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## Note:

The inclusion of a computer in an early years setting was seen as a benefit to both ECEs and children over the age of 2 years, despite that the computer may have been intimidating to some staff. Computer use by ECEs was lower than hoped, mainly due to a lack of familiarity with computers and computer programs: some educators noted they would use the computer more if they had some training in areas like word processing and internet searching. Recommendations: assist with initial set-up of computer equipment, provide the necessary equipment for this environment, place computers in preschool and older rooms (age 3 and older), place computers in heavily subsidized centres, provide training, provide extra equipment and some form of protection from inappropriate web sites.

## Abstract:

During 2004, Let's Talk Science and Computers for Schools identified a unique opportunity to work together to meet their missions and subsequently, a pilot project in London, Ontario was initiated to determine its feasibility. Our shared vision is, ultimately, for every licensed Canadian childcare centre, which is using Wings of Discovery to be eligible to receive a computer from Computers for Schools. The computers would be used by early childhood educators for research and training purposes and by children for an introduction to technology and completion of Wings of Discovery activities.