

Inclusion for Children in
York Region: Early
Intervention Services
Redesign

YRAAC presentation

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Agenda

1. Introduction to Early Intervention Services: Inclusion Support
2. Inclusion Framework
3. Community Engagement
4. Initiatives
5. Questions



Early Intervention Services

- Early Intervention Services provides seamless support to children who have development disabilities and their families
- Combined Infant and Child Development Services and Special Needs Resource Services



Background

- 2010 Ministry of Education assumed responsibility for Child Care Services policy development
- 2012 Ministry of Education assumed financial responsibility for Special Needs Resource programs



Redesign

- Early Intervention Services needed to be redesigned
- 2010 was the beginning of our redesign journey
- 2015 implementation of our new model



Inclusion Support Services Goal

- All children have access to all high quality licensed early learning and care programs in York Region.



Inclusion Support Services

- Provides enhanced support to licensed child care programs
- Promotes inclusion of all children
- Provides capacity building activities
- Supports children ages 0-13



Children Supported

- Initially we supported 218 licensed Child Cares
- Now 336 centers receive consultation
- 817 Children are supported
- 67 Children attending Before and After school programs



York Region Community Engagement



They Answered...

We need to build in-house staff capacity so they know how to support all children

Access to special equipment

70 per cent of Supervisors are familiar with EIS

The current structure of Enhanced Funding just isn't working.

When parents don't disclose needs upfront it prevents successful transition planning

Behaviour management is challenging for everyone in the classroom

Accessible training

One dedicated Early Interventionist that becomes part of my team

Already in the works...

Review of the Enhanced Funding program



Already in the works...

Behaviour Specialist- EI



Already in the works...

Training for RECE's and child care programs





Inclusion Equipment Support



Questions?

