

Shaping today for a brighter tomorrow



Investing in early child development

The “Niagara’s Children’s Charter,” an adapted version of “The United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child” states that all children should have “**high quality early child development opportunities to meet their best interests.**”

The **Quality Child Care Niagara (QCCN)** model is designed to enhance the quality of programs available to each child enrolled in a licensed child care program.

Quality Child Care Niagara has strengthened the foundation of licensed child care through high quality child care experiences, individual developmental programming and outcomes, and child care supports and services throughout Niagara.

Consisting of parents, Early Childhood Educators, advisory committees, and community organizations, **QCCN** is a region-wide community based partnership that will:

- provide a baseline of tools used to formulate a consistent, high-quality early child development program that optimizes the development of all children, including those identified to be at risk or to have special needs
- promote environments that maximize the development outcomes in all areas for every child enrolled in a licensed child care program, including social, emotional, intellectual and physical development
- support the skill set of educators, raising job satisfaction and reducing stress
- increase parent/guardian understanding of critical early childhood developmental milestones and the value of early intervention

Key Components of **Quality Child Care Niagara** focus on the training of Early Childhood Educators to utilize the following programming tools:

- Developmental Preschool Screen
- Environmental Rating Scales
- Speech and Language Checklist
- Behaviour Checklist
- Parent Survey
- Additional tools are currently under development.

The training and continued support provided through **Quality Child Care Niagara** facilitates opportunities for Early Childhood Educators to create developmentally based programming for all children enrolled in licensed child care setting across Niagara Region.



For more information about QCCN, please call Children’s Services at 905 984 3702 or Early Childhood Community Development Centre (ECCDC) at 905 646 7311.

For information related to services for children, the following websites may be of interest:
www.regional.niagara.on.ca/living/children
www.eccdc.org

Niagara Region
COMMUNITY SERVICES

eccdc
early childhood community development centre