

Journey to SSCY

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Our program at the Robertson School site was thriving when we decided to submit an expression of interest to open a second site in the new SSCY centre. This new space would be licensed for 48 preschoolers, including 16 infants.

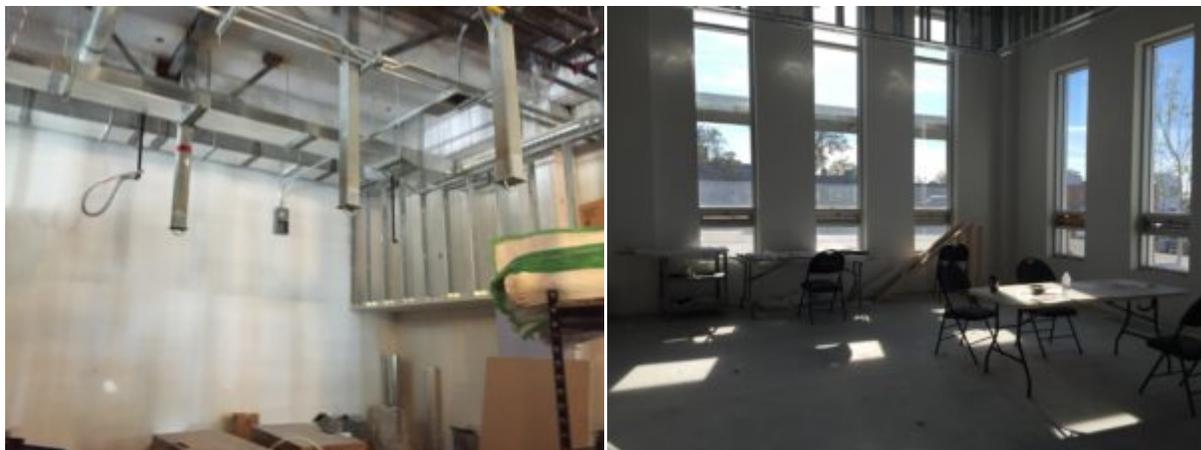
In October 2012 we were awarded this wonderful opportunity to expand our business.

"Specialized Services for Children and Youth (SSCY) is an initiative focused on the integration and, where possible, co-location, of services for Manitoba children and youth with disabilities and special needs. The initiative addresses the many recommendations made over the past decade to improve the coordination and integration of services for children and families. It is also in keeping with the direction that the provincial government and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) have been taking in integrating services and ensuring improved client centred service". (SSCY website, 2016)

Over the last several years I was asked to be a member of the site management committee, safety and health committee, organizational effectiveness committee and the intersectoral working group committee. Typically these meetings took place every two weeks.

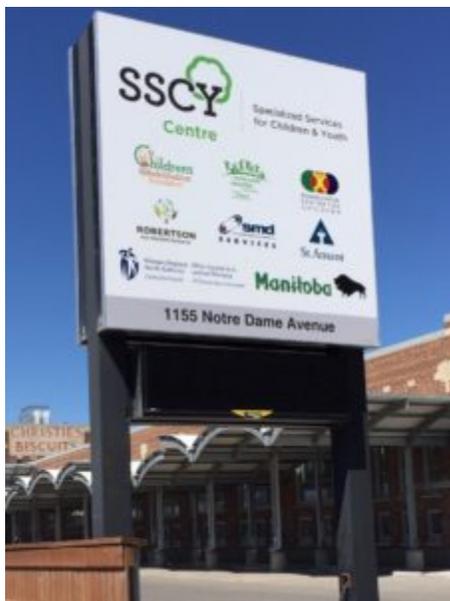
During this time my days were spent reviewing, revising and recreating all of our operational documents to reflect this new site and our partnership with SSCY and all of the many co locating partners. We needed 20 Educators for this location and our waitlist continued to grow each and every day!

On occasion the site management committee was able to walk through this 94,000 sq Christies Biscuit Historic building, located at 1155 Notre Dame Avenue in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



In January 2016 I contacted Alana Chernecki from *brillante who helped me curate and style the interior space. We worked closely together for many months as she helped me bring my vision into a reality. Choosing different equipment and furnishings full of colour, texture and print enriching ascetics!

On May 24, 2016 the official signage is up we moved in! We are so grateful to the entire REEP program, the SSCY Centre, and to our generous donors the Moffat Family Fund and The Winnipeg Foundation, and everyone who helped us during this journey.



“Walk through the doors of Robertson Early Enrichment Program, and one is immediately awestruck by an environment that is not only beautiful, but thoughtfully curated with the child at the center “. (Chernecki, 2016)

At Robertson Early Enrichment Program, children are respected and honoured as investigators and researchers, thinkers and communicators, capable of expressing their understanding in a multitude of ways. Children construct their own understanding of the world – through their experiences and interactions within it. This is the rationale for the attention to detail in the beautifully designed programme”. (Chernecki, 2016)



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