



# Community Child Care News

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## New Outdoor Supervision Agreements

The Agency has a new Outdoor Supervision form that we hope will clarify for you and your provider exactly where each child is permitted to play, how much supervision is expected, and any restrictions on what equipment a child may play on.

For example, your school age child might be mature enough to walk to and from the bus alone, or go to the playground with a buddy for a short time. You might be comfortable with your kindergarten child playing in the provider's back yard with the provider supervising from the window inside the house. You may not want your child using a particular piece of playground equipment. Every child's agreement will be different.

Each child in care will need one of these forms, regardless of age. This is a requirement of the Ministry of Education. Advisors will bring a supply of forms to your provider so that you both can discuss and sign them. An example of the form is included with this newsletter so that you can think about what you want for your child.

The new form will be in effect as soon as it is signed by the parents, the provider and an advisor. Thanks for your cooperation.

## Fall Drop-In

The morning of October 28 was a lot of fun for the children and providers who attended Community Child Care's seasonal drop-in.



A highlight was the water table that we had borrowed from the Early Years Centre. Children practiced pouring water from one container to another and discovering which toys floated and which ones sank.

There were lots of other activities to choose from: painting with big



paintbrushes, play-dough, rolling cars and trucks, books in a quiet corner, and a healthy snack.

Parents are always welcome at our events.



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**Our Amazing Providers**

On October 22 many parents were locked down in their offices or stuck in gridlock because of the shooting at the War Memorial. Our providers, without exception, were prepared to keep the children in care as late as necessary, feed them, put them to bed... whatever was necessary. We called them all, and many had already spoken with you and plans were well in hand. It is a privilege to work with such caring, dedicated people.

**Warm Winter Clothing**

Winter is on its way and your children need mitts and hats, boots, and extra socks. Children need warmer clothes to play outside than they do to travel in the car. Outdoor play every day is healthy for children. Unless there is severe weather, prepare your child to play outside.

**Snowsuit Fund**

The Snowsuit Fund Depot is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is in the Hardini Centre, 225 Donald Street, Ottawa. Go through the red door at the back of the building. You need proof of eligibility, \$10 cash for a new snowsuit (used ones are free), and a bag for the suit. Find more information at: <http://snowsuitfund.com/category/clients/> or call 613-746-5143.

**Provider Training**

In September we held a "Come and Play" evening for our providers. We invited them to come and try out some new activities that support their implementation of Early Learning for Every Child Today (ELECT). Over the next few months advisors will distribute and demonstrate the Come and Play kit to providers who were not able to attend the evening.

Half of our providers have already partici-

pated in some version of ELECT training.

Our popular Coffee Connections community of practice evenings resumed in October. A provider hosted the evening of discussion about provider's attachment to their daycare children and how that can affect development and behaviour.

Several of our providers have graduated as Early Childhood Educators, and several others

are studying at Algonquin College

Hats off to the providers for pursuing these professional development opportunities in their own time.

**Reminder**

The Day Nurseries Act requires that all food and bottles brought into a daycare home must be labelled with your child's name.

**Sick Child?**

With the change of seasons and the start of school there has been a lot of sickness: everything from sniffles to the flu. If your child is not able to participate in regular indoor and outdoor activities, including school, they are not well enough to be in care. To avoid putting your provider and the other children at risk, keep your child home if they have a fever, or vomit or have diarrhea. If your child needs antibiotics of any kind (oral, cream, eye-drops, etc.) keep them home for at least 24 to 48 hours after you start the antibiotic. Children recover faster and are more comfortable when they are at home.



**Legislation Update**

The Child Care Modernization Act, 2014 (Bill 10) has now passed second reading and is in committee. The act is intended to strengthen oversight of the unlicensed child care sector, increase capacity in the licensed child care sector and improve data and information available to parents and the public. We are looking forward to working with updated, modernized legislation.

**Reception Hours**

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.

**Office Hours**

From September to June Community Child Care's office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.