

CAPC: Celebrating 25 years!



Gabriela is placing felt snowflakes, hats & mittens on the seasonal tree. (Vaughan)

The Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) is proud to be celebrating its 25th anniversary of supporting children and families in York Region.

Hosted by York Child Development & Family Services Inc. and funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada, CAPC is a community-based children's program promoting the healthy development of young children from birth to age six.

“When we make play the foundation of learning, we teach the whole child.”

Markham

Our CAPC 25th anniversary bowling event was a success and enjoyed by all in attendance.

Families were encouraged to come up with ideas that they would like to do for the anniversary. As CAPC staff, we strongly believe the program would not exist without them and their input meant a lot to us. The final decision was unanimous; Markham Bowl it was. The venue and staff were great. They did everything they could to make the families comfortable and enjoyed their time. Some children have requested an encore.

Markham Site Coordinator, Akua Asamoah



Mylos is playing the snowman ball toss game. He is sorting the balls by colour. (Vaughan)



Georgina

CAPC has been a wonderful adventure. It was my first exposure to parent child programming. It has been an exciting journey to do lots of learning and see the benefit of working with families.

The best part about CAPC funding is that it provides resources to service the rural areas. In the 1990's there was very little knowledge to support families. Over the years, CAPC has been able to provide programs to help families with parenting, resources and support in every aspect. Friendships have been created that have lasted for many years.

The families have really appreciated having a fun, safe place to bring their children. It has given the children exposure to group settings, finding things to do to help their children to develop and bring them to the next step. It has been a great place to be able to meet the parents and encourage them to seek out support if they need it.



Mom is using her gross motor skills to ride the blender bike to make a healthy & delicious smoothie. (Georgina)



There have been many referrals to support child development support and for speech and language programs. The relationship between our educators and families over the years has been amazing. Many parents still stop me in the grocery stores twenty years later and introduce me to their older children. The children don't always remember me, but the parents do, and are so thankful for the support that we were able to help them with when they were at different stages of their children's lives. We were able to encourage them, and teach them different ways that could help with behavior management for example, Triple P.

Georgina Site Coordinator, Lois Wright



Families enjoyed bowling at Markham bowl. (Markham)

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Vaughan

We are very pleased to have celebrated our 25th anniversary in November 2018. Since 1993, our CAPC programs in York Region have supported children and their families facing challenging life circumstances. Our programs work by creating partnerships within communities to strengthen local support for vulnerable families. Over the past several years, our programs have provided child and parent programs, nutritious food, grocery cards, & literacy books to children and families. Thank you to all our partners for the ongoing support and collaboration in providing quality service to our families and their children.

**Manpreet Bhogal, Vaughan Site
Coordinator & CAPC Project Facilitator.**

York Child Development & Family Services is very pleased to celebrate the 25th anniversary as the CAPC host for the Region of York. Since 1993, in York Region, CAPC annually provides programs to more than 400 children and their families. In 2017/2018, collaborative partnerships across the region worked together to support over 300 families. Our families deal with a variety of challenging circumstances including low incomes, little to no support, newcomers to the country and many are geographically isolated from mainstream services, particularly in the north of the Region.

Across the region, CAPC has formed 10 partnerships within the community that strengthen local support for vulnerable children and their families. As the CAPC host agency, we thank our CAPC partners, and the many organizations they work with to make the Community Action Program for Children so successful.



Family testimonials:

“CAPC always has great activities that continue to inspire children and their parents. My son loves having his great teachers that are nurturing and fun and at the same time encourage growth. He loves his friends and all the fun learning activities. CAPC is also a safe place for my child. I enjoy learning about my child and what he loves.” – Wang family

“This is our second child’s CAPC experience. The atmosphere and learning environment are very comforting for both children and adult. All the children feel welcomed and appreciated. Parents are supported with their questions and are constantly supported.” -Cheng family

Background Information

The Public Agency of Canada’s Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) is a community-based response to support the needs of families and offered the groundwork to draw together the resources to address those needs.

CAPC offers a commitment to invest in the well-being of children so that they get a better start in life, are ready to start school, and their chances to participate fully in society as adults are enhanced.

The project offers a wide variety of programs, such as Play & Learn Baby Time, Triple P, Science & Exploration, JiggiJump, Twinkle Toes, Ready Set Go Kindergarten, and more. Our parenting programs have continued to assist in strengthening parenting skills and the child-parent relationships while our early learning programs have and continue to enhance children’s transition to school and being able to meet the needs of each community individually.