

# 13 East South Dumfries

- Total Population: 6989 (0-6 years: 8.1%)
- LPF: 7.0%, LE: 5.9%, DGI: 9.6%, FPR: 5.0%
- At-Birth: 14.0% of newborns screened at 9 or higher
- Readiness to Learn: 6.4%
- Early Years Programs and Services in East South Dumfries include child care, elementary schools, literacy, parenting and family support services, special needs program/service and sports and recreation programs.



# 14 South Brant - Onondaga

- Total Population: 5863 (0-6 years: 7.9%)
- LPF: 8.2%, LE: 7.2%, DGI: 10.9%, FPR: 4.5%
- At-Birth: 13.1% of newborns screened at 9 or higher
- Readiness to Learn: 18.4%
- Early Years Programs and Services available in South Brant - Onondaga include child care, elementary schools, parenting and family support services and sports and recreation programs.

# 15 West Brant County

- Total Population: 6940 (0-6 years: 8.4%)
- LPF: 10.8%, LE: 10.5%, DGI: 11.4%, FPR: 4.2%
- At-Birth: 17.6% of newborns screened at 9 or higher
- Readiness to Learn: 16.5%
- Early Years Programs and Services available in West Brant County include child care, elementary schools, literacy, parenting and family support services and sports and recreation programs.

# 16 West South Dumfries

- Total Population: 10741 (0-6 years: 8.3%)
- LPF: 12.2%, LE: 6.7%, DGI: 9.4%, FPR: 9.3%
- At-Birth: 16.8% of newborns screened at 9 or higher
- Readiness to Learn: 13.4%
- Early Years Programs and Services in West South Dumfries include child care, elementary schools, faith, health and wellness, literacy, parenting and family support services, special needs program/service and sports and recreation programs.



## Best Start Program Planning Underway

Best Start is a massive expansion of quality and affordable child care and investments in children's healthy early development. Community partners in Brant, including the Grand Erie District School Board, Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, City of Brantford Child Care Services, le Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre- Sud, Brant and other child and family service providers - are working with the province to develop and implement plans that will achieve the Best Start vision in ways that make sense to their local communities. Over the next 3 years over \$10.5 million will be allocated to Brantford and Brant County resulting in an additional 230 new day care spaces. Best Start includes:

- Rapid expansion of early learning and child care spaces and subsidies, with priority on children in junior and senior kindergarten for non-school hours.
- Gradual expansion of early learning and child care spaces and subsidies for younger children.
- Planning for neighbourhood parenting centres (hubs) that will bring together screening, assessment and treatment, child care and parenting programs, with direct links to other children's services, such as mental health services and speech and language resources.
- Best Start neighbourhood parenting centres (hubs) will be centrally located wherever possible, and services, hours and programming will be convenient for families.

Planning for the Best Start initiative is being carried out by the Brant Best Start Network. Network members include parents and representatives from agencies and organizations from across Brantford and Brant County that provide programs and services for children. For more information contact City of Brantford, Child Care Services at 756-3150 or visit [www.children.gov.on.ca](http://www.children.gov.on.ca)

## Early Years Programs and Services

For more information about early years services, or to find a parenting program closest to you, please access the on-line database at

[www.eycbrant.ca](http://www.eycbrant.ca)

and click on the mouse to use the search engine.

Or you can call

**759-3833 or 1-888-33-CHILD**

to find out about services and programs for children 0-6 years in your neighbourhood.

More information about the Ontario Early Years Centres can be found at

[www.ontarioearlyyears.ca](http://www.ontarioearlyyears.ca)

To view the complete Brant Early Years Community Report Card on-line, go to

[www.bchu.org](http://www.bchu.org)

and click on reports or e-mail

[earlyyears@bchu.org](mailto:earlyyears@bchu.org)

# Brant Early Years Community Report Card



## A Snapshot of the Early Years in Brantford and Brant County

The first six years of a child's life are referred to as the Early Years and are important for life-long learning.

The Early Years are a significant period of a child's development because experiences during this time can have an impact on a child's future educational, behavioural and health outcomes.

Parents/caregivers have the biggest influence on a child's development in the Early Years. They are the first and most important teacher of their young children. Parents/caregivers can maximize their influence during this time by understanding the importance of the Early Years.

In Brant, parents/caregivers have help from the Early Years Community - supporting a child's learning, creating enriching opportunities, and promoting healthy development is a shared community responsibility. The goal of Early Years services is to promote and support parents/caregivers in their role with their children's growth and development.

The Brant Early Years Report Card Snapshot illustrates life in Brantford and Brant County for Children 0-6 years old and lists the types of Early Years programs available in each neighbourhood.

The more we know about the Early Years Community in Brant, the better we as a community will be able to support individual children and their families as they take their first steps beyond the Early Years.





# 1 Banbury

- Total Population: 9836 (0-6 years: 9.9%)
- LPF: 15.4%, LE: 5.7%, DGI: 8.4%, FPR: 10.7%
- At-Birth: 16.5% of newborns screened at 9 or higher
- Readiness to Learn: 11.7%
- Early Years Programs and Services available in Banbury include child care, faith, parenting and family support services, elementary schools and sports and recreation.

# 2 Brier Park

- Total Population: 10915 (0-6 years: 7.8%)
- LPF: 13.2%, LE: 7.9%, DGI: 11.2%, FPR: 6.9%
- At-Birth: 21.1% of newborns screened at 9 or higher
- Readiness to Learn: 9.7%
- Early Years Programs and Services available in Brier Park include child care, faith and elementary schools

# 3 The Core

- Total Population: 9815 (0-6 years: 9.0%)
- LPF: 23.7%, LE: 12.3%, DGI: 19.1%, FPR: 24.9%
- At-Birth: 34.1% of newborns screened at 9 or higher
- Readiness to Learn: 21.1%
- Early Years Programs and Services in the Core include child care, child/family counselling services, elementary schools, ethno-cultural/language/heritage programs, child protection agency, education, faith, food bank, literacy, parenting and family support services, social concerns, special needs program/service and sports and recreation programs.

# 4 Eagle Place

- Total Population: 7064 (0-6 years: 10.0%)
- LPF: 25.2%, LE: 11.0%, DGI: 17.9%, FPR: 26.0%
- At-Birth: 31.4% of newborns screened at 9 or higher
- Readiness to Learn: 16.3%
- Early Years Programs and Services in Eagle Place include elementary schools, ethno-cultural/language/heritage programs, education, parenting and family support services, social concerns and sports and recreation programs.

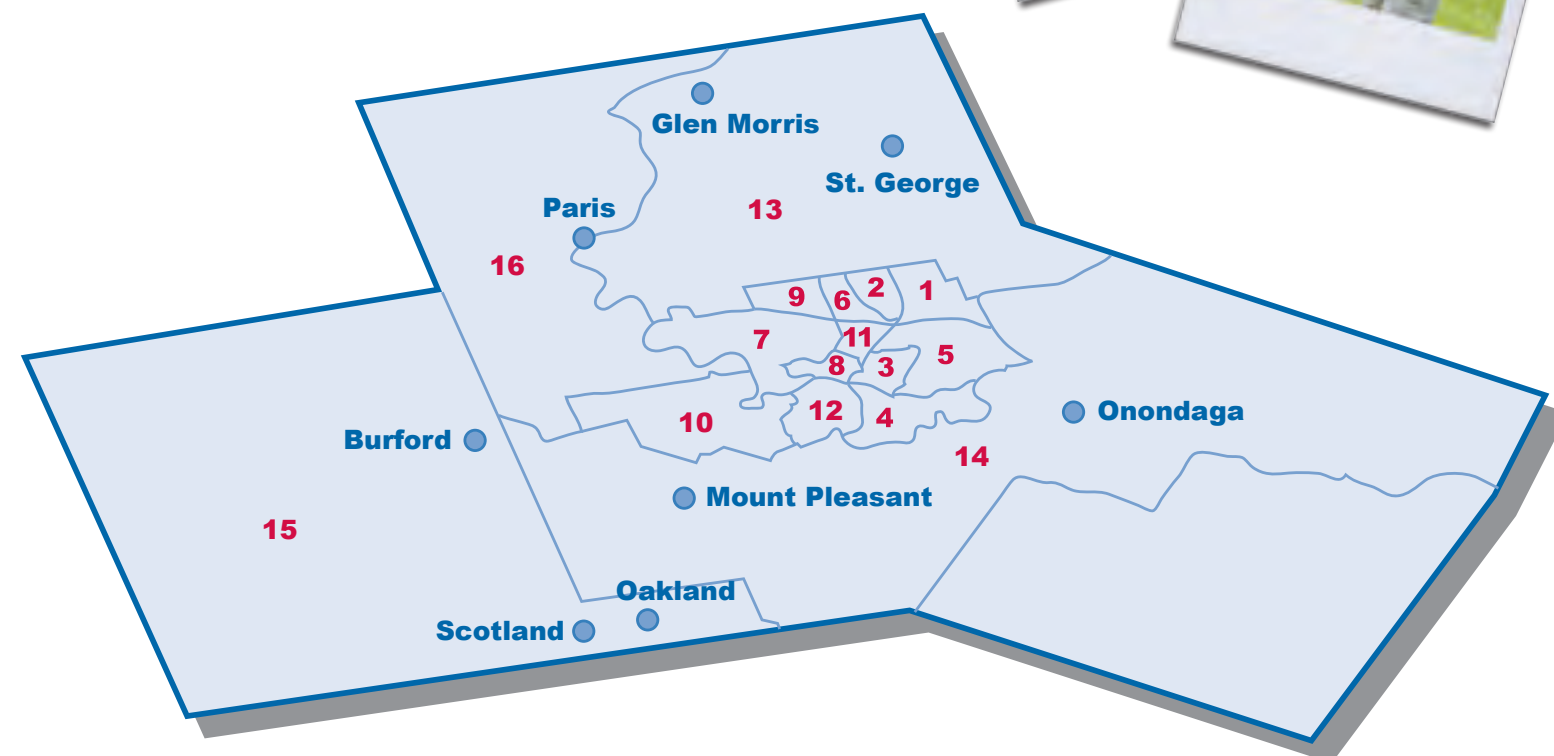
# 5 East Ward

- Total Population: 10180 (0-6 years: 9.3%)
- LPF: 22.3%, LE: 11.2%, DGI: 16.1%, FPR: 21.6%
- At-Birth: 26.8% of newborns screened at 9 or higher
- Readiness to Learn: 16.2%
- Early Years Programs and Services in East Ward include child care, child protection agency, elementary schools, education, faith, health and wellness, and parenting and family support services.

# 6 Fairview-Greenbrier

- Total Population: 6304 (0-6 years: 6.2%)
- LPF: 11.9%, LE: 10.1%, DGI: 16.1%, FPR: 7.6%
- At-Birth: 10.1% of newborns screened at 9 or higher
- Readiness to Learn: 24.1%
- Early Years Programs and Services in Fairview - Green Bier include ethno-cultural/language/heritage programs, education, faith, parenting and family support services, elementary schools and sports and recreation programs.

## A Snapshot of Life in Brantford and Brant County for Children 0 - 6



### LEGEND

**Total population aged 0 to 6 years:** The total number of children aged 0 to 6 years that live within the neighbourhood.

**LPF:** Lone parent families - percent of total families that are headed by a lone parent.

**LE:** Low Education - percent of total population aged 20 and older with less than a grade 9 education level.

**DGI:** Dependence on Government Incomes - percent of total income from government sources.

**FPR:** Family poverty rate - percent of census families below the low income cut-offs (approximately \$32,000 for family of 4 living and \$17,000 for a single adult living in Brant).

**At-Birth:** Percent of newborn babies born in the neighbourhood that score 9 or higher at-birth on a screen used by Healthy Babies Healthy Children.

**Readiness to Learn:** Percent of children scoring in the lowest 10th percentile on two or more EDI (Early Development Instrument) domains.

# 7 Henderson

- Total Population: 6654 (0-6 years: 7.4%)
- LPF: 11.7%, LE: 5.3%, DGI: 10.7%, FPR: 6.3%
- At-Birth: 13.2% of newborns screened at 9 or higher
- Readiness to Learn: 7.8%
- Early Years Programs and Services in Henderson include elementary schools, ethno-cultural/language/heritage programs, education and faith.

# 9 Mayfair

- Total Population: 5277 (0-6 years: 8.5%)
- LPF: 11.7%, LE: 7.1%, DGI: 11.2%, FPR: 5.6%
- At-Birth: 14.4% of newborns screened at 9 or higher
- Readiness to Learn: 8.3%
- Early Years Programs and Services available in Mayfair include child care, elementary schools, ethno-cultural/language/heritage programs and sports and recreation programs.

# 11 Terrace Hill

- Total Population: 6215 (0-6 years: 8.3%)
- LPF: 19.6%, LE: 11.7%, DGI: 18.2%, FPR: 12.6%
- At-Birth: 22.6% of newborns screened at 9 or higher
- Readiness to Learn: 11.5%
- Early Years Programs and Services in Terrace Hill include child care, child/family counselling services, elementary schools, education, faith, literacy, parenting and family support services and sports and recreation programs.

# 8 Holmedale-William

- Total Population: 6729 (0-6 years: 9.3%)
- LPF: 24.7%, LE: 10.5%, DGI: 14.3 %, FPR: 22.1%
- At-Birth: 26.6% of newborns screened at 9 or higher
- Readiness to Learn: 14.9%
- Early Years Programs and Services available in Hometown - William include child care, child/family counselling services, elementary schools, ethno-cultural/language/heritage programs, education, faith, health and wellness, social concerns and sports and recreation programs.

# 10 Shellard Lane

- Total Population: 2685 (0-6 years: 9.7%)
- LPF: 10.4%, LE: 3.2%, DGI: 8.8%, FPR: 5.4%
- At-Birth: 17.9% of newborns screened at 9 or higher
- Readiness to Learn: 21.4%
- Early Years Programs and Services in Shellard Lane include elementary schools and sports and recreation programs.

# 12 West Brant

- Total Population: 5831 (0-6 years: 8.0%)
- LPF: 22.0%, LE: 9.4%, DGI: 14.3%, FPR: 19.8%
- At-Birth: 16.7% of newborns screened at 9 or higher
- Readiness to Learn: 5.4%
- Early Years Programs and Services in West Brant include child care, elementary schools, faith, parenting and family support services, special needs program/service and sports and recreation programs.