



Kids & Us Community Childcare

Annual Community Planning and Partnership
Meeting – May 8, 2018





Kids & Us Background

- Non-profit Charity incorporated in 1986, over 30 years of childcare and early years programming experience
- Currently operate in both Grey and Bruce Counties; 6 licensed childcare centres and 8 Before & After Kids Club programs in area schools, with one new B&A program opening September 2018.
- Employ 53 permanent staff and 28 temporary staff
- Annual \$2.7 million budget, with no capital reserves.
- Long history partnering with BWDSB, and more recently BGCDSB
- Kids & Us fully supports the Schools-first approach, placing our childcare centres in or adjacent to community schools.





Organization Expansion Updates

- New B&A program at Holland-Chatsworth Central School – opened September 2017
- Expanded B&A program to include PD Day Programs at St. Vincent-Euphrasia Elementary School – October 2017
- Expanded Summer Camp for 2018 at Markdale Kids & Us – operating full 9 weeks.
- New Summer Program at Sacred Heart Mildmay for school-aged children – Summer 2018
- New B&A program at Highpoint Community School - coming September 2018
- Kids & Us has recruited additional qualified staff to implement these expanded programs and moving forward, there will be further opportunities for qualified RECE's within our organization.





Dundalk Kids & Us

- Childcare centre is located in Dundalk and Proton Community School since 2015
- B&A program Dundalk and Proton Community School and new for September 2018 – Highpoint Community School.

What's new?

To support BWDSB program changes in Dundalk for September 2018 Kids & Us is creating a B&A school program at Highpoint Community School to provide childcare services, in a community experiencing significant growth. Up to 30 additional childcare spaces will be available.





Durham Kids & Us

- Childcare centre is located in Rockwood Terrace
- B&A programs Spruce Ridge Community School and Sacred Heart School – Mildmay.

What's new?

Durham Kids & Us is thrilled to be the operator of the recently announced new childcare centre at Spruce Ridge Community School. The new stand alone daycare will increase licensed childcare spaces in Durham from current 20 to 39 full day childcare spaces, in addition to the B&A Kids Club. This Ministry funded project supports increased access to childcare in a growing community.





Sacred Heart Kids Club - Mildmay

What's new?

BGCDSB continues to work with Kids & Us to address transportation issues between community schools. Although transportation is not provided, staff work together to ensure that children from Mildmay-Carrick arrive safely to and from Sacred Heart for the B&A program. Families from both schools are now supported, improving access to care.

Summer 2018 – Kids & Us is addressing service gaps in the community by partnering with BGCDSB and offering a 4 week summer program for school aged children based in Sacred Heart.





Markdale Kids & Us

- Childcare centre, EarlyON centre and Administration is located in Grey Gables
- B&A programs at Beavercrest Community School, Holland-Chatsworth Central School and Macphail Memorial Elementary School.

What's new?

Markdale Kids & Us is thrilled to be included in the new Beavercrest Community Hub. The project will foster partnerships with BWDSB, Chapmans, Grey Highlands the Ministry and other community partners. We look forward to collaborating on the Community Hub to address local childcare access issues while providing continuity of EarlyON programs within the community.

Expanded Summer Camp for summer 2018 will increase availability of programs within the community.





Paisley Kids & Us

- Childcare centre is located in Paisley Central School
- B&A programs Paisley Central School and Chesley District Community School.

What's new?

Paisley Kids & Us was pleased with the announcement that funding was coming for the Paisley Central School roof and maintenance projects. This funding somewhat alleviates the threat of school closure, thus a childcare closure, and a loss of 56 licensed childcare spaces. Kids & Us is working with BWDSB to avoid program disruption for the childcare for the duration of the repairs, to take place Summer 2018.



Closing Remarks

Kids & Us recognizes that local areas of community growth are placing increased strains on current childcare spaces, with wait lists a reality in some of our childcares.

The recent Projects and Investments in schools and childcares announced by the Ministry, support local childcare system expansion in a schools-first approach. This is welcome news for children, families and communities who all stand to benefit.

~Thank you

