



Community Child Care News

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Community Child Care of Ottawa:
32 years of caring!

Licensing

Our Ministry of Education program advisor dropped in to 10 per cent of our homes in early April to check that the Agency is properly ensuring the safety and quality of care of your children. Thanks to the hard work and co-operation of our providers, our licence has been renewed for another year.

Our program advisor from the Ministry of Education made only a couple of small recommendations for improvement and we are following up with our providers to implement those recommendations. We were very pleased that the advisor noticed an increase in the amount and quality of programming that our providers are doing.

Introducing Marianne Bowman

Please welcome Marianne Bowman to Community Child Care. Marianne is our new administration assistant and has taken over many of Lisa Adam's duties. We wish Lisa all the best in her new position with the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre!

How Does Learning Happen?

Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years

The Ministry of Education recently released a new document that supplements the Early Learning for Every Child Today curriculum document that we have been working with for the past year or so.

The new document is a resource about learning through relationships for those who work

with young children and their families.

The Agency's child care advisors are participating in a webinar that will introduce *How Does Learning Happen?*, share related resources and discuss how the document can be integrated across the province.

To read the new document on line go to:
www.edu.gov.on.ca/childdcare/pedagogy.html

Find more information about ELECT on line at
www.children.gov.on.ca



Weather Reminders

With May showers comes a need for: rain boots, extra socks, and changes of clothing. Puddles are fun!

And before you know it, summer will be here and children will need protection from the sun.

Please send your children with a hat every day.

If you use them, please supply your provider with bug spray and sunscreen along with a signed authorization form.

If you do not want sunscreen used on your child, make sure you send a wide-brimmed hat and light, long-sleeved shirt.



Provider Training

With summer approaching our popular Coffee Connections training for providers will be suspended until September.

Providers have had the opportunity:

- to see a way of setting up their playspace to accommodate a range of children's ages,
- to learn about community resources available in the Kanata area,
- to discuss children's social and emotional development,

- to learn how changing their physical environment can affect behaviour,
- and to explore the essentials of ELECT.

The agency again hosted First Aid trainings to ensure that all our providers are First Aid/CPR qualified.

Many of our providers are also giving up their evenings and weekends to take advantage of training and workshops offered by other organizations.

About half a dozen of our providers are currently studying Early Childhood Education at Algonquin College, and our roster boasts several graduates as well.

Hats off to the providers for pursuing these professional development opportunities.

Spring Sniffles and Sneezes

With the change of seasons there has been a lot of sickness: everything from sniffles to the flu. Any time your child is not able to participate in regular indoor and outdoor activities, including school, they are not well enough to be in care. Please arrange to keep your child home when they are sick.

New Legislation Delayed

When the Ontario election was called the Childcare Modernization legislation died on the order paper. That means that there will be NO changes to the rules until after a new government is elected.

Reception Hours

July and August reception hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Evening reception is available until 8:30 p.m. Mondays only.

September to June reception is open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and until 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

Summer holiday plans

Please talk to your provider about any summer holiday plans you or your provider have. If you need alternate care please call your advisor as soon as you know the dates required.