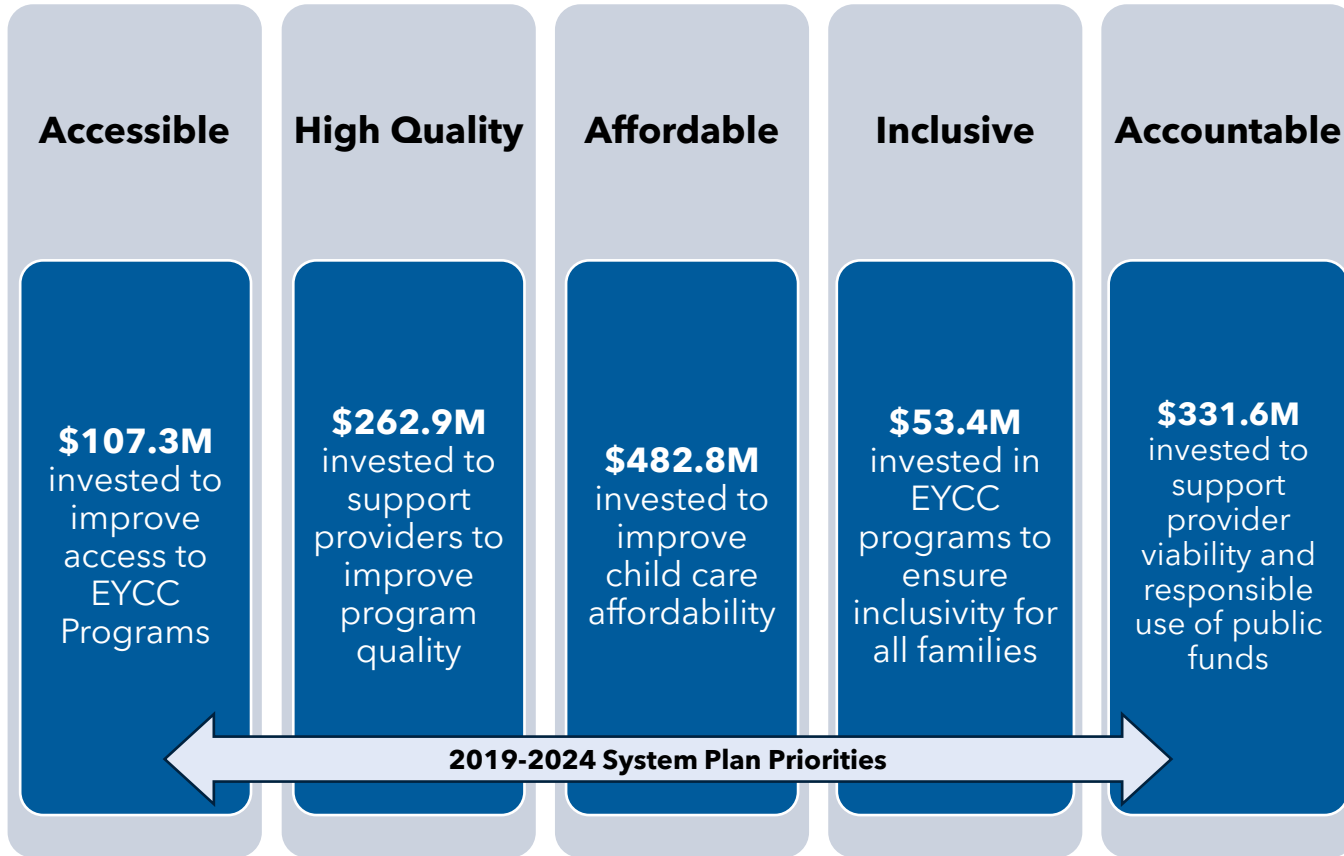
Aligned to Peel Region's vision of **Community for Life** where everyone has access to the services and opportunities they need to thrive throughout each stage of their lives.

Requirements for Service System Plan

The Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 requires Peel Region to establish a service system plan.

Required Components:

- Current state assessment.
- Community engagement informed by the Ministry of Education's Access and Inclusion Framework.
- Strategic priorities, outcomes and measurement.
- Implementation plan.



Current State Peel Region's System (2024)

Peel's Early Years and Child Care System



593

Home-based
Licensed
Child Care Spaces



49,166

Centre-based
Licensed Child
Care Spaces



57,697

Children and
Families Served at
58 EarlyON Sites

Engagement at a Glance

We engaged with the diverse population of Peel through:

- 5 in-person pop-up consultations, engaging 147 families.
- 400 completed phone surveys using random digit dialing.
- 1210 completed online surveys using an open-link.
- 6 virtual focus groups engaging 40 families.
- 13 in-person key-informant interviews.
- 2 Indigenous-led workshops.
- 3 Indigenous sharing circles.
- 430 completed child activity toolkits, capturing the voice of the child.



Engagement Audience

Across our various engagement methods, we were able to reach a diversity of families including:

- Low-income families.
- Vulnerable communities.
- Diverse communities.
- Children 12 years old and under.
- Francophone families.
- Indigenous families.
- Families needing flexible care.



EYCC System Priorities (2025-2030)

Access

Families have access to Early Years and Child Care programs, services and information that meet their specific needs.

Quality

Families experience high-quality Early Years and Child Care programs and services.

Affordability

Early Years and Child Care programs are affordable for all families.

Diversity and Inclusion

Early Years and Child Care programs are diverse and inclusive of all children and families.

Accountability

Early Years and Child Care programs are responsive and accountable to the challenges and needs of the child care system and families.

Achievement of these priorities will require a **shared commitment** from all partners.

Service Providers

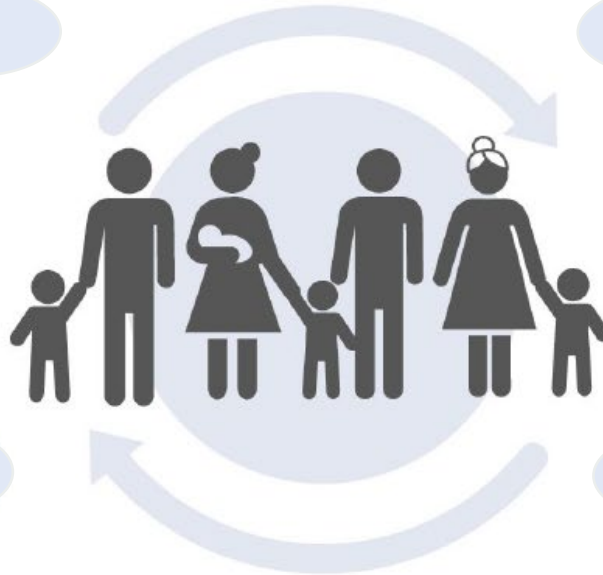
Regional Council

Ministry of Education

Community Partners

Peel Region

Families



Next Steps

- Complete implementation plan.
- Submit plan to the Ministry of Education in Q1 of 2025.
- Post plan on regional website in Q1 of 2025.
- Public launch.
- Ongoing engagement with community.

Questions?

