

## What Data Are Important?

In order to effectively move forward in the continuous improvement cycle (see Why Do We Need Data section) as it relates to children and families, you will need to know the key indicators for measuring how well your community supports the development of young children and their families, [http://www.nyskwic.org/u\\_indicators/u\\_indicators.cfm](http://www.nyskwic.org/u_indicators/u_indicators.cfm). The Association of Public Health Epidemiologists of Ontario has developed a comprehensive list of the key indicators related to child health <http://www.apheo.ca/indicators/index.html>. This link will also provide information on how you can access these key pieces of data. Another good website to access for information on key child indicators is provided by the Australian government. <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10070>

### Identifying Key Data Sources:

- Take an inventory of the types of data that are accessible (to you) both at a community level and at a neighbourhood level
- Identify which data sources are key to your continuous improvement plan
- Consider your resources and capacities and select the key indicators you wish to monitor over time
- Secure access to the data