

Generations Connected at Perley Health

Sharing news about the Intergenerational Early Learning Centre

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Welcome to the seventh edition of our **Generations Connected** newsletter, your home for project schedules, safety measures, programming information and opportunities to support.

Andrew Fleck Children's Services Intergenerational Early Learning Centre at Perley Health is a partnership between Perley Health, which provides a community of care and services for Seniors and Veterans; the Perley Health Foundation, which raises and manages funds to support programs, services, and capital needs; and Andrew Fleck Children's Services (AFCS), a non-profit organization that operates child care centres across the region.

Read recent updates and visit our webpage: PerleyHealth.ca/generations-connected

Children's Inclusion Support Services: Supporting Inclusive Child Care in Ottawa

By: Tara Matte, Director, Children's Inclusion Support Services



Children's Inclusion Support Services (CISS) plays a vital role in supporting inclusive child care across the City of Ottawa. CISS provides services in both **English and French** to licensed child care programs, including nursery schools, child care centers, and home child care agencies. The focus is on promoting the full inclusion of children with exceptional needs, ensuring that all children have meaningful opportunities to learn, grow, and participate alongside their peers.

Under the **Child Care and Early Years Act**, a child with special needs is defined as a child whose cognitive, physical, social, emotional, communicative, or overall developmental needs require additional support. **CISS** supports children with a wide range of exceptional needs by collaborating with child care programs to create welcoming environments that support full participation.



CISS offers several types of support to help programs meet the diverse needs of children. **Resource Consultants** provide ongoing consultative support by suggesting strategies to adapt activities, enhance learning environments, and strengthen inclusive practices. Using a team-based approach, they help develop a functional **Collaborative Inclusion Plan** tailored to each child. **Behavior Consultants** work alongside Resource Consultants to support teaching teams in addressing challenging behaviours and building skills to better meet children's needs. **Inclusion Facilitators** assist with implementing recommended strategies directly in licensed programs, supporting knowledge transfer and skill development among educators.

In addition to consultative services, **Enhanced Staff Support Funding** may be available to eligible child care programs. This funding allows programs to hire a program assistant to provide additional support when enrolling a child with higher support needs, helping to ensure a positive and inclusive experience for both the child and the program. **CISS** also offers a variety of **training opportunities** for child care professionals and others working with children with exceptional needs, further strengthening inclusive practices across the sector.

Families typically access **CISS** supports through their licensed child care programs or **directly through the intake service**, which helps connect families and programs to appropriate support. Child care programs work collaboratively with **CISS** staff to determine services based on each child's needs. The impact of **CISS** is evident in improved inclusion outcomes, strengthened educator capacity, and enriched child care environments where children with exceptional needs are supported to thrive.

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Andrew Fleck Children's Services Intergenerational Early Learning Centre at Perley Health Update

Project Completion: 77%

A Bookplate That Connects Generations

Perley Health Foundation is proud to introduce a meaningful new initiative that celebrates the power of reading stories to bring generations together. Supporters who make a donation before March 31 will be recognized with a personalized bookplate placed inside a children's book.

This is a heartfelt way to celebrate your generosity and share in the joy of reading!

Each bookplate represents more than a name. It symbolizes your commitment to creating moments of connection between seniors, Veterans, and children. Every time a book is opened, and a story is shared, your support becomes part of that experience, helping spark conversations, learning, and joy across generations.

There are several easy ways to give.

- Online at PerleyHealthFoundation.ca/bridging-generations
- Call the Foundation office at 613-526-7173
- Come say hello and visit the Foundation office 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday

Every gift makes a difference and is sincerely appreciated.

Answers to Your Frequently Asked Questions

The Andrew Fleck Children's Services Intergenerational Early Learning Centre at Perley Health promises to become a place where generations connect and thrive together. As we prepare for our 2026 opening, we have compiled a comprehensive list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) to keep you informed about every aspect of this innovative program.

Whether you are a Perley Health employee or a community member interested in our "Bridging Generations" campaign, our FAQ provides answers to the most common questions.

Why Consult the FAQ?

- Understand the transition to the next phase of registration and find out when applicants will be notified.
- Get specific information on our 49 licensed spaces.
- Read about how the Perley Health Centre of Excellence in Frailty-Informed Care™ ensures our programming is grounded in research for both seniors and children.
- Learn about the subsidy programs.

Stay connected as we build a community where generations grow together.

Visit the FAQ Webpage Here: PerleyHealth.ca/generations-connected

Have a question we haven't addressed? Email us at info@perleyhealth.ca.

We are committed to providing you with a response and will consider your input for future updates to the FAQ document.

Your Safety is Our Top Priority

Your safety is paramount throughout this construction project. Please help us keep everyone safe by paying close attention to all signs and following all safety directions in and around construction areas.

Free hearing protection is available from the Support Services offices on the second floor of the Perley Centre for anyone affected by the noise disruptions construction may cause.

Stay Informed

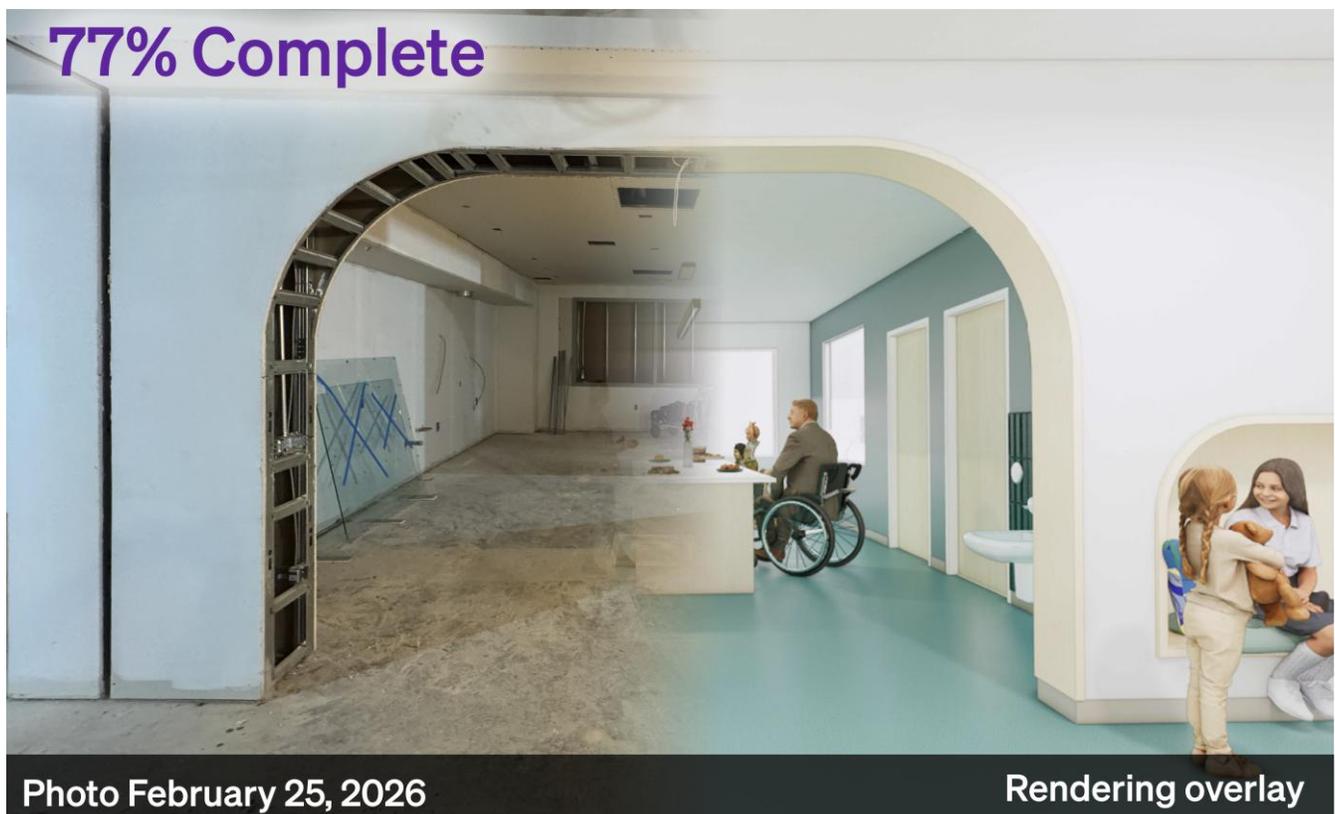
We frequently produce two newsletters: one provides construction updates and the second is dedicated to all topics related to the Intergenerational Early Learning Centre.

Print: Copies are available throughout the Perley Health community.

Online:

1. Visit our Generations Connected webpage for updates, FAQs and more:
PerleyHealth.ca/generations-connected
2. Access the Construction Newsletter:
PerleyHealth.ca/public-announcement

For questions or concerns, please contact info@PerleyHealth.ca.



It's exciting to see the interior work taking shape. Compare the rendering (right) to the current progress (left).