

Our Children
Our Future

Nos enfants
notre avenir





INTRODUCTION

Our Children, Our Future/Nos enfants, notre avenir (OCOOF/Nena) is a community-based, not-for-profit organization providing licensed child care, EarlyON and family services, after-school programs, and food security initiatives across Greater Sudbury and surrounding areas.

Serving urban, rural, and francophone communities, the organization ensures families have equitable access to essential supports. OCOOF/Nena's programs strengthen families, support early childhood development, address food insecurity, and help parents participate in the workforce, reducing long-term pressure on municipal services.

Through community partnerships and initiatives like Healthy Food for Kids, the organization also responds to urgent needs, such as infant nutrition and emergency food access.

Guided by its 2025–2030 Strategic Plan, OCOOF/Nena focuses on community impact, becoming an employer of choice, and sustainable growth to support the well-being of children and families across the region.



2025-2030 STRATEGIC PLAN



OUR MISSION

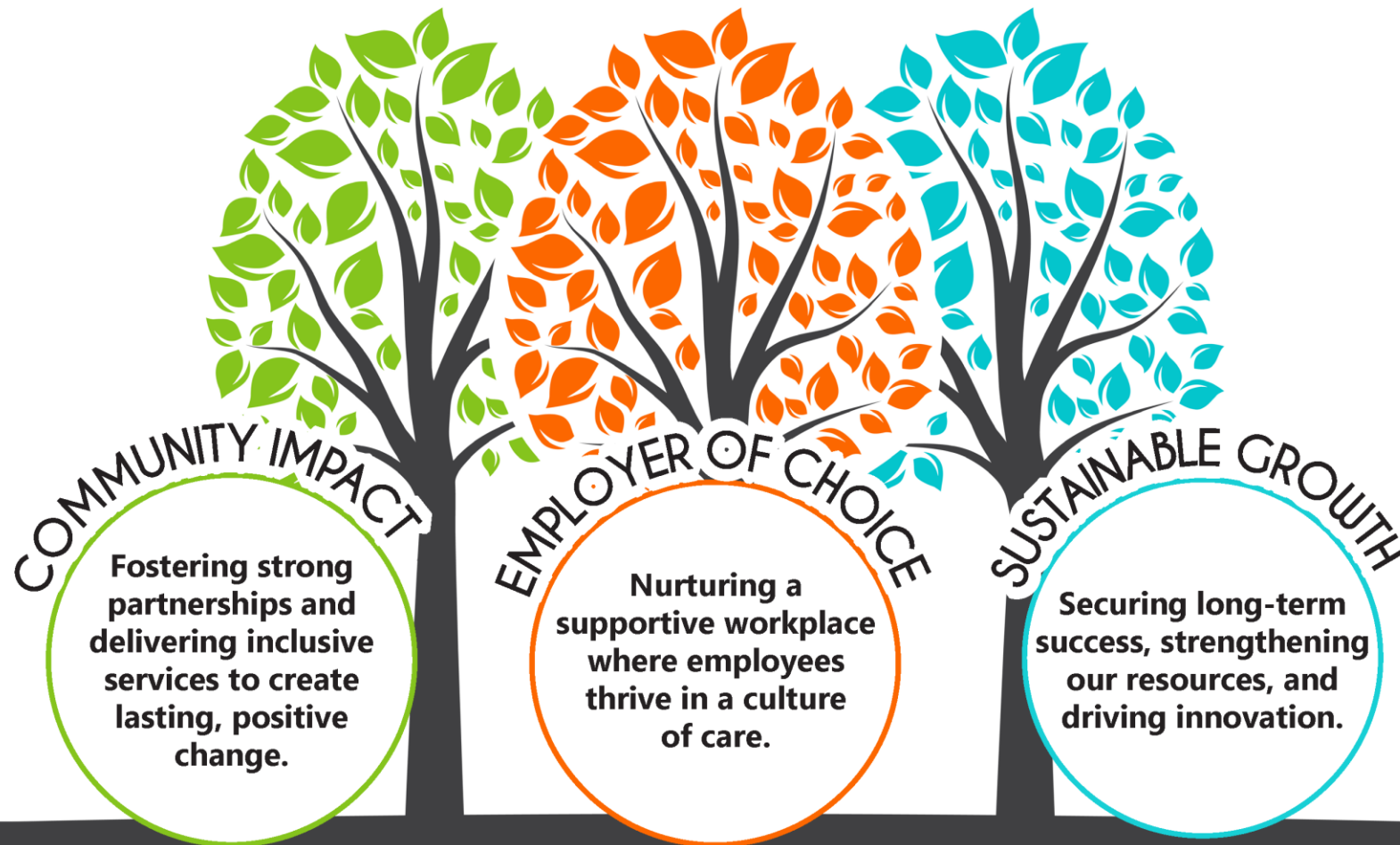
Meeting the diverse needs of children, families, and communities through our programs and services to build a healthy future.

OUR VISION

To continuously grow as a leader in making a difference in the lives of children and families in our communities.

OUR VALUES

Collaboration, Inclusiveness, Responsiveness



LICENSED CHILD CARE SERVICES

- Child care as a welcoming community where children and families feel they belong.
- Guided by How Does Learning Happen?, supporting well-being, curiosity, and engagement.
- Play-based learning for children from infancy to age 12 that encourages growth, confidence, and exploration.
- Inclusive, thoughtfully designed environments that inspire creativity and reflect children's interests.
- Outdoor play and nature experiences that build physical literacy, confidence, and connection to the world.
- Strong partnerships with families through open, respectful communication and shared commitment to each child's learning and joy.



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- OCOF/Nena operates two After School Programs in Sudbury:
 - 1960 Paris Street – funded by the Ministry of Sport
 - Place Hurtubise (1978 Lasalle Blvd) – supported by a Desjardins donation
- Programs support children and families in priority neighbourhoods.
- Focus on physical literacy, outdoor play, healthy eating, wellness, and personal health education.
- Also include academic support, arts, culture, and locally identified needs.
- Free programming for school-age children.
- Summer expansion to full-day programs, funded by the City of Greater Sudbury.





PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Our EarlyON and Family Resource programs offer children and families a warm, welcoming environment that fosters participation, learning, and connection through a wide range of programs and services:

- Designed primarily for children from birth to 6 years old, with specialized programs extending to age 12;
- Play-based learning opportunities that support healthy child development;
- Access to resources and guidance from a multidisciplinary team with expertise in early childhood development, parenting, and family well-being;
- Prenatal programming and early supports for expectant parents;
- Parenting programs, discussion groups, and workshops that build confidence, skills, and peer connection;
- Information, referrals and navigation support for specialized community programs and services;
- Opportunities to build meaningful connections with other families and children;
- Strong collaborative partnerships that enhance and expand supports for families;
- Food security initiatives, including food education and hands-on learning experiences.



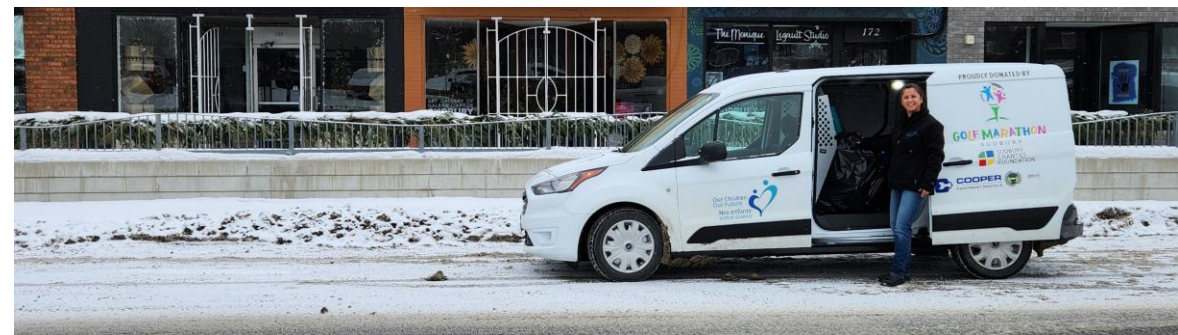
HEALTHY FOOD FOR KIDS

- Local fundraising initiative supporting access to healthy food for children and families in our community.
- Aims to reduce food insecurity and stress for vulnerable families by integrating healthy food and warm meals into all programs.
- Funds support:
 - Infant Food Cupboard – infant formula, milk, and diapers
 - Cooking programs offered to parents/caregivers – healthy meals on a budget, nutrition education, and cooking skills
 - Cooking with Kids workshops – teaching children basic cooking skills and healthy snack choices
 - Healthy food in all programs for families in need
- Family Resource Workers collaborate with Public Health and Food Banks.
- Over 1,000 vulnerable families with young children are supported regularly.
- Goal: a community where no child goes hungry.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **Toy Drives** – Annual campaign providing Christmas gifts to local children; over 1,000 children receive a new toy each year through partners such as Canadian Tire Tree of Dreams, Hart Stores (Chelmsford & Hanmer), and the Cacciotti Family in memory of Everett.
- **Adopt-A-Family Campaign** – Community partners and individuals help provide food hampers and toys to families experiencing hardship during the holidays.
- **Winter Clothing Drive** – Collection and distribution of gently used winter clothing (coats, snowsuits, boots, hats, scarves, mittens) for children and families in need.
- **Backpack Program** – Supported by Golf Marathon Sudbury, providing 125 vulnerable children with backpacks, school supplies, a lunch bag with a food card, and new running shoes to help them start the school year prepared and confident.
- **Second Harvest Food Rescue** – Initiative focused on reducing food waste while providing food to families in need.





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