



Niagara Child Care Sector

Changes at Niagara Region Children's Services

- **Modernization of Child Care**
 - Ministry of Education funding changes
- **Staffing and Portfolio Changes in Children's Services**
- Policies and Contracts
- **Request for Service-new forms**

Changes at Niagara Region Children's Services

- **College of Early Childhood Educators**
 - Leadership project
 - Continuous Professional Learning Expectations
 - Consultation
- **Survey-Technology in programs for policy work**

Group Work

Audits-what do you think Children's Services should be auditing in programs that we have a purchase of service agreement with?

Children's Services

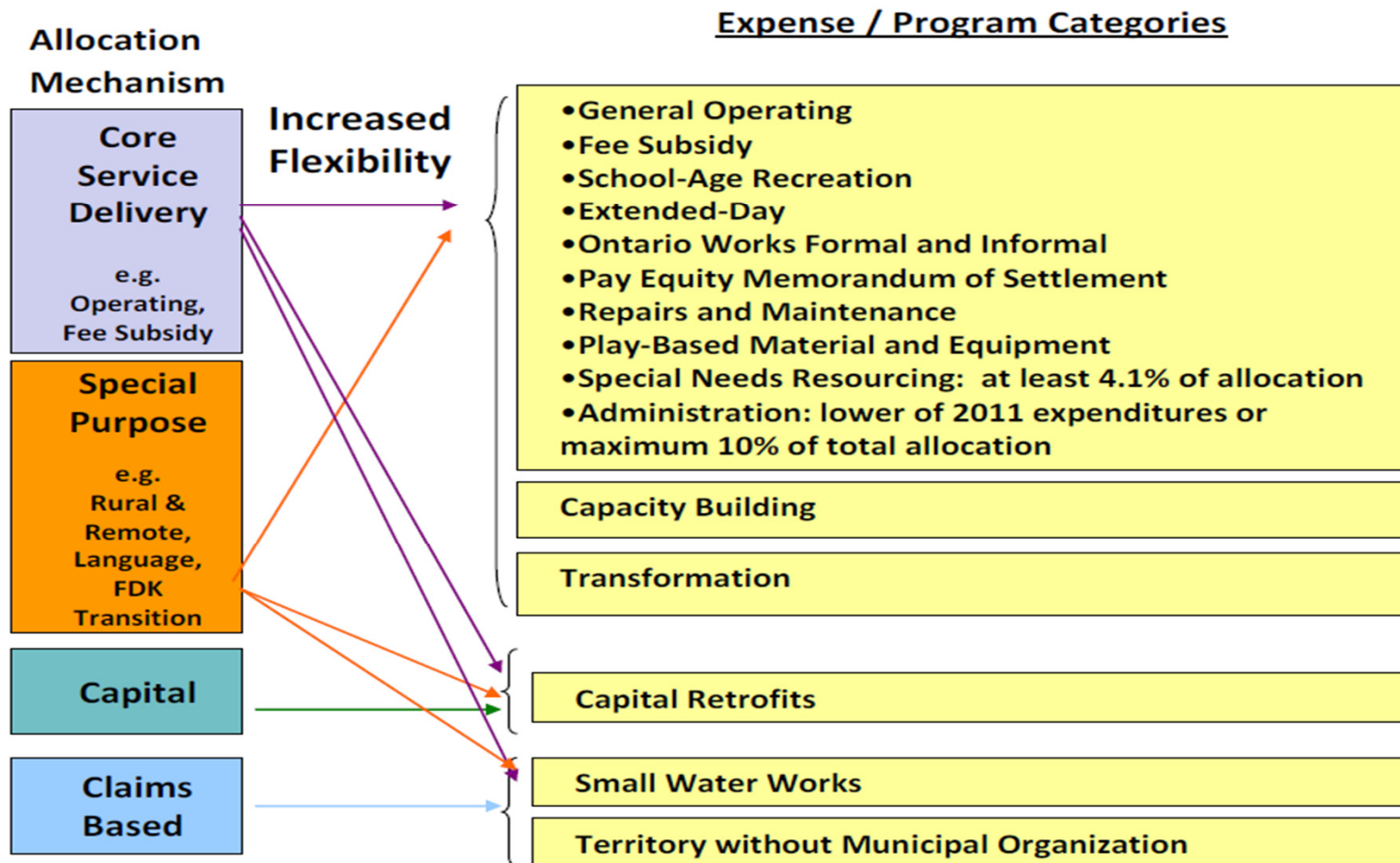
- What do we do?
- Manage the **system** of child care supports and services for Niagara Region
- How do we do it?
- -purchase services for:
- -child care fee subsidy
- -supports to children with special needs through Resource Teacher agencies

Children's Services

- -support planning bodies-Early Years Niagara, Aboriginal Planning and Francophone and networks
- Wage subsidy
- Pro Kids
- Family Resource Programs and ECCDC
- QCCN

Ministry of Education

A new funding formula provides a more transparent and equitable approach to funding that responds to demographic changes and provides increased flexibility for service system managers to better meet local needs for licensed child care



Children's Services Portfolio Changes

Direct Operations-Laura Rasmussen-Manager

- -Responsible for:
- -oversight of 5 child care centres operated by the region in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Welland, Port Colborne and Fort Erie

Children's Services Portfolio Changes

Fee Subsidy-Jean McBrain - Manager

- Responsible for:
- Fee subsidy oversight
- Fee subsidy Policies
- Contracts- stand alone child care programs and nursery schools
- Co-op teacher's network

Children's Services Portfolio Changes

Business- Lori Bell -Manager

- Responsible for:
- Contracts- large service providers
- Systems Policies
- Billing
- One List

Children's Services Portfolio Changes

Best Start-Tiffany Gartner-Manager

- Responsible for:
- Best Start Child and Family Centres Integration
- Special Projects
- Quality
- Contracts- ECCDC, FRP's
- Planning bodies and networks-EYN, NACPC, Francophone, Poverty Reduction, Sector
- FDK work with school boards

Children's Services Portfolio Changes

Special Needs-Rosemary Martin-Manager

- Responsible for:
- Resource Teacher agency and HCC contracts
- Additional Support funding
- ICCSC
- Systems policies for special needs
- Networks-RC, HCC
- QCCN

Request for Service

Process change

Where to find the application form

Who to contact

College of Early Childhood Educators

- Leadership Project
- Continuous Professional Learning
- Consultation

Contracts and Policies

Policy changes:

Serious occurrence reporting to Children's

- Wage supports- policy, update and requirements

Contracts:

- -capital planning requirement
- -budget submissions-must submit yearly-due Feb. 22, 2013

Audits

What do you believe Children's Services should be auditing for financial and quality accountability?



Technology Survey

How do you manage policy compliance and changes in your organization?



Retrofit of Available School Classrooms

- Don't forget
- May 8, 2013
- Meeting to discuss Child Care opportunities with school boards to locate services in available classrooms
- Come and find out the funding opportunities that are available to you!



Questions



Evaluation