

East Ferris Early Years & Child Care Services Report

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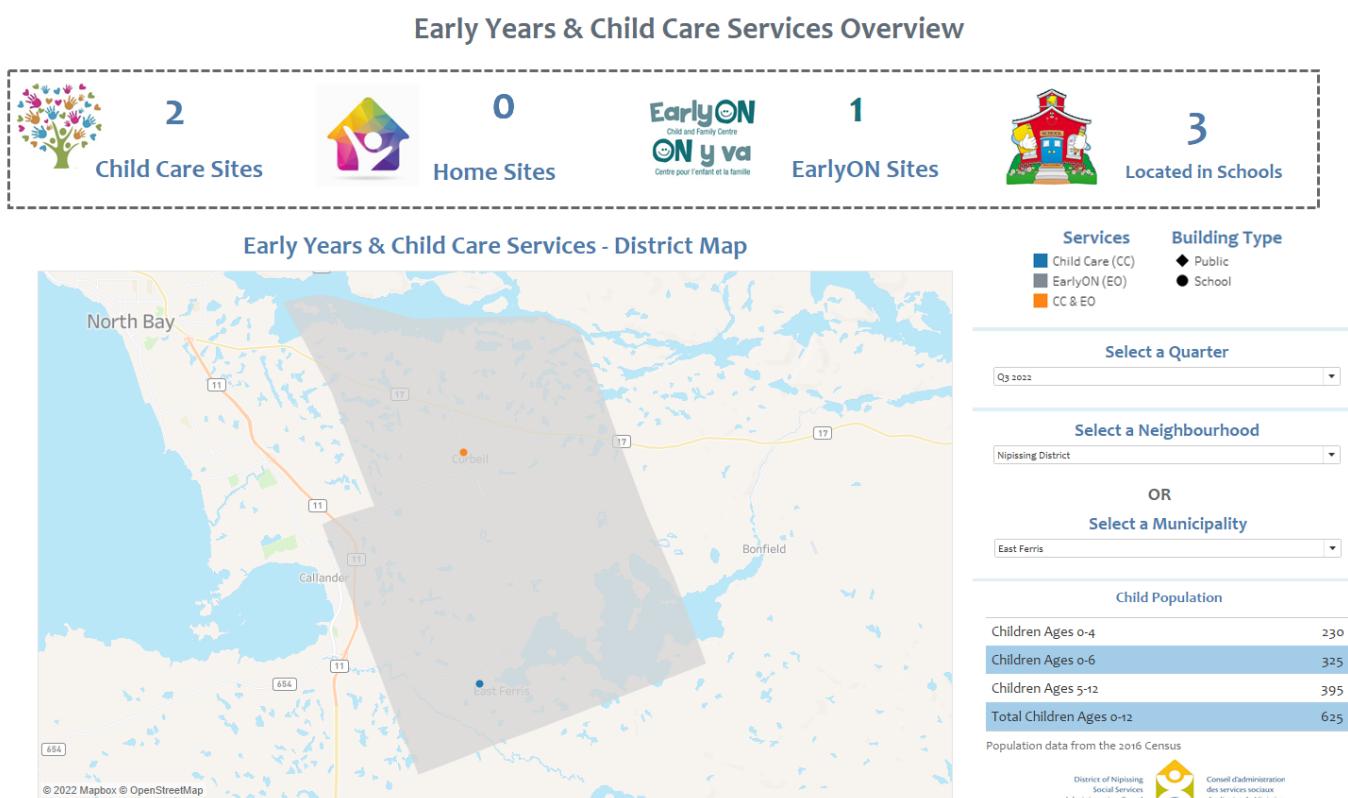
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PURPOSE

This report was prepared to address questions and respond to requests for data brought forward by different individuals seeking to better understand early years and child care programs and services available in East Ferris.

EAST FERRIS EARLY YEARS AND CHILD CARE SERVICE OVERVIEW

Note: All of the Children's Services data and information is divided into neighbourhoods that have been created by grouping Statistics Canada Dissemination Areas (DA). We can then further combine DAs to match the municipalities of our district. The information provided in this report covers the municipality of East Ferris.



The graphic above demonstrates the Early Years and Child Care Services that are available in East Ferris. There are currently 2 licensed child care centres and 1 EarlyON Child & Family Centre operating in East Ferris. The Child Population information is based on the 2016 Census information.

LICENSED CHILD CARE SERVICES

In order to provide licensed child care services, an agency must be licensed by the Ministry of Education and follow the rules set out in the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 (CCEYA) and its regulations. At least once a year, Ministry of Education program advisors conduct inspections of all licensed child care centres and home child care agencies.

The CCEYA sets out the standards, rules and regulations that agencies must meet to ensure the safety and well-being of children. The following provides a general overview of the requirements that all licensed child care service providers must meet in order to maintain a license to operate:

- Maintain staff to child ratios
- ensure compliance with health and safety standards and building code
- nutrition (for example, provision of meals, posting of menus and allergies)
- health and medical supervision (for example, immunization, serious occurrence reporting, anaphylaxis policies, administration of medication)
- programming for children (for example, parent handbook, program statement, rest and play periods, individual support plans)
- staff qualifications and screening (for example, supervision, program staff, first aid, registered early childhood educator qualifications, vulnerable sector check)
- emergency preparedness (for example, emergency contact information, fire safety procedures)
- administration (for example, insurance, children's records and attendance)

In addition, agencies must also have a program statement that aligns with “How does learning happen?” the Ministry of Education's framework that supports pedagogy and program development within the early years and child care sector.

Staff Ratios and Proportion of Qualified Employees

Age Category	Age Range	Employee: Child Ratio	Maximum Number of children in group	Proportion of Qualified Employees*
Infant	Infancy up to 18 months	3:10	10	1:3
Toddler	18 months up to 30 months	1:5	15	1:3
Preschool	30 months up to 6 years	1:8	24	2:3
Kindergarten	44 months up to 7 years	1:13	26	1:2
Primary/Junior School Age	68 months up to 13 years	1:15	30	1:2
Junior School Age	9 years up to 13 years	1:20	20	1:1

*The CCEYA specifies that the number of program staff required is the minimum number needed to supervise and care for the children and provide quality programming.

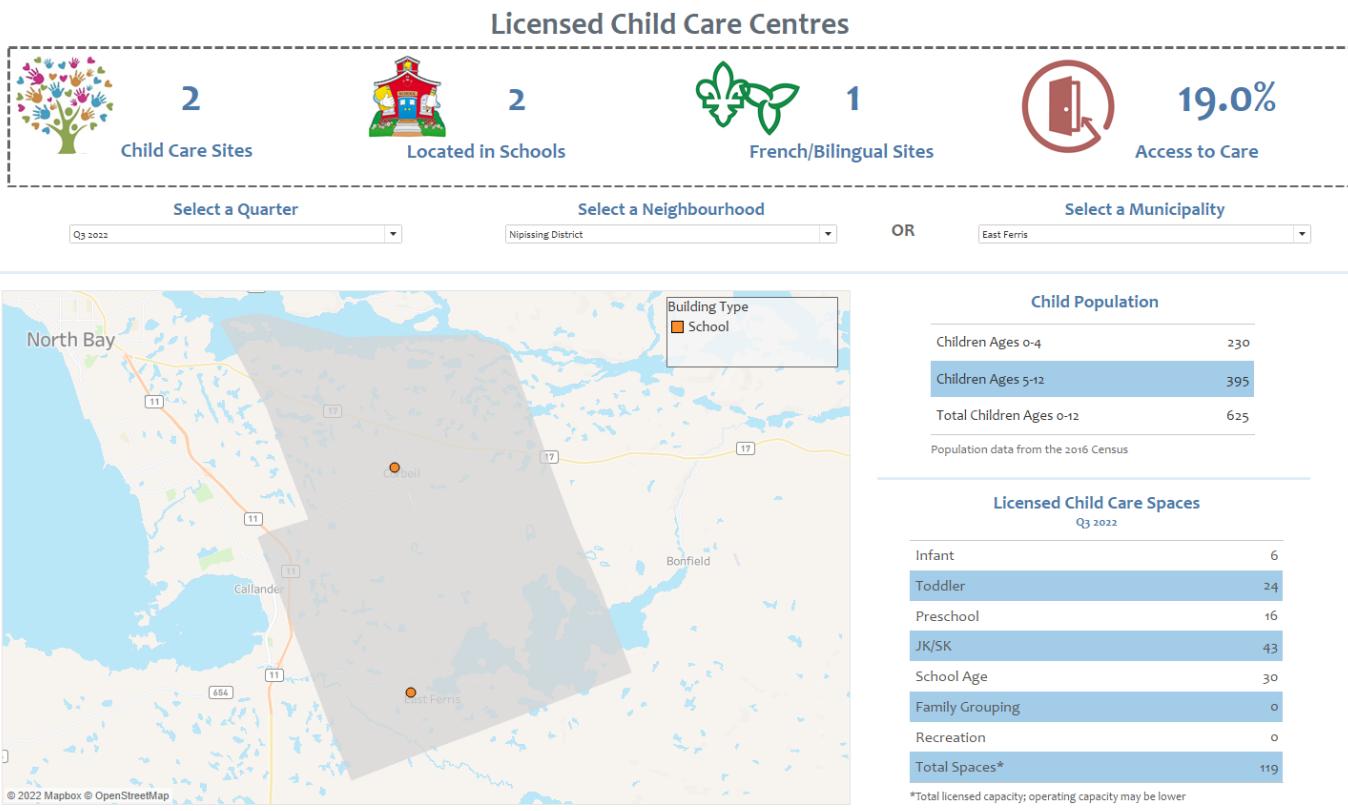
For additional information related to the licensing requirements please visit Operating a licensed child care program | ontario.ca.

Licensed Child Care Centres in East Ferris

There are two child care agencies operating in East Ferris. **Garderie Sol** is located in École St-Thomas-d'Aquin in Astorville and is a Francophone child care program operated by Garderie Soleil. **Ferris Glen Learning Centre** is located in Ferris Glen Public School in Corbeil and is an English-speaking child care centre operated by West Ferris Day Nursery.

The **Licensed Child Care Spaces** table below lists the number of licensed spaces that are located in East Ferris. As noted in the table, this number represents the total licensed capacity for the child care centres, but the current operating capacity is known to be lower.

Access to Care is calculated by dividing the total population of children 0-12 by the total number of licensed child care spaces.



Licensed Child Care Waitlist for East Ferris

West Ferris Day Nursery, Ferris Glen Learning Centre

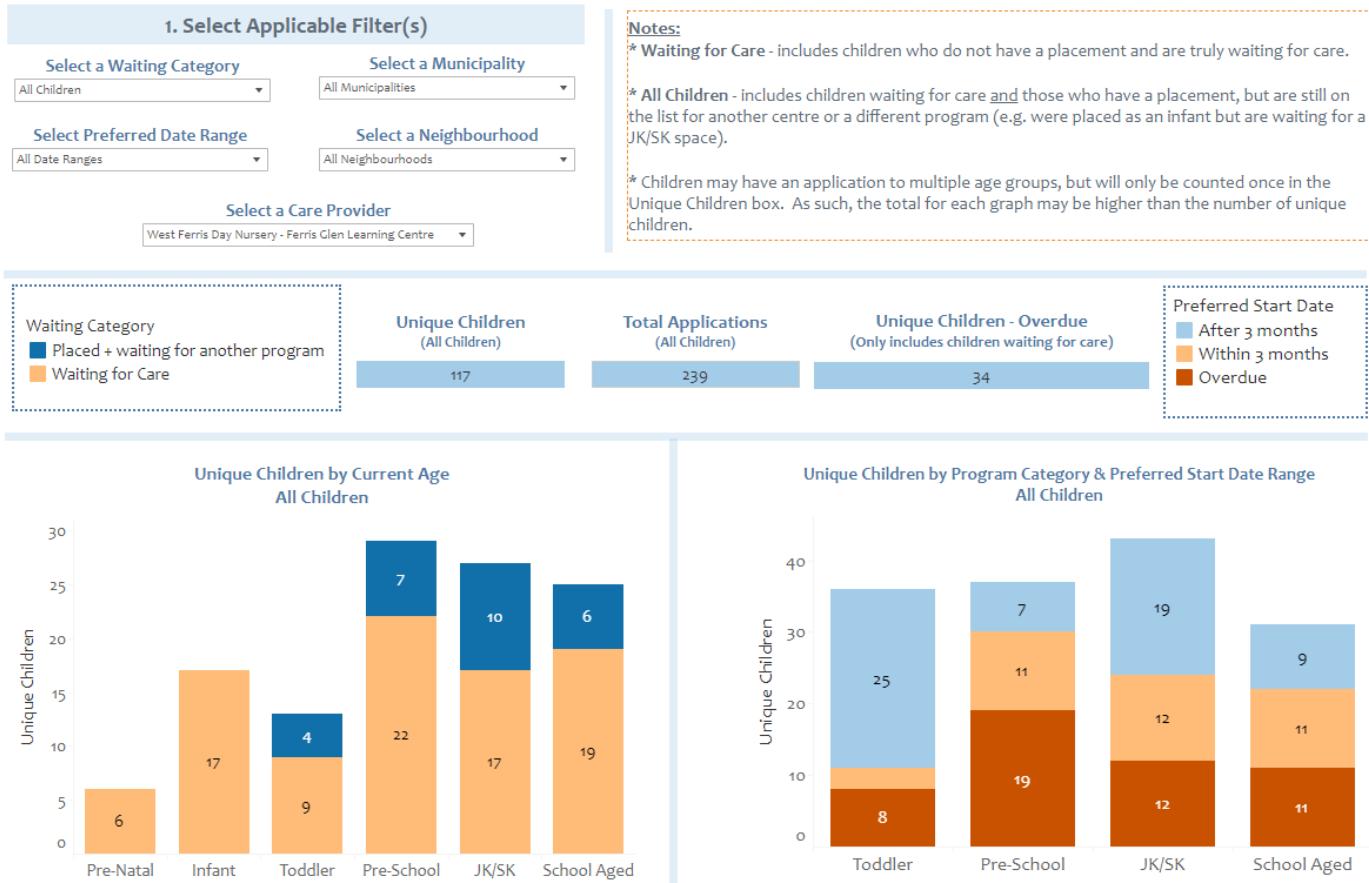
The following dashboard demonstrates the Child Care Waitlist for WFDN Ferris Glen Learning Centre as of August 31, 2022. It is important to note that this view includes all children who are on the list for WFDN Ferris Glen Learning Centre, regardless of where they live.

The graph on the left demonstrates the current age level for those on the waitlist, and further divides them into those waiting for care and those who may have a placement elsewhere but are still on the list for services at WFDN Ferris Glen Learning Centre. There are **117 unique children** on the WFDN Ferris Glen Learning Centre waitlist, and of those, **27** children have a placement elsewhere but are still on the list for services.

The graph on the right represents the program category applied to, and further indicates the care date needed into categories of when care is required: overdue (past care date required), within 3 months, and after 3 months. As of August 31, 2022, there were **34 unique children** past their care date needed

(includes those waiting for care only), and a total of **50** applications that were passed the date they required care to begin (also includes those who have placements elsewhere).

Nipissing District Child Care Waitlist Breakdown - August 2022



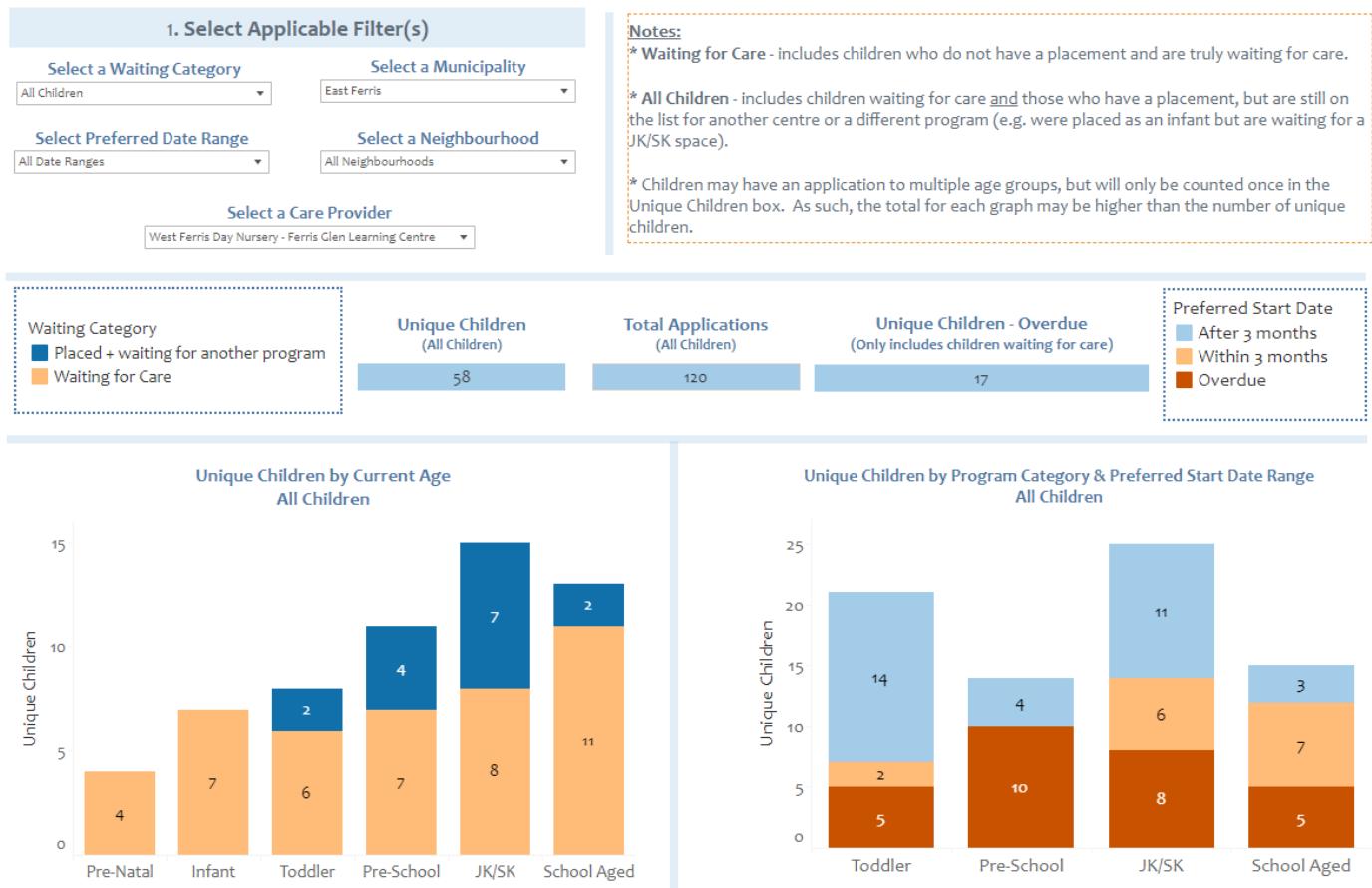
It is well known that families on the waitlist registry are applying to as many programs as possible, sometimes including child care centres that are outside of their municipalities. With that being said, the waitlist can be filtered even further to only include families who are living within the municipality of East Ferris. This can help provide a better understanding of the child care needs for those who live in the communities of Astorville and Corbeil. The following dashboard presents the exact same information as the one presented above, but is filtered to only include families who live in the municipality of East Ferris.

As can be seen in the dashboard below, this decreases the waitlist by 50%. There are currently **58** **unique children** on the waitlist who live in East Ferris, and of those, **15** children have a placement

elsewhere but are still on the list for services at Ferris Glen Learning Centre. In this group, there are **17** unique children who are passed their care date needed (includes children waiting for care only), and a total of **28** applications that are overdue.

Further analysis indicated that the remaining children were from the following areas: Bonfield (24), Callander (15), Calvin (1), Mattawa (1), North Bay (16), and Rutherford (2).

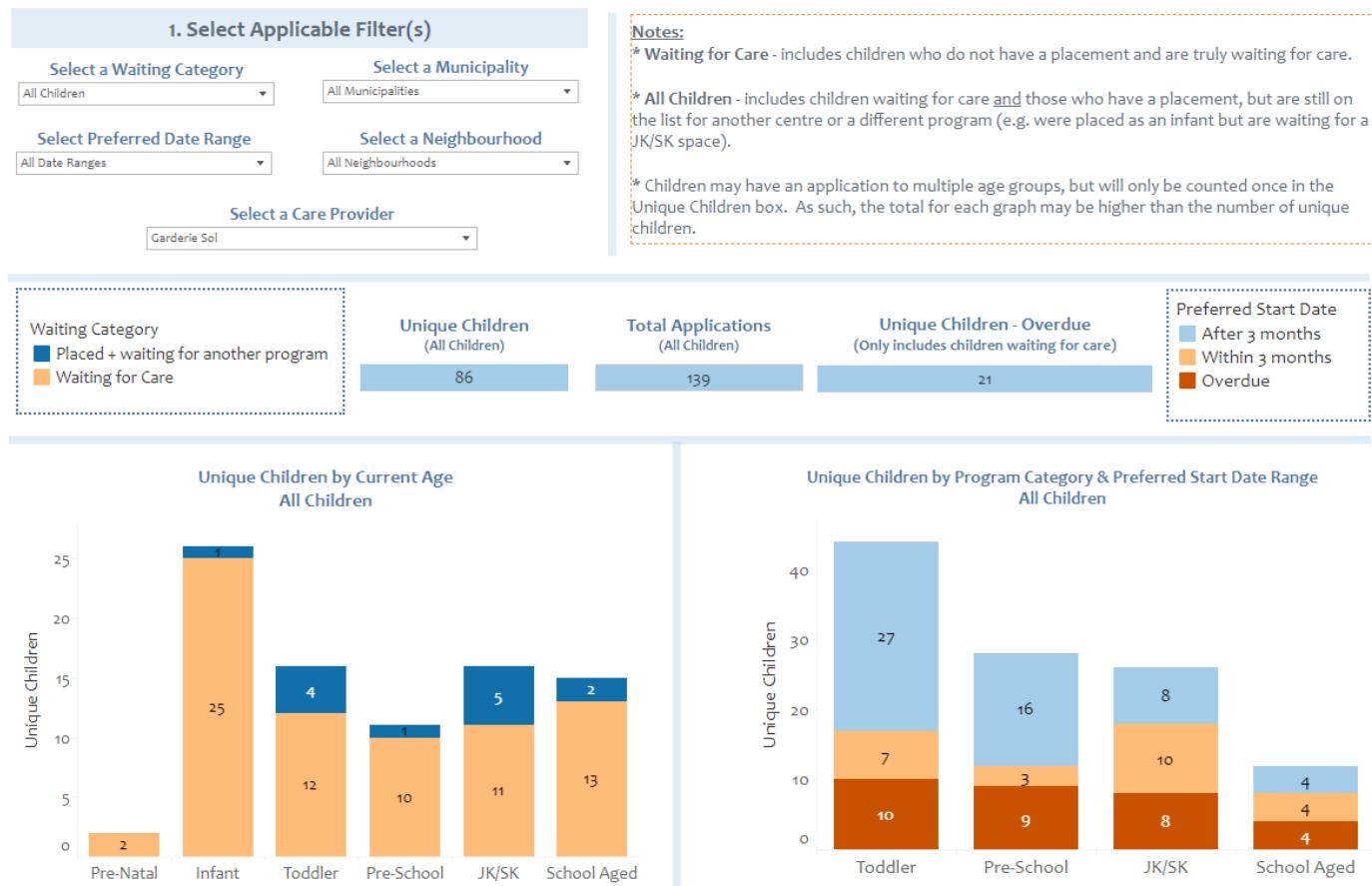
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for services at Garderie Sol. There are **86 unique children** on the Garderie Sol waitlist, and of those, **13** children have a placement elsewhere but are still on the list for services.

The graph on the right represents the program category applied to, and further indicates the care date needed into categories of when care is required: overdue (past care date required), within 3 months, and after 3 months. As of August 31, 2022, there were **21 unique children** passed their care date needed (includes those waiting for care only), and a total of **31** applications that were passed the date they required care to begin (also includes those who have placements elsewhere).

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the one presented above, but is filtered to only include families who live in the municipality of East Ferris.

As can be seen in the dashboard below, this decreases the waitlist by almost 40%. There are currently **58 unique children** on the waitlist who live in East Ferris, and of those, **7** children have a placement elsewhere but are still on the list for services at Garderie Sol. In this group, there are **17** unique children who are passed their care date needed (includes children waiting for care only), and a total of **24** applications that are overdue.

Further analysis indicated that the remaining children were from the following areas: Bonfield (5), Callander (11), North Bay (5), and Powassan (7).

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EARLYON CHILD & FAMILY CENTRES

EarlyON Child and Family Centres in the Nipissing District provide parents and caregivers with a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment for children in the early years. The goal is to provide families, with children from infancy up to 6 years of age, with access to high quality services and support them in their role as their children's first teachers, enhance their well-being, and enrich their knowledge about early learning and development. EarlyON Centres are dedicated to supporting the relationships between families and their children by giving them a place where they can come together and engage in positive, meaningful experiences.

Agencies delivering EarlyON programs and services believe in a family-centred, strength-based and holistic approach to children's health and development, and work collaboratively to ensure families are informed about, and connected to, other community services they may require.

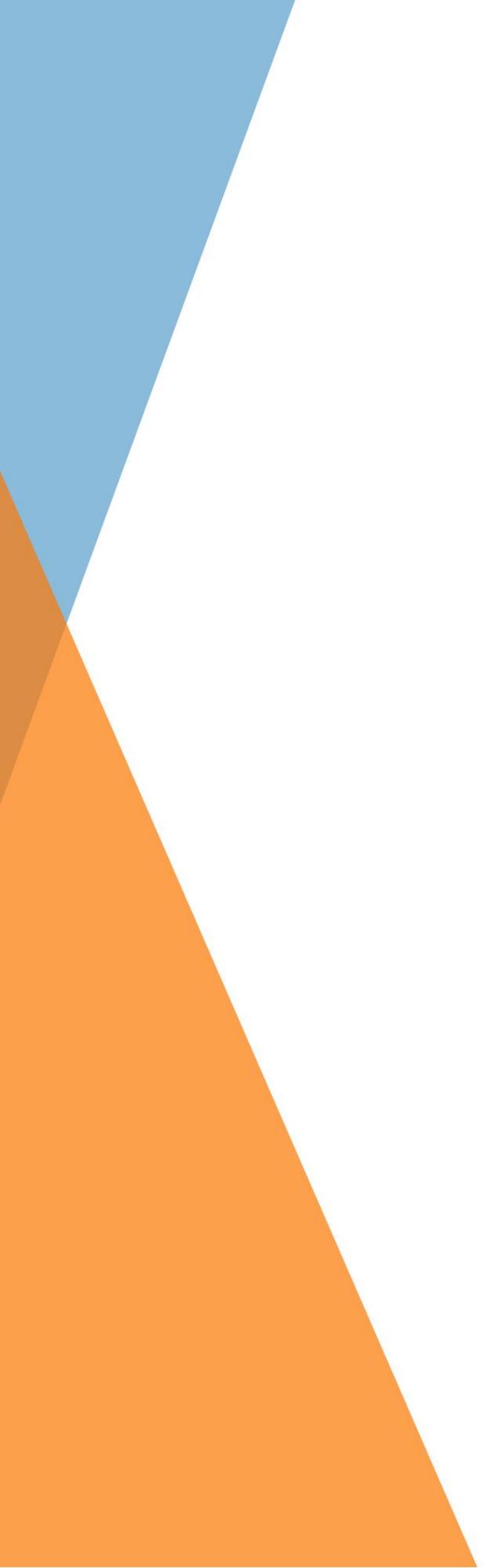
EarlyON programs are delivered through permanent centres and mobile sites (such as local libraries, community centres and parks) and are operated by six agencies throughout the district.

All EarlyON programs and services are delivered at no cost to families and caregivers.

EarlyON Ferris Glen is located in Ferris Glen Public School in Corbeil and is operated by Community Living North Bay. This bilingual program is available on Tuesday mornings from 9-11:30 a.m.

EarlyON Mobile & Outreach Programs is operated by Community Living North Bay and visits a variety of locations across the district, including Astorville.

For more information related to the EarlyON Child and Family Centres, please visit [D NSSAB | EarlyON Child & Family Centres](#).



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