



The Kahnawake Childcare Authority is currently conducting a research project that will determine the number of subsidized childcare placements; facilities and programs required to meet the needs of the community over the next five years. In March 2006, the Authority launched a three-phase research project to accomplish this initiative.

Phase one began in April 2006 and was dedicated to gathering and determining information that provided the following:

- a) Demographic statistics to determine current size, growth rate and distribution of the target population (children from birth to 59 months and women 15-44 years);
- b) Employment, education, & training trends (Women 15-44 years);
- c) Social issues concerning children with special needs (Physical, emotional, cognitive).

A ratio analysis on the above information will be conducted to determine an overall estimate of the number of required subsidized placements needed for 2006-2010. In addition, the project will factor in the number of placements requested directly from parents and caregivers via a survey provided during the week of July 17, 2006.

In June 2006, the project entered into Phase two, which is currently assessing if existent childcare facilities and programs are able to sustain additional childcare placements. The assessment period will also determine if improvements to service delivery can be made between the existent childcare facilities and programs offered within Kahnawake. One on one interviews were conducted with the following organizations and programs;

- a) Step by Step Child and Family Center
- b) Kahnawake Shakotiiia'takehnhas Community Services (various programs)
- c) Karihwanoron Kanienkeha Owenna tsi Ionterihwaienstahkhwa;
- d) The Kahnawake Family Center;
- e) Kateri School (Special Needs);
- f) Breastfeeding support services;

The research project is scheduled to commence August 31, 2006, at which time the Authority will have determined the overall number of subsidized childcare placements and services required to meet the needs of Kahnawake for 2006-2010. The number of placements will provide the basis for negotiation with Quebec commencing in September 2006.

The political reference for this initiative is a product of the 1999 Quebec/Kahnawake Relations Process, which allowed for additional subsidized placements (\$7.00 per day) and contributed 1.7 million dollars toward the construction of the new Step-by-Step Child and Family Center.

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The Kahnawake Childcare Authority is in the process of determining how many subsidized childcare placements for children from birth to 59 months (5 years) of age are required to meet the immediate and long-term needs of parents and caregivers. Subsidized childcare refers to \$7.00 per day, per child in a recognized facility or homecare establishment within the Mohawk Territory of Kahnawake.

1. Name and Date of Birth of each child from birth to 59 months (5 Years) of age in your care that requires immediate care or care within the next twelve months and currently does not have access to such services:

2. Please circle which statement below explains why you cannot access services immediately within Kahnawake.

- a. Currently on a wait list for care in a childcare or homecare establishment.
- b. Cannot find reliable and or affordable services.
- c. Services not adapted to the physical, mental, emotional or cognitive needs of child (ren).
- d. Other (please specify): _____

3. If you currently use childcare **not** offered at the subsidized rate (\$7.00 per day as per the Quebec/Kahnawake childcare agreement) would you switch to a service that offered the subsidized rate if it was available?

- a. Yes
- b. No

4. Would you be interested in providing childcare in your home?

- a. Yes (please proceed to question #5)
- b. No

5. Your name and telephone number _____

Nia:wen for your participation! Have a great day!

*Please see attached summary for further details regarding the research project and the Quebec/Kahnawake relations process