

My Centre is in Trouble

Financial pressures together with changes to the child care system can put centres into deep financial crisis. Here are the tools to help your Board of Directors if you are facing the possibility of closure.

- Develop a common message about your situation
- Think about what kind of help or solution may:
 - give your centre more time, or
 - make your centre be viable
- Perform a Community Scan (see *Community Scan*)
- Communicate with and explain the situation to:
 - your local Municipal Service Manager or City Child Care Consultant
 - your staff and / or home child care providers
 - your parents and families
 - your community allies and funders
- Contact the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care and let them know your centre is in jeopardy
- Find out if your Municipal Service Manager has a closure plan or information to help your Board of Directors
- Ask you Municipal Child Care Representative to attend a meeting with parents from your centre
- Seek legal advice as soon as possible regarding human resources issues:
 - especially for layoffs or terminations
- Contact your City Councillor and Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP)
 - Explain the impact on children and families in your community and ask them what they can do
 - see *Contacting your MPP / City Councillor*

Complete the Financial Pressures Survey online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/financialpressuresurvey>
or download the survey from our website: <http://www.childcareontario.org/?p=3677>

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