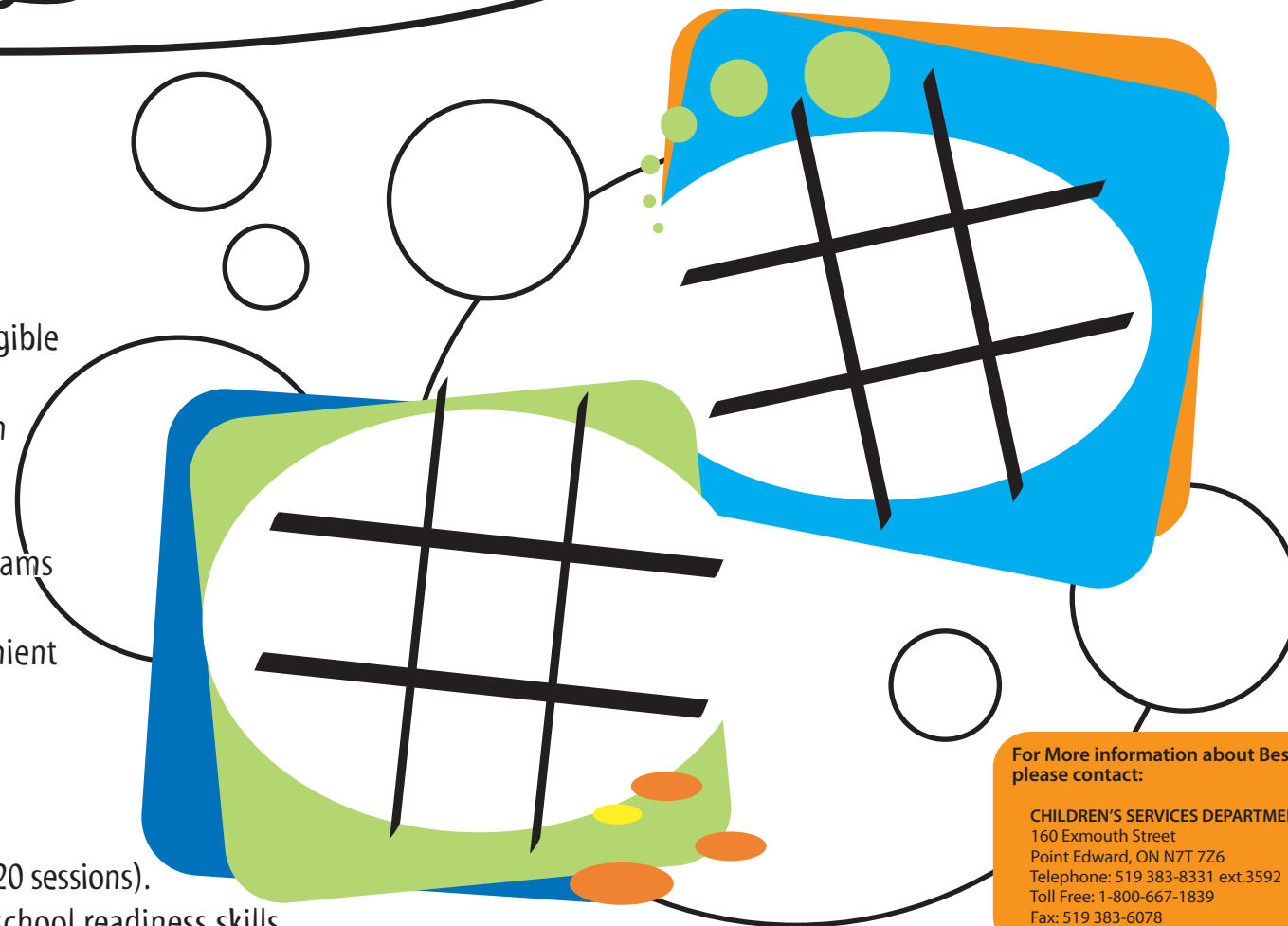


WHAT IS BEST START?



Includes:

- Newborn and infant screening
- Infant hearing programs
- Speech and language services
- Licensed child care spaces
 - Many located in elementary schools
 - Changes to enable more families to be eligible for financial assistance
- Public Health programs and parent education
- Healthy Babies Healthy Children
- Nutrition and breakfast programs
- Ontario Early Years Centres and literacy programs
- Best Start Hubs
 - Best Start services delivered from convenient and easily accessed locations.
- An Early Learning Program
 - Children can participate in 2.5 hours of free early learning for up to 10 sessions a month in most locations (Forest / Arkona 20 sessions).
- Children work on acquiring age appropriate school readiness skills.



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Best Start is a community initiative that brings **local government, school boards, and community agencies** together. Serving families with new born children to 6 years of age together with parents to plan and **deliver enhanced early learning ,child care services and programs for families.**



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