

East Ferris Early Years Services and Child Care Survey

As part of the East Ferris Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, the Municipality of East Ferris would like to gain a better understanding of the current needs of families with children aged 0-12 years of age, as well as assess food insecurity in the community. Participation in this survey is voluntary and all responses are anonymous.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please direct them to data@dnssab.ca.

1. Do you live in the Municipality of East Ferris (i.e. Astorville or Corbeil)?

☐ Yes ☐ No (if yes, continue; if no, redirect out of survey)

2. Do you have a child (children) between the ages of 0 and 12 years of age?

☐ Yes ☐ No (if yes, continue; if no, redirect out of survey)

Child Care Needs

This next set of questions will ask about your child care needs. Please note that your response will in no way affect your current child care arrangements nor your waitlist status. It will simply help to gain a better understanding of the current situation regarding child care needs for families in East Ferris.

3. Do you have a child (children) between the ages of 0 and 12 years of age that require child care services?

☐ Yes (continue to question 4)

☐ No (go to question 10)

4. In which community would you require care?

☐ Astorville

☐ Corbeil

☐ I could attend a licensed child care centre in either community

☐ Neither (please explain): _____

5. Please indicate the type of child care services that are required. For each type of care required, please indicate the number of children in each age group requiring that type of care. Please note: age is as of December 31, 2022.

	Infant (0-18 mths)	Toddler (19-30 mths)	Preschool (2.5-3.7 yrs)	JK/SK (3.8-6 yrs)	School Age (7-12 yrs)
Full-time (non-school age children)					
Part-time (non-school age children)					
Before School					
After School					
School breaks (Christmas, March break)					
PD Days					
Summer holidays					

6. If you indicated that you require child care, what would be the start date that care is required (MM/DD/YYYY)? _____

7. If you indicated that you require child care, is your child (children) currently on the District of Nipissing Child Care Waitlist Registry?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are looking for licensed child care services (home or centre-based), please visit [DNSSAB Children's Services website](#) for more information and to register for the District of Nipissing Child Care Waitlist Registry.

8. If yes, what was the date (month and year) of your application (MM/YYYY): _____

9. What school, if any, will your child be attending in September 2022?

- ☐ École élémentaire catholique Saint-Thomas D'Aquin
- ☐ Ferris Glen Public School
- ☐ My child will not be attending school in September 2022
- ☐ Other: _____

10. My child or children do not require care at this time because they: (please select only one)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend licensed centre-based care | <input type="checkbox"/> Cared for by parents/guardians |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend licensed home child care | <input type="checkbox"/> Cared for by other family member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend private (non-licensed) care | <input type="checkbox"/> Cared for by non-family member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a recreation program | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent is working from home due to COVID-19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer that my child does not attend child care due to COVID-19 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ | |

11. If you indicated your child is attending a care/recreation program, please indicate the location where care is being provided: _____

Licensed Home Child Care

Licensed Home Child Care is child care that is provided in the private residence of a caregiver. Individual home child care providers are not licensed by the Ministry of Education; they are contracted by home child care agencies that are licensed by the ministry.

An individual home child care provider that is overseen by a licensed agency can care for up to six children under the age of 13, which must include any of their own children under the age of four.

12. If licensed home child care spaces were available in East Ferris, would you be interested in that as a child care option?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in Astorville | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in Corbeil | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |

13. Are you or someone you know interested in starting a licensed home child care business?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
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If you or someone you know interested in a career in Early Childhood Education or starting a licensed home child care business, please visit [DNSSAB Children's Services website](#) for more information!

EarlyON Child & Family Centres

EarlyON Child and Family Centres offer free, high-quality programs for families and children from birth to 6 years old. EarlyON Centres are dedicated to supporting the relationships between families and their children by giving them a place where they can come together and engage in positive, meaningful experiences.

For more information and to see the EarlyON Centres available in the District of Nipissing, please visit [DNSSAB Children's Services website](#) EarlyON page.

14. If you have children between the ages of 0-6 years of age, have you attended an EarlyON Child & Family Centre?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable (no children of that age group)

(If no, go to question 16; if not applicable, skip to question 18)

15. If yes, what site(s) have you attended (select all that apply):

- ☐ EarlyON Ferris Glen ☐ EarlyON Mobile Program (off-site programs)
☐ Other: _____

16. If you have not attended an EarlyON Child & Family Centre, please explain why.

17. If a permanent EarlyON Child & Family Centre site was available in Astorville, would you consider attending?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Food Insecurity

18. Do you have a child (children) aged **0 to 12 months** living in your home on a regular basis?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No (if yes, continue; if no, skip to question 24)

19. How many children in your home are aged **0 to 12 months**? _____

20. Is your child (children):

- ☐ Breastfed (skip to question 22)
- ☐ Formula fed (continue to question 21)
- ☐ Combination of both (continue to question 21)

21. Do you ever find yourself with insufficient money to purchase infant formula?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

22. On a regular basis, do you find yourself with insufficient money to purchase baby food items for your child (children) aged 0 to 12 months?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

23. On a regular basis, do you find yourself with insufficient money to purchase diapers for your child (children) aged 0 to 12 months?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

24. Thinking about your **family as a whole**, which of the following statements best describes the food eaten in your household in the past 12 months?

- ☐ You and other household members always had enough of the kinds of foods you wanted to eat.
- ☐ You and other household members had enough to eat, but not always the kinds of food you wanted.
- ☐ Sometimes you and other household members did not have enough to eat.
- ☐ Often you and other household members did not have enough to eat.

25. Which of the following food items (if any) do you NOT purchase on a regular basis due to insufficient household money: (select all that apply)

- ☐ Fresh Fruit
- ☐ Fresh Vegetables
- ☐ Meat (chicken, beef, pork)
- ☐ Fish (salmon, tuna, frozen fish, etc.)
- ☐ Bread
- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Dairy Products (milk, cheese, yogurt, etc.)
- ☐ Whole grains (beans, lentils, etc.)
- ☐ Nuts (almonds, pecans, etc.)
- ☐ None of the above

General Community

26. Are there any other early years and child care services (for children 0-12 years of age) that you would like to see in East Ferris? Please explain.

27. Do you have any other comments that you would like to share regarding this survey?

Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback!