

THE BEST START MODEL FOR TIMISKAMING

3 distinct geographic areas of the district including North, Central and South Timiskaming.

Local schools will serve as the “**hub**” for delivery of the Best Start services respecting the unique cultural, linguistic and religious needs of the district’s populations

Implementation will be phased in over a period of three years.

Based on the populations of the different schools and communities, Early Learning and Care Hubs will provide a range of services that may include:

- child care for children in JK and SK during the non-school hours and child care for children 0-4
- enhanced early identification and intervention programs
- 18 month well baby check up using the Nipissing and Rourke developmental assessment tools
- public health programs, including a postpartum/maternal depression strategy
- nutrition programs
- parenting programs/Ontario Early Years Centres
- preschool early learning program 2.5/hours/day, 5 days/week, or equivalent, at no cost to families

The Hubs will also develop links with specialized services for children and families requiring additional help, including:

- Primary Care services
- Children’s Mental Health
- Preschool Speech and Language/Infant Hearing
- Children’s Treatment Centres
- Timiskaming Child and Family Services

These core services will be delivered to children through the designated hub locations via on-site staff or visiting professionals or outreach programs.

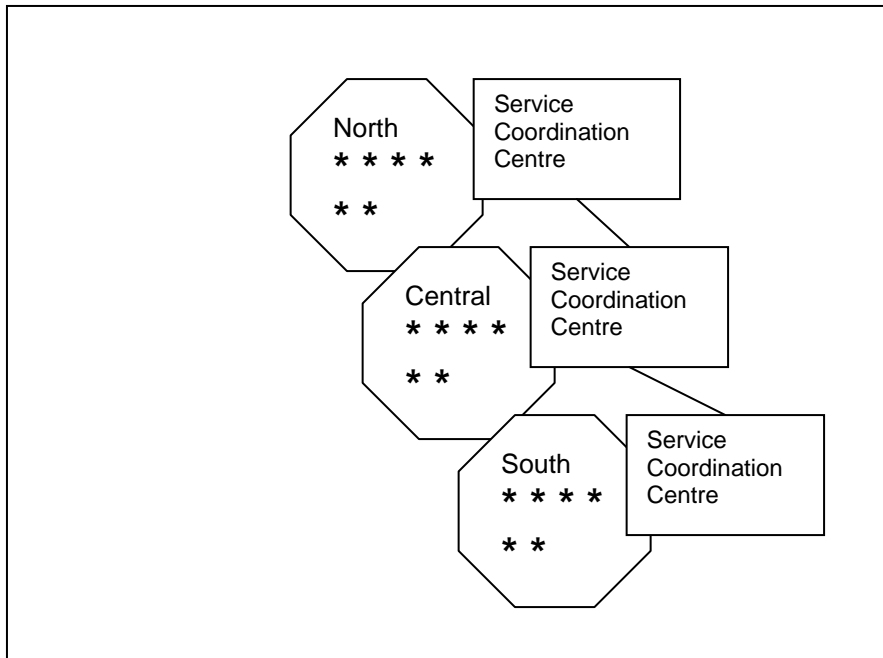
Where provision of services to children cannot be delivered within the hub site – it will be delivered in a location which is as close to the school as possible.

There will be a Service Coordination Centre located in each of the 3 geographic areas to:

- facilitate interagency collaboration amongst participating Best Start agencies and
- provide office space for program coordination and the delivery of linked children’s services.

Hubs and Coordination Centres

(*) *Indicates Hub sites*



At this stage Hub sites are being considered at the following schools:

North Timiskaming

Virginia Town

St. Louis School (CSCDGR)

Larder Lake

Larder Lake Public School (DSONE)

Kirkland Lake

Central Public School (DSONE)

Ecole Assomption Kirkland Lake (CSCDGR)

Federal Public School ((DSONE)

Kinderschool (DSONE)

St. Jerome (NCDSB)

Central Timiskaming

Englehart

Englehart Public School (DSONE)

Holy Family School (NCDSB)

Charlton Savard

Charlton / Savard School (DSONE)

Elk Lake

Elk Lake School (DSONE)

Kerns

Kerns Public School (DSONE)

Earlton

Ecole Assomption Earlton (CSCDGR)

South Timiskaming

New Liskeard

Ecole St. Michel (CSCDGR)

English Catholic Central School (NCDSB)
Gwen School (DSONE)
New Liskeard Public School (DSONE)
New Hessele site (CSPNEO)
Sacré Coeur/Paradis-des-Petits (CSCDGR)

Haileybury

Haileybury Public School (DSONE)
“Gateway School” (CSPNEO)
Ecole Ste. Croix (CSCDGR)

Cobalt

Cobalt Public School (DSONE)
St. Patrick School (NCDSB)

THREE YEARS OF IMPLEMENTATION, FIVE YEARS OF PROVINCIAL FUNDING

QUESTIONS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

1. Do you have any questions about the Best Start Initiative?
2. Do you have any questions about the model?
3. Do you think this model will meet your individual circumstances and needs?
 - a. If not, why not?
4. Do you have any concerns and / or are there shortcomings with the proposed model?
5. Other issues, comments or suggestion ...

If you would like more information on Best Start, please go to:
www.children.gov.on.ca/CS/en/programs/BestStart