



Good Evening,

My name is Jennifer Brush and I am here representing Muskoka Family Focus and Children's Place. Just a little bit about us. We are a not for profit charitable organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. In 1987 after research established an identified need in the community for licensed childcare and children's programs, a Muskoka Hub Model Proposal was developed and submitted to the Ministry of Community of Social Services. Funding was received and MFF was incorporated in March 1987.

Our Vision is to support and nurture Muskoka children and their families by providing affordable, flexible learning environments. We are dedicated to providing high quality child and family resources and educational services. We value all of our children as our future and that brings to me to the reason why I am here.

One of the programs/service that we provide is what is known as the Ontario Early Years Centres. These programs are offered in a variety of local communities and towns/villages. We offer these programs as little as once a week to as frequent as 5 days per week depending on location. Through these programs staff who facilitate them are involved in setting up the programs each time, providing safe learning enhanced activities and exploration opportunities for families to come and visit free of charge and play with all the toys and equipment while enjoying quality time with their children. (like a drop in type program setting) families are welcome to stay as long as they wish and activities such as craft and circle time, happen daily also, with special events/special visitors happening about once per month.

So the reason why I am here presenting is that we strive to support all of the families that we provide our services to and we currently operate a OEYC Program at this particular site. I have brought with me 2 charts showing the rather evident increase in children and family attendance since 2014. As we are aware that the Honey Harbour Public School is up for review, we thought it may be of interest due to it being based on statistics of how many families in this area are utilizing this service. Now although Port Severn services some surrounding areas, we cannot attest all of the attendance to the Honey Harbour area but it is interesting to see how many new families with children mostly under the age of 3 in the surrounding area are utilizing this particular program location as opposed to other years.

In closing, we hope that with the statistic and charts indicating the increase in families with young children in this general area, has left everyone with something to think about when making some of the final decisions in reviewing the Honey Harbour School. I thank you for your time and consideration of the information that I have provided for the Review Process

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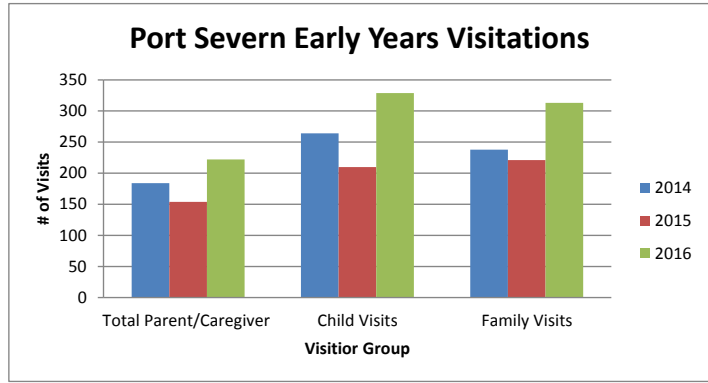
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★ After School Care Programs ★ Early Years Programs ★ Toy/Resource Lending ★ Workshops for Parents ★ Volunteer Program ★

Port Severn

	Total Parent/C Child Visits	Family Visits	
2014	184	264	238
2015	154	210	221
2016	222	329	313



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	Unique Parent	Unique Children
2014	28	37
2015	30	32
2016	42	63

