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Presentation Topic

Advocacy and Support of Childcare policy

Presentation includes slides No

Previously presented topic No

Presentation Details

Childcare is an important social and economic issue in Niagara and for WIN Councils advocacy. WIN supports reports from the OCC that a comprehensive childcare policy needs to be in place to assist in the Shecovery for women in Niagara as a result of the ongoing pandemic. WIN would speak in support of the reports, committee direction and the regions efforts to support childcare policy.

Video Consent

Yes



Presentation Points – Grace Eldajani – Vice Chair

Women in Niagara Council

Thank you for allowing me to be part of the conversation this evening about this very important advocacy initiative for WIN.

WIN wants to ensure that Regional Council knows how critical child care is - not just as a social service - but as an economic imperative and for the future health and prosperity of our communities. This has been a week filled with important conversations pertaining to childcare and we want to continue the momentum.

Synopsis of asks for Council which will be spoken to in further detail (3 key areas)

- 1. To work with the province through the negotiating phase to focus on funded child care model.
- 2. Continue to work with post secondary schools to provide programming to build the labour force of qualified Early Childhood educators.
- 3. To ensure that licenced and registered child care providers are paid at a minimum a living wage