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Attention Senior Kindergarten Parents and Caregivers! OKN Launches its 2023 Kindergarten Parent Survey, Open until June 26

Halton - Our Kids Network (OKN) is thrilled to announce the launch of its [2023 Kindergarten Parent Survey \(KPS\)](#). The KPS, conducted every three years except for the pandemic period, provides parents and caregivers in Halton with a platform to share their experiences and opinions on crucial topics such as childcare, child health, nutrition, and parenting. In the 6th cycle in 2018, 2681 parents and caregivers participated, a response rate of 44%. Explore the interactive [infographic](#) to view the 2018 results.

Since its inception in 2003, the KPS has played a pivotal role in empowering Halton families by giving them a voice and shedding light on the challenges and opportunities they face. With over 14,717 families having participated to date, the survey has become an essential tool in shaping services and support systems for families throughout Halton.



The impact of the KPS results goes beyond mere data collection. They serve as a foundation for various organizations and institutions in Halton, including schools, libraries, child and youth services, faith-based organizations, and mental health services. These entities rely on the survey findings to create programs and initiatives that align with the specific needs and concerns expressed by parents in the survey.

One notable program that emerged from the KPS results is the "[Ready Set Go!](#)" webpages, a collaborative effort between the Halton District School Board, the Halton Catholic District School Board, EarlyON Centres, and Halton Public Health. These webpages serve as a comprehensive resource, assisting families and their children in making a smooth transition to kindergarten.

Moreover, OKN's Early Years Initiative has utilized the KPS data to collaborate with local communities, resulting in the development of tailored resources and activities focused on early childhood development and kindergarten transition. Through the collaborative efforts of six community groups, these programs have effectively addressed the most pressing needs at the local level.

OKN firmly believes that every parent and caregiver's voice matters, and they encourage active participation in the [Kindergarten Parent Survey](#) to collectively shape the future of the community. The valuable feedback received through the survey enables informed decision-making that directly benefits families across Halton.

About Our Kids Network:

Our Kids Network is a community-wide partnership dedicated to promoting the well-being and healthy development of children and families in Halton. Through collaboration and data-driven initiatives, OKN aims to create a supportive environment where every child has the opportunity to thrive.

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