

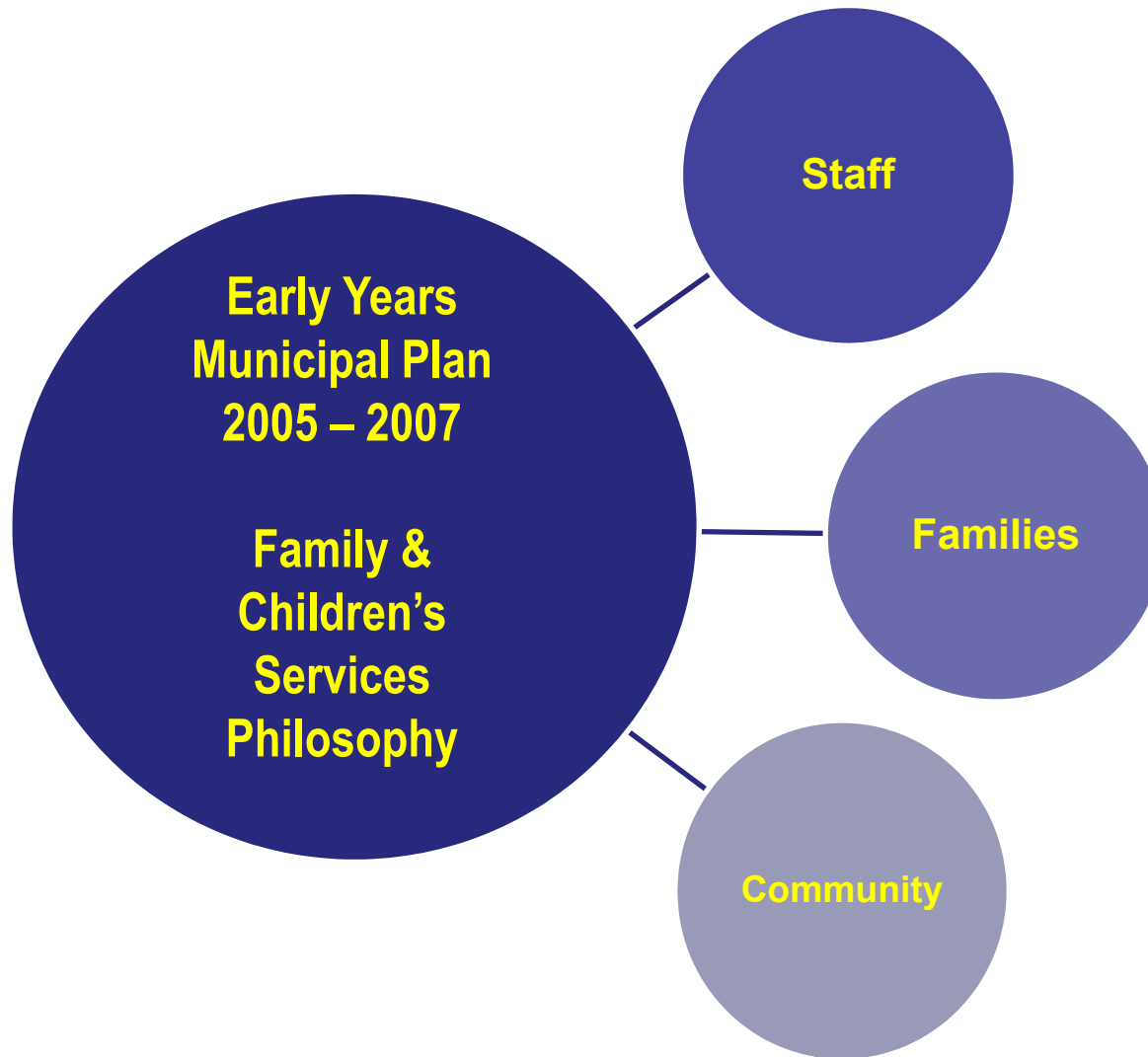
Working to Build Community



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Where we have come from...



“The City of Moonee Valley is strongly committed to developing an environment which supports children to reach their full potential and to encourage and support families in their important roles in raising happy and healthy children.”

(Municipal Early Years Plan 2005-2007)

Why?

- ❖ Current Research

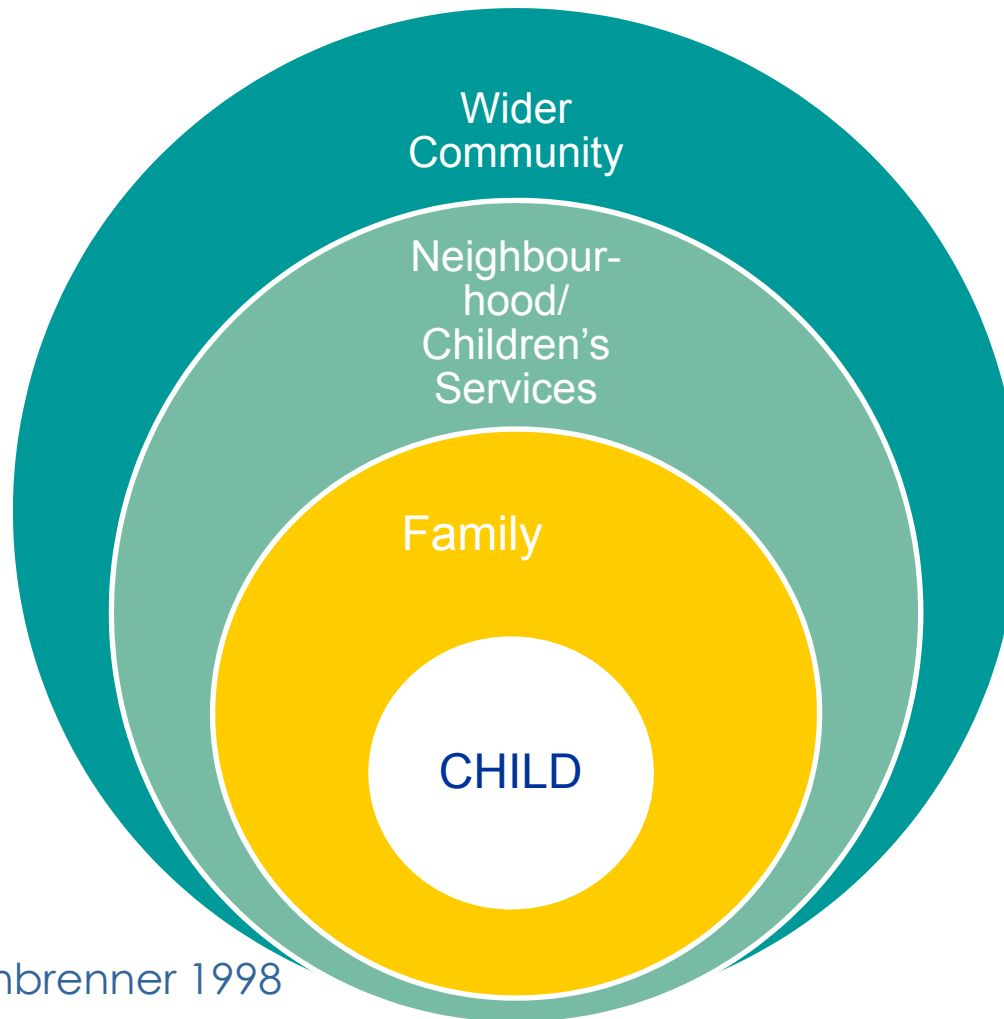
- ❖ Brain Research

- the importance of the Early Years
- the importance of relationships and a child's environment



- The development of the Municipal Early Years Plan (2005 – 2007)
- Family & Children's Services Philosophy

The child within their socio-cultural context



Adapted from Bronfenbrenner 1998

How?

- ❖ Early Years team and Early Childhood Development Officer
- ❖ Family & Children's Services brochures
- ❖ Professional Development program, including integrated training opportunities
- ❖ Cluster groups
- ❖ Network opportunities
- ❖ Regular forums for families and community

A snapshot of Moonee Valley Kindergarten Services

- Family Forums
- Orientation
- Documentation of our programs
- Learning Journals as a method of sharing information

Where to from here?

- ❖ Continued opportunities for staff to integrate across service types
- ❖ Development of further forums
- ❖ Review of current Municipal Early Years Plan

The Integration Continuum



Jane Bertrand, 2007, Toronto first duty