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Vision

The Niagara Child Care Sector
seeks to create a community
in which all children have access
to developmentally-appropriate
care and education.



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Mission

The Niagara Child Care Sector serves as the voice of a higher standard of child care in Niagara. It assists those who work with children to continually improve the quality, value, and range of services they offer

Niagara families, and keeps parents, policy-makers, and the public informed on issues related to standards of practice.



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Why NCCS is *the voice of child care in Niagara*

- Represents child care providers & programs
- Confidently advocates on behalf of ECEs and child care in Niagara in a non-adversarial manner
- Sets priorities that are identified and driven by child care providers and programs
- Communicates the priorities & needs of child care as a whole to the Region and the Province
- Communicates relevant information to child care providers and programs
- Cultivates the trust & respect of child care providers and programs to act on their behalf.



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Commitment

The Niagara Child Care Sector is committed to helping child care centres, home child care providers, and formal & informal caregivers to improve outcomes for the children in their care and contribute to the well-being of the families they serve.



Commitments

The Niagara Child Care Sector will:

- communicate regularly with child care practitioners, parents, and other members of the child care community to identify emerging issues, needs, and concerns related to standards of practice and quality, and to facilitate the development of sustainable solutions;
- encourage ongoing dialogue among all stakeholders and build consensus, cooperation, and collaborative partnerships wherever possible;
- create opportunities for quality-minded child care practitioners to share best practices;

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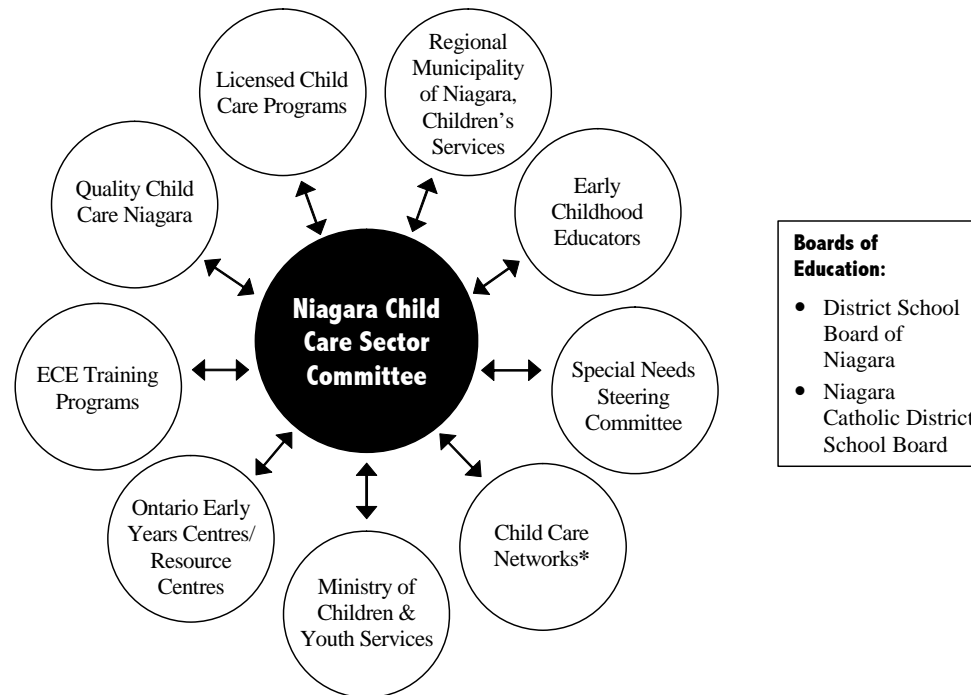
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The Niagara Child Care Sector will:

- educate parents about common indicators of developmentally-appropriate care and education, so they may determine what is best for their children;
- influence policy formulation at the municipal, regional, provincial, and federal levels; and
- advocate in the larger community for a higher standard of care and education for young children.



Organizational Structure



***Child Care Networks include:**

- Child Care Cooks Network;
- Child Care Supervisors Network;
- Francophone Connections Network;
- Frontline Staff Network;
- Home Child Care Network Leaders;
- Home Visitors Network;
- Niagara Parent Co-op Teachers Network;
- Preschool Teachers Network; and
- Resource Teachers Network.



Executive Committee Roles & Responsibilities

- Move forward the activities of the sector as defined by the child care community
- Bring the voice of the child care community to the table
- Ensure the identified work fits within the purpose and vision of the Sector
- Work with the child care community to identify representation where the Sector's participation is sought
- Identify any conflict of interest prior to any discussion of the item
- Commit time to ad hoc groups
- Attend all meetings and read minutes and other materials in advance of the meeting



Process Map

Niagara Child Care Sector : Executive Committee Issue & Communication Process

