



Community Child Care News

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How Does Learning Happen?

Recently one of our advisors attended a workshop about the province's follow-on to *Early Learning for Every Child Today* (ELECT). The new approach, called *How Does Learning Happen?*, focuses on how we view and relate to children as they learn.

After reviewing recent research, the province has formally recognized that children are **competent, curious, capable learners** who can participate in learning, reflecting and taking some risks.

How Does Learning Happen acknowledges that children need and want relationships and connections with others; children are naturally curious and want to be involved, focused co-educators; children want to communicate in all forms; and children want to be healthy and well, both physically and mentally.

How Does Learning Happen? reinforces that play-based learning is the right approach to use with young children. It emphasizes relationships with parents and that children's accomplishments need to be valued and shared. You can find more information at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/HowLearningHappens.pdf>

March Break for School-Agers

We were delighted to again be able to offer a morning for school-aged children during March Break.



Firefighter Jordan joined us March 19 to teach school-age children about basic fire safety and first aid. The children practiced cleaning a cut and crawling through a smoky room. They timed Jordan as he put on and took off all his firefighter gear: he did it in 30 seconds!

Jordan prepared a bag of information for each child, including a small first aid kit and information for parents.



After a pizza snack, the children declared the morning a success. Parents are always welcome at our events for children.



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Pre-School Drop-In

Each spring and fall the agency hosts a morning for pre-schoolers and their providers. If you had been at the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre April 22 you would have heard the laughter and happy voices of the children engaged in dress-up, playdough, crafts, free-play and, of course, sharing a healthy snack.

These activities are a good opportunity for children to experience a larger group and for providers to converse with other providers and agency advisors. Parents are always welcome at events we plan for the children and providers.



Immunization Reminder

When your pre-school child is immunized, please remember to send a copy of the updated immunization record to the agency. It is a Ministry of Education requirement that we have up-to-date immunization records on file.

You can send immunizations, address changes or any other information to the agency by e-mail to info@communitychildcare.ca or by fax to 613-592-9146.

Provider Training

In February a provider hosted a Coffee Connections evening of discussion about putting your best foot forward when meeting parents.

This provider has an unusual set up as she limits her group to children from 2 to 4 years of age and has set up her space to accommodate a nursery school environment. Providers explored the play space to see

whether they could adapt any of the ideas to their own environment.

First Aid training was offered in April and the next session is scheduled for October. We expect all of our providers to keep their First Aid/CPR qualification up-to-date.

How Does Learning Happen? was the topic for May's Coffee Con-

nections. We talked about children as capable, curious and competent participants in learning, the importance of respect and good communication in relationships with parents, and how providers can work with both parents and children to offer a healthy, nurturing learning environment.

Summer Clothing

Please make sure your child has at least one complete set of extra clothing and is dressed appropriately for the weather. In summer children need hats and light, long-sleeved shirts to be sun-safe. On a rainy day they may jump in puddles so need boots and a raincoat. When it's hot they may need a swimsuit to play with water toys. Outside play is healthy and fun when you are dressed properly for it.

Legislation Update

The Child Care Modernization Act, 2014 (Bill 10) has been passed and received Royal Assent, but will not come into effect until proclaimed by the Lieutenant Governor. When it is in effect the law will be called the *Child Care and Early Years Act*.

There will be new regulations too, but we have not yet been informed as to what they will contain. They are not expected to come into effect before the fall of 2015.

You can find more information on-line at: www.ontario.ca/children-and-youth/child-care-modernization, and at www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills_detail.do?locale=en&BillID=2913

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.

July and August reception is open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Office Hours

From September to June Community Child Care's office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In July and August the office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.