



Strategic Plan 2026–2029

Building a Stronger, More Inclusive Early Learning and Child Care System

Our Purpose

To advance, strengthen and champion publicly planned, high-quality, inclusive and non-profit early learning and child care in Ontario.



The System We Envision

A universal, high-quality, inclusive and publicly planned early learning and child care system that meets the diverse needs of Ontario's children, families and communities.

Our Three System Goals



EXPAND

Equitable access to high-quality early learning and child care



SUPPORT

Children, families, educators and the organizations that serve them



SUSTAIN

A strong, publicly planned and financially viable system



COLLABORATION • COORDINATION • INTEGRATION

The shared approach that connects and reinforces all three goals

Our Four Strategic Priorities (2026–2029)



1. Practical Implementation Support

Help create and strengthen high-quality, non-profit child care through tools, resources and hands-on support.



2. Knowledge Sharing and Capacity Building

Build the skills, leadership and organizational capacity of the non-profit child care sector.



3. Demonstration, Documentation and Partnership

Test and document innovative approaches and build strategic partnerships, including Seamless Day initiatives.



4. Evidence and Policy Improvement

Generate and mobilize evidence to inform public policy and strengthen the system for the long term.



Our Path Forward

Year 1
Build the Foundation

Year 2
Demonstrate Impact

Year 3
Position for the Future



Ontario Early Learning and Child Care

A Shared Vision for 2046

A universal, high-quality, inclusive and publicly planned early learning and child care system that helps all children and families in Ontario thrive. This vision is offered as a shared framework for discussion, collaboration and endorsement by organizations and individuals committed to a brighter future for all children.

All
children
belong.
Brighter
tomorrows
are possible.

In 2046, Ontario's early learning and child care system will ensure that:



CHILDREN THRIVE

All children have the opportunity to learn, grow and reach their full potential.



FAMILIES ARE SUPPORTED

Families have access to affordable, inclusive and flexible services that meet their needs.



EDUCATORS ARE VALUED

A well-supported, diverse and skilled workforce delivers high-quality, inclusive programs.



SERVICES ARE INTEGRATED

Early learning and child care, kindergarten, school-age programs and related services work together to provide continuity for children and families.



THE SYSTEM IS SUSTAINABLE

A resilient, publicly planned and well-resourced system provides high-quality services for current and future generations.



A Collective Responsibility

Achieving this vision requires the combined efforts of governments, public and non-profit providers, municipalities, school boards, educators, families, communities and other partners.



Building a Brighter Future Together

Building Blocks for Child Care (B2C2) has initiated this vision as part of its commitment to strengthening Ontario's public and non-profit early learning and child care sector. Our Strategic Plan 2026–2029 describes the practical contribution we intend to make toward achieving this larger vision. We invite others to join us in making this vision a reality for all of Ontario's children and families.