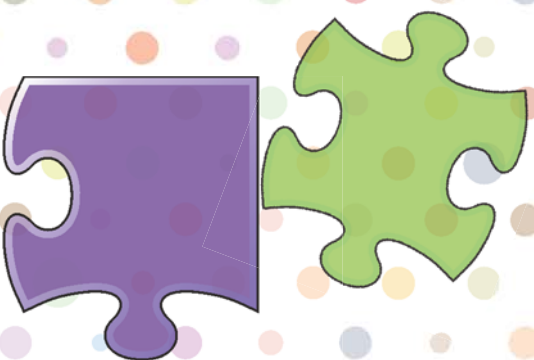


## Kids First Partner Agencies

123 Look at Me Co-op Nursery School  
 Alexandra Marine & General Hospital  
 Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre  
 Avon Cooperative Nursery School  
 Avon Maitland District School Board  
 Bean Sprouts Nursery School  
 Bluewater Area Family Health Team  
 Circle of Friends  
 City of Stratford Child Care Division  
 Clinton Cooperative Childcare Centre  
 Clinton Family Health Team  
 Community Support for Families  
 Countryside Midwifery Services  
 CPRI Home Visiting Program for Infants  
 Family Services Perth-Huron  
 Goderich Municipal Childcare Centre  
 Grand Bend Community Health Centre  
 House of Blessing  
 Huron County Children's Services  
 Huron County Community Home Child Care  
 Huron County Growing Together Program  
 Huron County Health Unit  
 Huron County Information Technology  
 Huron County Library  
 Huron County Social Services  
 Huron County Ontario Early Years Centre  
 Huron Respite Network  
 Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board  
 Huron-Perth Centre for Children & Youth  
 Huron-Perth Children's Aid Society  
 Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance

Listowel Day Care Centre  
 Listowel Wingham Hospital Alliance  
 Maitland Valley Family Health Team  
 Ministry of Children and Youth Services  
 Ministry of Education  
 North Huron Children's Centre  
 North Huron Family Health Team  
 Paediatrician  
 Perth Care for Kids  
 Perth District Health Unit  
 Perth Middlesex Ontario Early Years Centre  
 Relouw Early Childhood Learning Centre  
 Rural Response for Healthy Children  
 Seaforth Cooperative Children's Centre  
 smallTALK: Huron-Perth Preschool Speech Language Program  
 South West Community Care Access Centre  
 St. John's Cooperative Preschool Centre  
 St. Marys Early Learning Centre  
 Stratford Chiropractic & Wellness Centre  
 Stratford Family Health Team  
 Stratford Public Library  
 Stratford Midwives  
 Thames Valley Children's Centre  
 Tinker Tots Nursery School  
 Tuckersmith Day Nursery  
 Walton Little School  
 West Huron Early Childhood Learning Centre  
 YMCA Goderich-Huron  
 YMCA Stratford-Perth



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# Accomplishments

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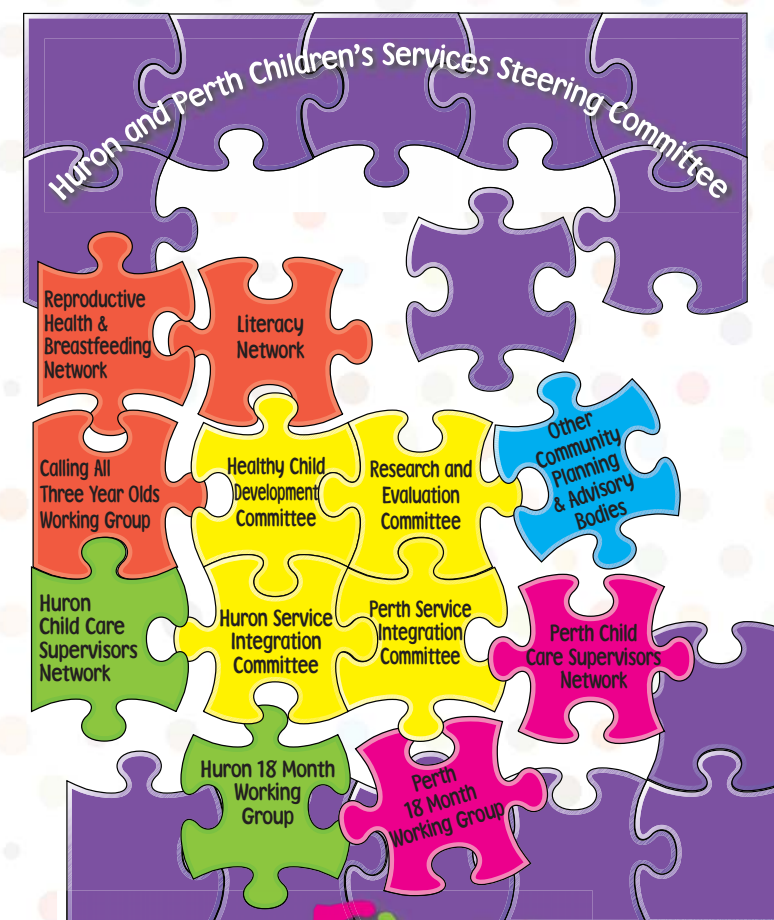
## What is Kids First Huron Perth?

Kids First Huron Perth is a consortium of more than 60 local agencies and professionals committed to providing an integrated system of prenatal, healthy child development, early identification and intervention, and early learning and care services for children under the age of six and their families who reside in Huron and Perth counties. Kids First also serves as the local system planning body for children and provides advice to the Healthy Babies Healthy Children programs, the Ontario Early Years Centres and the Preschool Speech Language System.

Established in September 2008, over 125 individuals now sit on one or more of the Kids First committees, networks and working groups. Each of these individuals has embraced the Kids First vision – every child in Huron and Perth counties will reach his or her full potential.

Members of Kids First value:

- all children and families
- a culture of respect
- the contribution of all service providers
- a collaborative approach to service delivery
- a service system that is responsive to the needs of families
- the innovative use of resources



Making services work for young children and their families in Huron Perth

# Accomplishments

Accomplishments of the various Kids First committees, networks and working groups include:

- **To develop local responses that improve the well-being of young children and their families**

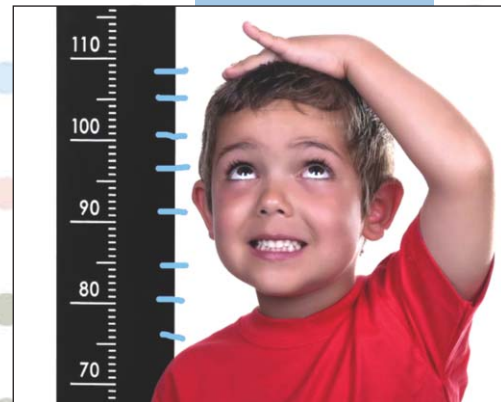
- ✓ Creation and distribution of over 500 *Growth Charts* containing information on developmental milestones and community resources
- ✓ 19% of children who participated in the Healthy Toddler Visit have been referred to other service providers and professionals for early intervention
- ✓ Approximately 90% of children eligible to start kindergarten have been screened at the Calling All Three Year Olds (CATYO) kindergarten registration in each of the last five years
- ✓ The percentage of children who have screened 'positive' at CATYO has decreased from 12% in 2006 to 5% in 2010
- ✓ *All About Me* portfolio developed to assist parents who have children with special needs to manage information
- ✓ In Clinton, young parents with children are able to access parent education as a result of a partnership between the Avon Maitland District School Board, the Ontario Early Years Centre and Huron County Children's Services

- **To increase awareness of the importance of healthy child development**

- ✓ *World Breastfeeding Week* events held throughout Huron and Perth counties
- ✓ Breastfeeding Buddies Support Group started in Stratford
- ✓ Early Literacy events attended by over 1,200 parents and children
- ✓ Over 300 parents and professionals attended a forum featuring Dr. Duncan McKinlay, a psychologist from CPRI
- ✓ Community fair attended by 500 adults, 600 children and 120 vendors

- **To increase access to services**

- ✓ Creation and distribution of over 400 *Diversity and Inclusion Resource Guides*
- ✓ Bluewater Area Family Health Team, Clinton Family Health Team, Grand Bend Community Health Centre, Maitland Valley Family Health Team, and North Huron Family Health Team are all participating in the Healthy Toddler Visit – Huron County's enhanced 18 month well-baby visit
- ✓ Nine service providers have partnered in the establishment of a Best Start Child and Family Centre pilot project at Holy Name School in St. Marys
- ✓ Third party viability checks by school boards in all full day kindergarten schools and work to increase access to before and after school care for 3-6 year olds



- ✓ Occupational therapy, physiotherapy and recreational therapy for children under six are now available in Huron and Perth counties
- ✓ Establishment of a Best Start Child and Family Centre in each of Huron County's five major settlement areas
- ✓ Service providers have come together to provide a variety of services in 'at risk' neighbourhoods

- **To strengthen the capacity of the service system**

- ✓ Diversity and inclusion workshop attended by 40 individuals
- ✓ Huron and Perth county child care providers participated in *Raising the Bar on Quality* and in professional development and mentorship activities
- ✓ Development of an *Aboriginal Awareness Kit* for Perth County service providers
- ✓ 250 professionals attended a conference for Early Childhood Educators in Stratford
- ✓ *Paediatric Day* attended by 110 health care practitioners
- ✓ *Huron Perth Service Directory for Children's Services (0-6)* updated and distributed to primary care practitioners and other service providers
- ✓ Kindergarten teachers at both school boards attended the first ever joint professional development day with Dr. Jean Clinton as their guest speaker
- ✓ Licensed child care programs in Huron and Perth counties are supported in their efforts to transition to a 'new' child care system
- ✓ 30 healthcare professionals attended the 20-hour Level I breastfeeding course

- **To evaluate the effectiveness of the local service system**

- ✓ Service Integration Survey conducted to determine the level of communication, coordination, cooperation and integration that exists within each county
- ✓ Parents who did not attend Calling All Three Year Olds (CATYO) were surveyed
- ✓ Survey conducted of the utilization of the CATYO calendar
- ✓ Early Development Instrument (EDI) and Kindergarten Parent Survey (KPS) administered every three years
- ✓ Evaluation of the Calling All Three Year Olds program conducted annually and shared with funders and partner agencies

