



# Full-Day Early Learning in Ontario: From concept to policy to law to implementation

**Monday, October 18, 2010, IPAC TRG Annual Meeting 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.**  
**Seminar 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. (Registration and networking breakfast from 8:00 a.m.)**

Victoria Chapel (Room 213), Victoria College Building, 91 Charles Street W., University of Toronto (near Museum subway)

<b>Panel:</b>	<b>Martha Friendly</b>	<b>Coordinator, Childcare Resource and Research Unit</b>
	<b>Kira Heineck</b>	<b>Executive Director, Ontario Municipal Social Services Association</b>
	<b>Sue Hunter</b>	<b>Principal, Hunter Consultants</b>
	<b>Pam Musson</b>	<b>Director, Early Learning Implementation Branch, Ontario Ministry of Education</b>
	<b>Jeffrey Stutz</b>	<b>Public Policy Consultant (Moderator)</b>

Ontario will start phasing in full-day learning for four- and five-year-olds in 600 schools this fall. This \$300 million signature McGuinty initiative emerged as the province's main response to Charles Pascal's 2009 report "With Our Best Future in Mind."

Up to 35,000 children across Ontario will enrol in full-day early learning/kindergarten in September 2010, with the option of access to full-day child care. Ontario aims to offer the program in all schools within five years.



This is a fascinating case of high-priority and high-stakes implementation. Policy for the new initiative came from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. The government assigned implementing roles to the school boards and the Ministry of Education, while municipal governments continued to administer child care subsidies.

Enabling legislation was passed in early 2010, giving all the players, including existing child care providers, only a few months to figure out how things would work.

Our panel brings together people who have worked on full-day early learning all the way through this process. Come hear from them and share your own thoughts and experiences on the issues:

- How does full-day early learning fit into the evolution of child care/education in Ontario?
- How does it relate to the Pascal vision?
- What does this initiative require from the leading ministries, school boards, municipalities, teachers, early childhood educators, existing child care providers, etc.?
- Was the implementation too rushed? Was there enough money? Enough communication?
- What forums were created to coordinate the process?
- How has the implementation affected children and parents? Existing child care providers?
- Does the program address the issues of access, affordability and quality? What about special needs children?
- What role is the federal government playing?
- So far, what worked well? What didn't?

You should attend this event if you're interested in education and child care, interministerial and intergovernmental collaboration, and policy implementation. It will be of particular interest to teachers, early childhood educators, child care providers, school administrators and municipal managers.

**Martha Friendly** is the founder and Executive Director of the Childcare Resource and Research Unit, a Toronto-based policy research institute that specializes in early childhood education and childcare policy. In 2009, she co-authored *About Canada: Childcare*.

**Kira Heineck** is Executive Director of the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association. She previously organized a child care advocacy coalition.

**Sue Hunter** worked as a child care centre director for both provincial and regional governments and served as Executive Director of the Toronto Child Abuse Centre for 6 years. She is now the Principal of Hunter Consultants.

**Pam Musson** has over 30 years experience managing early learning initiatives in the Ministries of Children and Youth Services, Health and Long Term Care, and Education.

**Jeffrey Stutz** advises on public policy in the justice, social welfare and Aboriginal rights fields. He has researched federal-provincial aspects of child care in Canada.

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