

CHILDREN AGES BIRTH TO SIX YEARS OLD CAN PLAY AND LEARN FOR FREE AT EARLY ON CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRES

Whitby, Ontario – EarlyON Child and Family Centres (previously known as the Ontario Early Years Centres) have free drop-in and registered programs for families with children ages birth to six years old.

EarlyON Child and Family Centres provide opportunities for children to play and learn, while parents and caregivers can connect with their child and other caregivers. Parenting and prenatal and postnatal resources are also available. Parents or caregivers are required to participate in programs with their children.

“These centres offer safe and welcoming environments open to all families across Durham Region, with qualified professionals and quality pro-

grams,” says Roxanne Lambert, Director of Children’s Services for the Region of Durham. “Research shows that children who attend these programs are better prepared for starting school and have improved socialization skills. With more programs now offered during the summer, school-aged children can continue to build on their socialization skills, and dedicated programs will help prepare children who will be starting school in the fall.”

With the help of partners from libraries, recreational facilities, child care centres, special needs resourcing agencies, school boards and non-profit agencies, the Region has developed a plan to make more programs available and accessible.

“Our goal is to ensure all families have access to these valuable supports all year round,” says Lambert. “And, in the future, we hope to work with our service providers to expand French-language, prenatal and Indigenous programming.”

There will be eight main service sites with one for each municipality, plus satellite programs based on population. Brock will have three smaller sites to function like one main site. With support from the Ontario Ministry of Education, the centres offer programming throughout the week and on some Saturdays.

Programs are offered at sites across Durham Region through YMCA, YWCA, and Durham Farm and Rural. For more information, visit

www.durham.ca/EarlyON, and check out the online calendars to find a program near you.

In February 2016, the Ontario Ministry of Education announced a change to family

support programs across Ontario. In Durham, this included expanding, supporting, and rebranding Ontario Early Years Centres as EarlyON Child and Family Centres, including providing

additional programming during the summer. The Regional Municipality of Durham acknowledges the contributions made by the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada.



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Zach GRILLS, age 24 of No Fixed Address in Oshawa is charged with: Fail to Comply with Probation Order (x3); Possess Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000; Dangerous Operation of Motor Vehicle; Fail to Stop for Police; Possess Cannabis for the Purpose of Trafficking; Possess Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking; Possess Cocaine Not in Excess; Possess Cannabis Not in Excess and Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000.

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