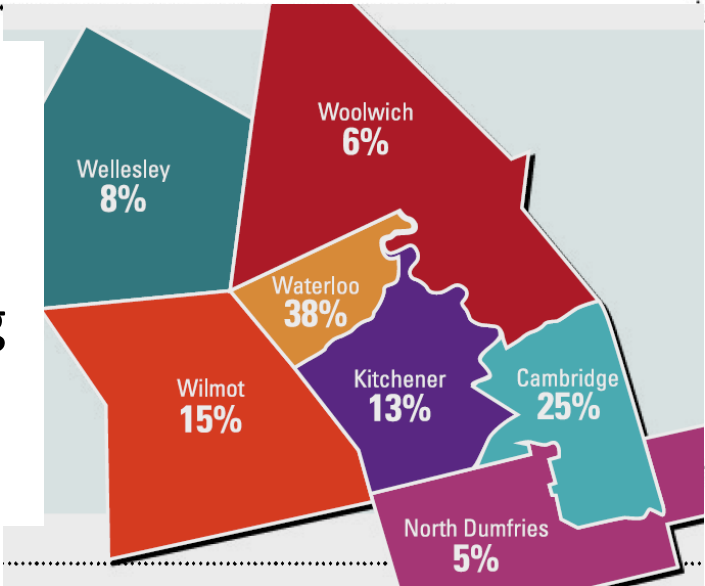




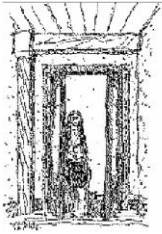
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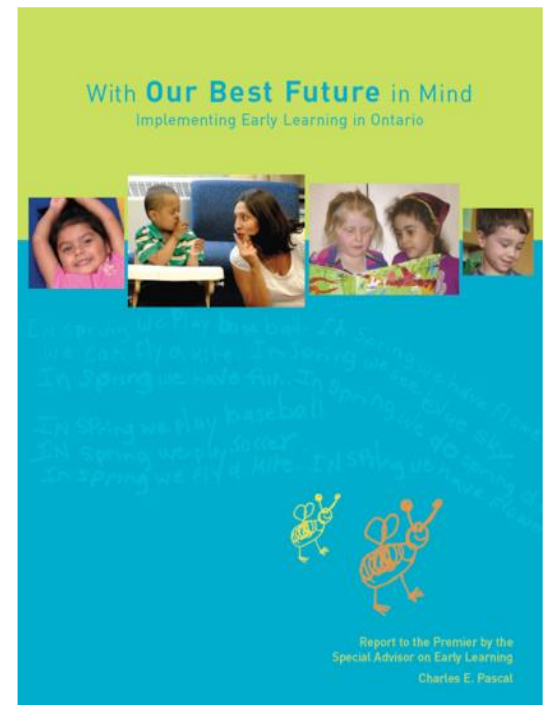
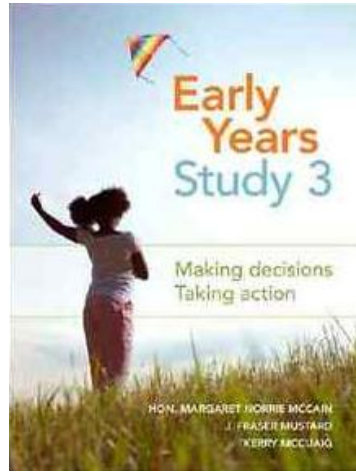
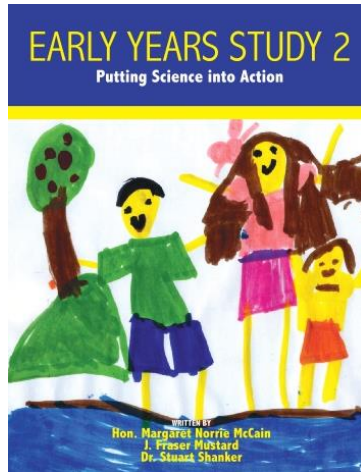
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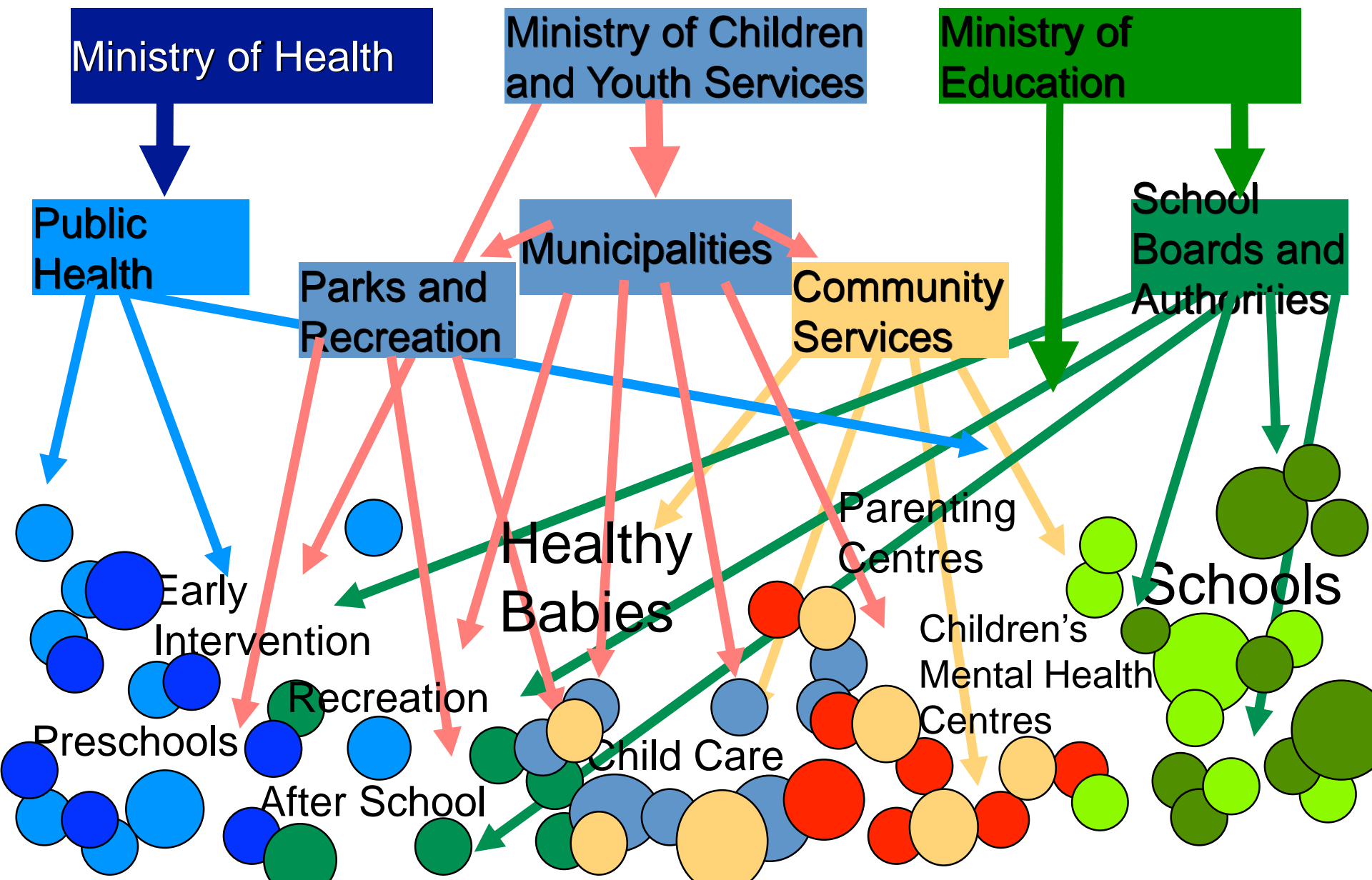
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Early Learning for Every Child Today
A framework for Ontario early childhood settings

*Establishing a **strong foundation in the early years**, and building on it is the single-most powerful key to Ontario's social and economic future.*

What existed: Service Fragmentation & Chaos



Separate Systems – Same Children





Government Tabled Initial Legislation: Fall 2009

Full-Day Early Learning Statute Law
Amendment Act: April 2010



2010-11

The Full-Day Early Learning – Kindergarten Program

Draft Version



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How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years

A resource about learning through relationships for those who work with young children and their families



Ontario Regulation 137/15 Child Care and Early Years Act 2014

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Buildings, Equipment and Playroom – Child Care Centres

10. Child care centres in schools
11. Compliance with health and safety standards, Building Code, Fire Code, etc.
12. Approval by director of private child care centre
13. Designated space
14. Play activity space
15. Play activity rooms
16. Resource area
17. Play materials, equipment and furnishings
18. First- or second-storey
19. Window glass
20. Artificial illumination
21. Temperature
22. Outdoor play space

Buildings, Equipment and Playroom – Home Child Care

23. Compliance with health and safety standards, Building Code, Fire Code, etc.
24. Home child care visitor
25. Play materials, equipment and furnishings
26. Temperature
27. Balconies
28. Outdoor play
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30. Medical officer of health recommendations, inspections
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Discussion Paper

Modernizing Child Care in Ontario

Sharing Conversations,
Strengthening Partnerships,
Working Together

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Think, Feel, Act

Lessons from Research about Young Children



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A Time of Transformation

The focus is on building an “integrated system” for children prenatal-to-12 years of age on 2 levels:

1. Service planning level



2. Service delivery level



Number of children birth to age 12 in Waterloo Region²



< 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 to 12 years
6,355	6,300	6,260	6,235	6,215	6,225	44,675

There are a total of **82,265 children** (0 to 12 years of age) living in Waterloo Region.

Historical Picture

- 82% in Waterloo Region parents required childcare
- 34% of parents with students age 3-5 had access to licensed care
- 8% of parents with students age 6-12 had access to licensed care
- 28 of 103 elementary schools had licensed childcare co-located

Expanding Access to High Quality Regulated Care

Children who have access to high quality licensed early learning and child care have...

- Higher achievement and language scores
- Demonstrate better social skills
- Exhibit fewer behaviour problems

Source: Region of Waterloo, Early Learning and Child Care Profile 2c



...Politics and Legislation: Impact of Advocacy

- Ontario School Boards must offer extended day programs for 4 and 5 year olds and include 6 and 7 year olds for viability; allows for programs for 8-12
- Can 'contract' with third party providers to deliver service, but the provider must be not-for-profit
- Providers must comply with Education legislation (Safe Schools)
- Extended Day program content must be delivered regardless of whether Board-operated or Third Party Provider operated



Parents Take Concern to Board

Tory MPPs Challenge Public School Board Over Child Care

Progressive Plan, Cowardly Message

Extended Day Programs ill-conceived
Listen To Parents on Child Care

School's Extended Care Battle Heats Up

Parents Hold Daycare Protest

School Board Daycare will Effect Everyone

School Boards Shouldn't Run Daycare

Forget Big Brother, School Boards Want To Be Big Mother

Daycares Form Coalition: Agencies Aim To Inform Parents About Impact of Board-Run Daycare

Ambitious School Boards Raise Big Questions



**Region of Waterloo Children's Services 2010
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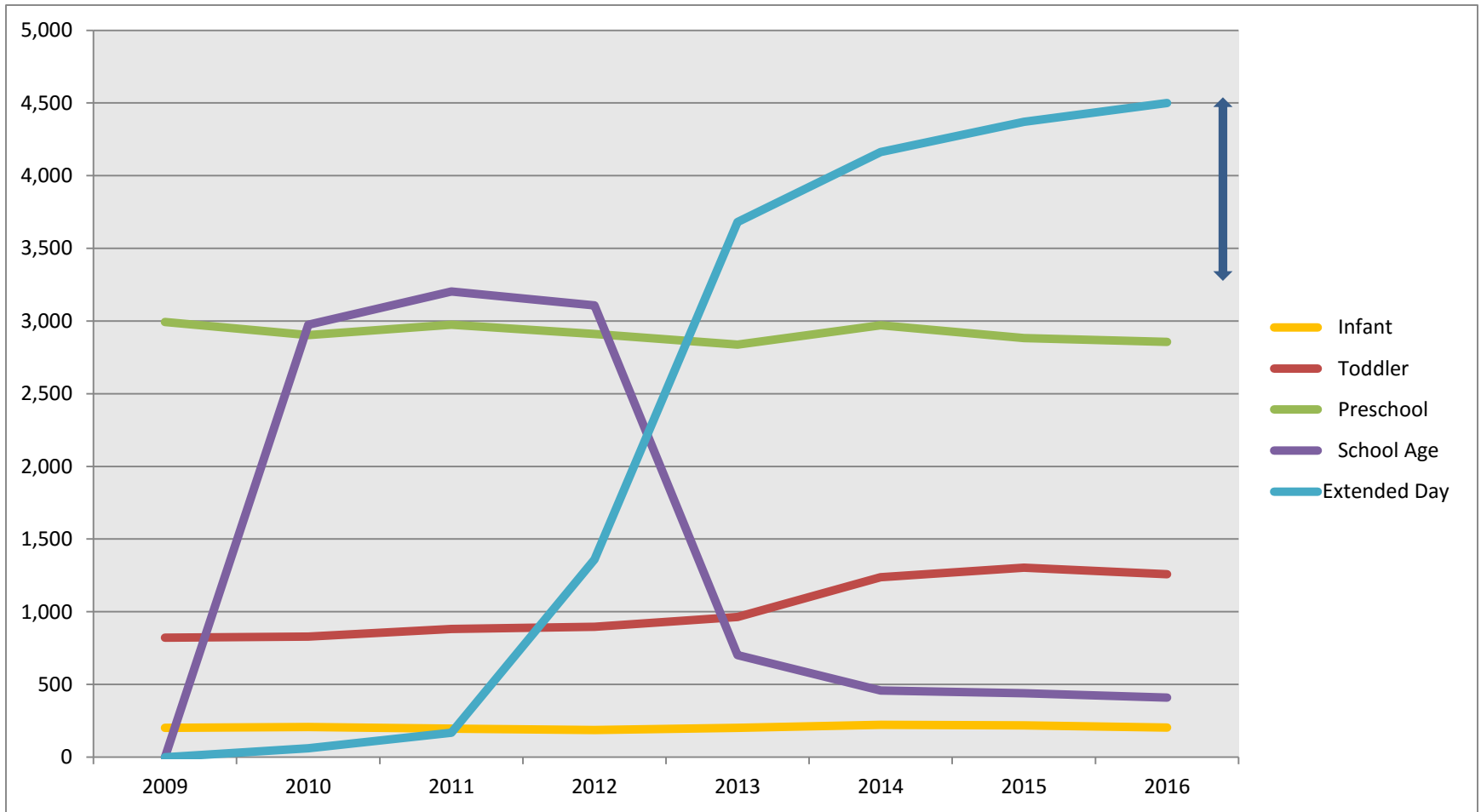
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Three Goals

1. Vibrant, high quality inclusive service system
2. System wide approach
3. Integrated planning and service delivery

What Actually Happened



Waterloo has show what can be done. Other boards should follow.

Atkinson Centre
for Society and Child Development

Waterloo's Story: Implementing a Comprehensive Vision
for Seamless Care

Kids thrive in 'seamless day of learning'

Waterloo pioneers school-run before- and after-school program as part of Ontario's full-day kindergarten initiative.

Waterloo shows the way

Waterloo has shown that the original plan for full-day kindergarten in Ontario can be carried out at the school board level.

As of September 8, 2015, there were **135 licensed ELCC centres** in Waterloo Region with approximately **4,844 spaces** available.



As of August 2015, there were approximately **1,715 spaces** available in home-based care across the Region.



There are **6 more licensed ELCC centres** in the Region of Waterloo since 2013



As of September 2015, **90% of schools** in Waterloo Region are offering before and after school programs.



Total number of licensed ELCC spaces increased by more than **5%** since 2013



There are **48 more school-based programs** in the Region of Waterloo since 2013

