

# Grand Avenue Children's Centre Program Statement

## PROGRAM STATEMENT: Effective May, 2016

Grand Avenue Children's Centre is committed to the **well-being** of each child and seek out opportunities to strengthen connections in our community; **engaging** our stakeholders and fostering **expression** by encouraging self-discovery and continuous learning for both children and staff members; including multi-generational, art and music experiences.

### Methodology

Grand Avenue Children's Centre is committed to providing the highest standards of quality for children, family and community using "How Does Learning Happen?" Ontario Pedagogy for the Early Years (2014) as a guide under the Child Care and Early Years Act.

*How Does Learning Happen? Ontario Pedagogy for the Early Years (2014) is a document to be used for the purposes of guiding licensed childcare programs. This professional learning resource will support early years' programs and will inspire critical reflection discussion among the staff, the children and their families (minister's policy statement on programming and pedagogy made under the Child Care and Early Years Act subsection 55(3)2014)*

### Play-Based Learning

Grand Ave Children's Centre believes that encouraging children to think creatively enables them to succeed in a complex and ever changing world. Purposeful play enables children to learn and discover at their own rate in unstructured and structure initiations of play.

Grand Ave views children as thinkers by encouraging them to make choices and decisions that lead them to reflect about their world.

Our centre's ambition is to provide a secure, caring and stimulating environment in which relationships can evolve and each child's identity and sense of self is valued.

We shall facilitate play in a pedagogical direction for children to develop in the indoor and outdoor environments.

### Governance

Grand Ave Board of Directors **will support the Ministry of Education regulations** to foster the **belonging** of each child, family and staff member; providing professional, respectful, inclusive child centered care in London's Old South community. The Board of Directors has a mandate to provide leadership, accountability, financial and evaluation of the ongoing operations of the Grand Ave Children's Centre. Our Board regulations stipulate a minimum of 5 meetings annually, one being Annual General Meeting where all parents and interested community partners may attend and members will have the

Ministry Approval Date:

