



# EarlyON | Oak Creek

80 Tartan Avenue, Kitchener  
February 2023

## Drop-In, Stay, Play and Explore with us!

We are funded by the [Ministry of Education](#) and offer free drop-in learning environments and experiences for children birth to age 6 and their parents and caring adults. Our Drop-In environment is open any time our centre is open. We provide a variety of developmentally appropriate, fun, and interactive learning opportunities for you and your child to discover together with other families. Have a question? Looking for a resource? Our EarlyON professionals are onsite to support you. Additional programs are outlined in the calendar below. Come visit us today!

EarlyON | Oak Creek is co-located with the Huron Community Centre in Oak Creek Public School. This site is operated by the YMCA of Three Rivers. Our team can be reached by calling 519-741-8585 x 3001. The [Region of Waterloo](#) is the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager for EarlyON Child and Family Centres in Waterloo Region.

## Planned Closures: Monday, February 20th

**Unplanned Closures:** Will be posted on our social media accounts (@EarlyONWR)

Monday 9:30-4:30pm	Tuesday 9:30-4:30pm	Wednesday 9:30-4:30pm	Thursday 9:30-4:30pm	Friday 9:30-12:00pm		
<b>Drop In for Children and their Parents and other Caring Adults</b>						
10:30-12:00 Sleep and Your New Baby® (0-12 weeks) Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:30-11:30 <b>Baby Connections®</b> Feb 7 – Feb 28 (6-12 months)	10:00-11:00 <b>Breastfeeding Buddies</b> <b>Latch &amp; Learn Drop In</b>	10:30-11:30 S.T.E.A.M. for Preschoolers (2-6 years)	10:30-11:00 Music and Movement (0-6 years)		
10:30-11:00 Music and Movement (0-6 years)	1:00-1:30 Read and Relax (0-6 years)	11:00-11:30 Baby and Me (0-12 months)	2:00-2:30 Music and Movement (0-6 years)			
1:00-1:30 Baby and Me (0-12 months)		2:00-2:30 Ready, Set, Move (0-6 years)				
<b>Explore</b>	<b>Innovate</b>	<b>Play</b>	<b>Investigate</b>	<b>Connect</b>	<b>Learn</b>	<b>Discover</b>

- All adults attending EarlyON are required to have a [KEyON account](#). For support with KEyON, visit our [EarlyON Experience](#) page, watch or "[How to Use KEyON](#)" video series, email [earlyyearsinfo@ytr.ymca.ca](mailto:earlyyearsinfo@ytr.ymca.ca) or call 519-741-8585 x 3001.
- Programs marked with ® require pre-registration at [www.KEyON.ca](http://www.KEyON.ca). For more information or to register for programs offered by Breastfeeding Buddies, visit their website.
- Please check our Facebook (@EarlyONWR) and twitter accounts (@EarlyONWR) for unplanned closures.



## Connections and Referrals

Parenting and caring for children and youth is not always easy. Often parents and caregivers have many questions and trying to find the right person or community agency to talk to can sometimes be overwhelming. Our EarlyON professionals and onsite community partners can support you with the information or referral resources you are looking for. Ask an EarlyON professional for more information, visit [our website](#) for local resources or meet with one of our onsite community partners.

Community Partner	Dates and Times
<a href="#">Breastfeeding Buddies</a> <a href="#">Latch and Learn</a> Drop In <a href="#">Me Breastfeed</a> Prenatal Workshop. <a href="#">Register here.</a>	Latch and Learns – Wednesdays 10:00 – 11:00am Me Breastfeed Workshop – February 7 <sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm
<a href="#">Waterloo Region Family Network</a> Family Resource Coach No pre-registration required.	Tuesday February 7 <sup>th</sup> 10:00-11:00am
<a href="#">Children and Parents Connecting (CAPC)</a>	Wednesday February 1 <sup>st</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 -12:00pm
<a href="#">Monarch House Screening Clinic</a> 30 minute Early Identification Screening	February 7 <sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 3:00pm <b>30 minute appointment times. Each child requires their own appointment. The child's parent/legal guardian must attend the appointment.</b>
<a href="#">University of Waterloo School of Optometry</a> Eye Exams for Children 6 months to 6 years of Age <a href="#">Book your appointment here.</a>	Thursday March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Various appointment times between 9:30am – 2:30pm <b>Each child requires their own appointment. The child's parent/legal guardian must attend the appointment.</b>
<a href="#">Zero2Six</a> Children's Mental Health Consultation. <a href="#">Register here.</a>	Friday February 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>Various appointment times between 10:00am - 11:30am</b> <b>Each child requires their own appointment. The child's parent/legal guardian must attend the appointment.</b>

**For registration support, or questions about On-Site Services offered, contact our EarlyON Admin Team 519-741-8585 x 3001 or via email at [earlyyearsinfo@ytr.ymca.ca](mailto:earlyyearsinfo@ytr.ymca.ca)**

## Planning your Visit to EarlyON

We encourage all families to read our [EarlyON Experience page](#) to help you to plan for each visit. Virtual tours of centre-based locations are available on our [Locations Near Me](#) page. A [virtual tour](#) of EarlyON | Oak Creek is available on our [website](#). If you do not have access to internet, please call our EarlyON Admin team at 519-741-8585 x 3001 and they will help to answer your questions about what to expect before your visit. For information on the programs and services offered at other EarlyON Centres, mobile sites or online, ask an EarlyON professional; visit [KEYON](#) or visit our [EarlyON | Waterloo Region website](#).

## Parent Permission to Attend

If your child will be attending an EarlyON without their parent or legal guardian, please ensure that you complete a new [Parent Attestation form](#). If the parent/legal guardian does not complete the Parent Attestation prior to the child's visit to the EarlyON, the child will not be able to attend the program that day. For more information, please call us at 519-741-8585 x 3001 or email us at [earlyyearsinfo@ytr.ymca.ca](mailto:earlyyearsinfo@ytr.ymca.ca)

## Health and Wellness

Your family is welcome to bring a meal or snack and eat together in our snack area. Please notify our team at the beginning of each visit if you or your child has severe allergies. We try to minimize illness by practicing good hygiene and disinfecting toys regularly. We follow Public Health guidelines and ask that you remain home if you or your child are ill. We ask that you return only after you have had symptoms improving for 24-hours, or in the case of diarrhea or vomiting, 48-hours symptom-free. If you exhibit symptoms within the EarlyON, you will be asked to end your visit early.

## Social Media @EarlyONWR

We would love to connect with you and your family on social media! If you take a picture of your family enjoying our sites, please share the picture with us on-line. Please follow us online for updates and community information. You can also [sign up for our newsletter](#) to receive monthly updates directly to your inbox.