

## Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres (OEYCFCs) in the Rainy River District

The Ministry of Education is transforming child and family programs to establish Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres (OEYCFCs). This transformation will result in Ministry-funded child and family programs, such as the Best Start Hubs, becoming part of a cohesive system of services and supports guided by a provincial framework and common identity.

The Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board has been designated by the Ministry of Education as the service system manager to guide this transformation in partnership with local service providers. The Rainy River District Best Start Network is acting as the advisory group for the community engagement process.

### Community Engagement

We want to ensure that OEYCFCs meet the needs of families with young children in our communities. We will be engaging with communities in a variety of ways, such as community meetings, focus groups, and surveys, in order to understand what is working well for our communities and identify areas where services may be enhanced.

### Timelines

- May - July 2017: Community engagement sessions
- September 2017: OEYCFC initial plan submitted to the Ministry of Education
- January 2018: Begin the transition to OEYCFCs

### Learn More

- [Ministry of Education Public Plan for Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres](#)
- [Rainy River District Best Start Network](#)

### Contact

Your voice matters. We invite you to be a part of this process and help shape the future for our children. Please contact us for details about how to be involved.

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