

What is Raising the Bar in Peel?

- A voluntary, annual community accreditation program for licensed child care programs.
- Accreditation is measured over a three year process and ongoing, using Bronze, Silver and Gold Bars to indicate the level of quality achieved in the areas of:
 - Quality Assurance
 - Best Practices
 - Professional Development

(See the back of this brochure for more detail on the quality areas)

- Promotes healthy child care environments for children.
- Builds on the strengths of local child care communities.
- A series of activities to guide and monitor best practices.

Why is RTBP being implemented?

- Quality in child care is a major priority in Peel.
- RTBP is a well-researched, Canadian initiative that builds on strengths and supports the quality of child care programs in our community.
- Provides the opportunity for community members in Peel to work together and improve child care for all children.

What is involved for programs who want to participate in RTBP?

- Programs voluntarily participate in the accreditation process yearly.
- Programs who have met the requirements will receive a certificate indicating which level they have achieved. All programs receive a participation certificate regardless of their level and these certificates can be posted on-site.

What can Families Do?

- Look for RTBP information at child care programs.
- Talk to program supervisors about their program's role in RTBP.
- Tell your friends and colleagues about RTBP.
- Share your feedback through annual parent surveys.
- Look on the CDRCP website for more information on RTBP www.rtbpeel.ca.

Programs will participate in *Train the Trainer Setting the Stage for Successful Behaviour* sessions. These trained participants will become members of the Setting the Stage Trainer Network and will train other educators in their program.



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A Quality Initiative in Peel

Raising the Bar was developed as a community project coordinated by Affiliated Services for Children and Youth (ASCY) in Hamilton

Raising the Bar in Peel (RTBP) is a Community Initiative which is:

- endorsed and financially supported by The Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Region of Peel
- coordinated and administered by the RTBP Advisory Committee, the Region of Peel and Child Development Resource Connection Peel (CDRCP)
- professional development through mentorship and collaborative practice

There are three categories measured for Raising the Bar in Peel

Quality Assurance:

- Quality is monitored through environmental assessment tools.
- Parent feedback is collected each year.
- The program is operating in full compliance with provincial regulations.
- The program completes indoor and outdoor health and safety inspections.

Best Practices:

- The program offers information for parents and promotes opportunities for community involvement.
- There are detailed policies, procedures and management practices to guide day-to-day operations.
- Resources and information about child development are provided to parents.

Professional Development:

- Raising the Bar programs support staff training through mentorship and training opportunities.
- First aid and CPR are kept current.
- Cooks have a Food Handler's Certificate.

A Commitment to Best Practices in Early Learning and Child Care by the Early Childhood Education Community in Peel

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