



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Social Services  
Report: #2025-INFO-29  
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## **Subject:**

Notice of name change: The Children's Services Division, of the Social Services Department will be renamed the Child Care and Early Years Division

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## **Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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## **Report:**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Regional Council that the Children's Services Division will be renamed the Child Care and Early Years Division, effective September 1, 2025, with communication of the changes beginning in April 2025.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1 Children's Services, as a division of the Social Services Department, with the Regional Municipality of Durham, will be changing its name to the Child Care and Early Years Division as of September 1, 2025. The new name better reflects the services and supports offered by the division.
- 2.2 The division performs the duties of the Service System Manager, designated under the Child Care and Early Years Act to manage licensed child care services and early years programs in our region. The division plays a central role in the planning, funding, administration and operation of child care and early years programs in Durham, through system planning, implementation of the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system, and supporting Durham Region children and families to access affordable, accessible, responsive, and high-quality child care and early years programs and services.

### **3. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

3.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following Foundation(s) in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:

- a. Processes: Continuously improving processes to ensure we are responsive to community needs.

### **4. Conclusion**

4.1 The name change to Child Care and Early Years Division will help raise awareness of the division's role in managing a coordinated and responsive child care and early years system. The division's key priorities include: expanding access to child care, enhancing supportive and inclusive child care, attracting and retaining quality Registered Early Childhood Educators, and optimizing virtual service delivery and technology.

Respectfully submitted,

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