

# YMCA Ontario welcome the long-awaited Pascal report on Early Learning <sup>[1]</sup>

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The YMCA in Ontario believes families are our children's most important teachers and that healthy families are supported families. The vision presented today in Charles Pascal's report on early learning and care in Ontario aspires to achieve that goal through eliminating gaps within the current system of services.

For many months, YMCAs and YMCA-YWCAs across Ontario have been involved in hundred of consultations with Dr. Pascal and with the not-for-profit sector, municipalities and school boards on this issue. We were pleased to see the recognition that early childhood educators and the not-for-profit sector play an integral role in the healthy development of children and their families.

"This report clearly demonstrates that modernizing the early learning and care options for families in Ontario requires new ways of working together as no single government, institution or community organization can take on the responsibility alone," says Scott Haldane, President YMCA Ontario. "YMCAs and YMCA-YWCAs across Ontario are looking forward to working with the Government of Ontario and our municipal, school board and not-for-profit sector partners to plan how together, we can provide the best possible continuum of early learning and care for Ontario's children."

## About YMCA Ontario

The YMCAs of Ontario reach over one million members annually through our program areas of healthy, active living; early learning and child care; youth support services; employment and skills development; and newcomer integration. Reaching into the smallest and the largest communities in Ontario, the YMCA is a charity based on community support and development, enabling our members to grow and flourish.

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