Spotlight:
Child and Family Centres

EarlyON
Child and Family Centre
AO Vision, Mission and Philosophy

Our Vision Statement

- Build processes and tools that will position current and future FNMI generations as prosperous leaders and strategic partners in Canada’s future

Our Mission Statement

- To offset colonial/conventional systems and practices that have marginalized First Nations, Metis and Inuit by creating a sustainable and comprehensive suite of centralized wrap around services for urban FNMI and to establish AO as an innovative hub/heart of best practices for economic development, training and employment on reserves

Our Philosophy

- Spirit building and proactive support
Indigenous Challenges in Region

- High needs
- At risk populations
- School drop out rate is 500% higher
- 75% of children in care are Indigenous
- 20,000 (or 30,000) urban Indigenous
- Hard to reach
- No proximity to a reserve
- Dearth of Indigenous RECEs
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Current
- Employment agency
- Apatisiwin support
- Indigenous early years drop-in centre
- AONation
- Partnerships with Region and YMCA

Planned
- STEM or STEAM school
- Youth drop in and technology hub
- Medical Wellness centre
Program Features

- Spirit building
- Warm welcoming environment for all
- Cooking/nutrition classes
- Huge garden and orchard
- Food and snacks
- Diapers and supplies
- Used toy and book library
- Cultural programming
- Land and language-based learning
- Indigenous staff
Design Features

- Nature-based space and natural elements
- Rock walls instead of block
- Cedar and Copper elements
- Wood and quartz bathrooms
- Huge kitchen
- Indoor sacred medicine garden
- Indigenous art gallery
- Indoor nature park and smudge space
- Outdoor natural climbing tree
Location - 236 Woodhaven Road
Opening April 2, 2018
EarlyOn Entrance
EarlyOn Mainspace

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Events and Shop
Questions

Thank you

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