

## **Indigenous-Led Family Centres Update**

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### **Brief Recap:**

- The Province of Ontario recently announced 3.7 M for the construction and operation of an Indigenous-led Child and Family Centre in London.
- In addition, Province of Ontario announced just over \$100,000 for culturally safe spaces across London and Middlesex through the Journey Together initiative.
- The Journey Together initiative is a response to the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action.
- The hope is to have the Child and Family Centre built by the end of 2019.

### **Recent News:**

- Culturally Safe Spaces Training is planned for this fall
- At a recent Licensed Child Care Network (LCCN) meeting, Adrienne Small Specialist II, Municipal Policy with the City of London, advised the group that at this point the land or operator for the Family Centre has not been determined
- The Journey Together group has identified a shortage of qualified ECE's to fill the anticipated positions required to operate the Indigenous-Led Family Centre. The group is seeking a representative to join the upcoming meeting along with the LCCN at adHOME Creative to prepare a marketing campaign to recruit and retain educators. This marketing campaign was initiated by LCCN and has been funded by the City. This individual from Journey Together would represent the perspective of the indigenous communities.