

BWDSB Community Planning and Partnership meeting, Tuesday June 13 2017

Kids & Us - incorporated 1986; currently 6 daycare centres in Bruce & Grey Counties; 7 B&A Kids club programs in area schools; 48 permanent staff, 35 temporary staff; \$2.4 million budget but no capital reserves; long history of working with BWDSB – for example, the new DC centre in Dundalk Proton School; strong supporter of the Schools-First Child Care Capital Retrofit Policy, putting our DC centres in or adjacent to schools where possible. Plans of expansion to provide further service to the communities.

1. Markdale – daycare centre in Grey Gables, B&A in Beavercrest and Macphail; part of Beavercrest Community Hub planning group – new community hub next to/part of a new school
2. Durham – daycare centre in Rockwood, B&A in Spruce Ridge and Mildmay Catholic; in discussions with BWDSB regarding a new daycare centre on the grounds of Spruce Ridge School
3. Paisley – daycare centre in Paisley school, B&A in Chesley school; DC is a strong centre, concerns about its future with the school closure in 2019
4. Chesley – a B&A program in the school; in discussion with BWDSB regarding the creation of a full daycare centre in the school

Of special concern is the need to address transportation issues when a centre is not immediately adjacent to a school. In particular in Midmay, the B&A is in the Catholic school, so there is a need to get children from the public school to that site. Similarly in Markdale, where the DC is in Grey Gables, there is a transportation need from Beavercrest to the DC.