

TABLE 1.1 ONTARIO GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Lead Ministry/Department	Department of Education ^a
Related Ministry/Department	
ECE Supervisory Units	Early Years and Child Care Division ^a Student Achievement Division ^b
Policy Framework	<i>Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Guidelines</i> ^c <i>Ontario Child Care and EarlyON Child and Family Centres Service Management and Funding Guideline 2023</i> ^d <i>Ontario's Access and Inclusion Framework 2023</i> ^e
Legislation	<i>Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014</i> , S.O. 2014, c.11, Sched. 1 (updated October 19, 2021) ^f <i>O. Reg 137/15 (General)</i> ^g <i>O. Reg 138/15 (Funding, Cost Sharing and Financial Assistance)</i> ^h <i>Education Act</i> , R.S.O. 1990, C. E.2 (updated 2022) ⁱ <i>O. Reg 221/11 (current to March 9 2022) (Extended Day and Third Party Programs)</i> ^j <i>Reg. 224/10: Full-Day Junior Kindergarten (updated 2017)</i> ^k <i>Early Childhood Educators Act, 2007</i> , S.O. 2007, c. 7, Sched. 8 (updated 2022). <i>Reg 55/22, Reg 614/20, Reg 613/20, Reg 440/19, 439/19, 359/1, 223/08, 222/08, 221/08</i> ^l
Related Legislation	
Local Service Delivery	47 Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) and District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs) manage child care and related early years services. ^{m,n} School boards: 31 English Public; 29 English Catholic; 4 French Public; 8 French Catholic 10 School Authorities consisting of 4 geographically isolated boards and 6 hospital-based school authorities; 1 Provincial Schools Authority; and 1 Consortium ^o 96 Ontario First Nations receive provincial funding for child care and/or child and family programs ^p The province funds early years leads within each school board to coordinate between child care and schools ^q
Community/Sector Oversight	n/a

^a Government of Ontario. Ministry of Education. Retrieved from: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-education>

^b Government of Ontario. Ministry of Education. *Student Success Initiatives*. Retrieved from: <https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en11/313en11.pdf>

^c Government of Ontario. Ministry of Education. *Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Guidelines*. Retrieved from: https://efis.fma.csc.gov.on.ca/faab/Child%20Care/Guidelines/CWELCC_Guideline%20Addendum_August_2022_EN.pdf

^d Government of Ontario. Ministry of Education. *Ontario Child Care and EarlyON Child and Family Centres Service Management and Funding Guideline 2023*. Retrieved from: https://efis.fma.csc.gov.on.ca/faab/Child%20Care/Guidelines/2023_Service_Management_and_Funding_Guideline_Nov_30_2022_EN.pdf

^e Government of Ontario. Ministry of Education. *Ontario's Access and Inclusion Framework 2023*. Retrieved from: <https://www.niagararegion.ca/living/childcare/pdfs/access-inclusion-framework.pdf>

^f Government of Ontario. Ministry of Education. *Child Care and Early Years Act*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/14c11>

^g Government of Ontario. Ministry of Education. *Child Care and Early Years Act. O. Reg. 137/15: General*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/150137>

^h Government of Ontario. Ministry of Education. *Child Care and Early Years Act. O. Reg. 138/15: Funding, Cost Sharing and Financial Assistance*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/150138>

ⁱ Government of Ontario. *Education Act*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90e02>

^j Government of Ontario. *Education Act. O. Reg. 221/11: Extended Day and Third-Party Programs under Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2 consolidated March 8, 2021*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/110221>

^k Government of Ontario. *Education Act. O. Reg. 224/10: Full-Day Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten under Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2 consolidated June 30, 2017*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/100224>

^l Government of Ontario. *Early Childhood Educators Act, 2007, S.O. 2007, c. 7, Sched. 8 consolidated January 1, 2022*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/07e07>

^m Government of Ontario. *Service System Managers for Child Care and Early Years Programs*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/service-system-managers-child-care-and-early-years-programs>

ⁿ The Government of Ontario introduced Bill 112 to dissolve the Regional Municipality of Peel into three stand-alone municipalities. The legislation passed on June 6, 2023, with plans to go into effect January 1, 2025. The plan was dissolved on December 13, 2023, by the Ontario government. Retrieved from: <https://www.peelregion.ca/transition/bill-112/>

^o Government of Ontario. Ministry of Education. *Facts about Elementary and Secondary Education*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/facts-about-elementary-and-secondary-education#:~:text=School%20boards%20are%20divided%20as,4%20French%20Public>

^p Government of Ontario. Ministry of Education. *Ontario's Early Years and Child Care Annual Report 2022*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontarios-early-years-and-child-care-annual-report-2022#:~:text=province%20was%20funding-,96,-First%20Nations%20to>

^q Personal communication Government of Ontario. Ministry of Education. Early Years and Child Care Division. February 14, 2024.

