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The HUB Child & Family Centre (The HUB), formerly known as Prince Edward Child Care Services (PECCS) was established as a non-profit, charitable organization in 1989. The HUB is an organization dedicated to providing the families of the County of Prince Edward with quality early learning and childcare services. We do this through the provision of a number of programs and services focusing on children 0-12 years old and their extended families.

We were a small operation incorporated in 1989 to offer a HUB of services for parents and children. The establishment and operation of an umbrella organization to co-ordinate and develop a network of quality child care services to meet the varying needs of the children and parents of Prince Edward County, recognizing the isolated and rural aspects of the area, by: (the bullet points below are from our letters patent of services for our agency)

- Identifying needs and gaps in existing child care services and developing suitable new or expanded programs to meet these needs; Promoting the availability of these services;
- Educating and supporting parents in choosing and monitoring child care arrangements;
- Coordinating and promoting information and resource sharing between the various child care services, and such other complementary purposes not inconsistent with these objectives.

We began with a small space at the back of the local health unit in Picton offering some outreach in church and town hall spaces in Waupoos, Milford, Wellington and Consecon. Most staff worked part-time hours. The community demand for more services increased our outreach greatly, where now we offer 10 weekly outreach playgroups groups, most located in schools.

We are also renting a space in Picton which houses The HUB's EarlyON and bookkeeping staff. The Rick Hotston Centre at 5 McFarland Drive, is home-base for eight EarlyON playgroups/programs and administration support staff.

The next stage in providing for families will be the expansion.

