



Community Child Care News

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33 Years of Caring!

Have You Seen the Signs?

To make it easier for parents to know whether their child care provider is monitored by a licensed agency, the Ministry of Education has issued to be distributed to providers who are affiliated with them. Our advisors have started bringing the signs to our providers so look for the bright green sign in a window or on a bulletin board at your provider's home. The agency will collect the sign when a provider stops working with us. The same signs are being used across Ontario.

Providers who do not have a sign may not be affiliated with an agency. Independent providers are not subject to safety inspections or monitoring, and must now disclose to parents that they are not affiliated with an agency.



Free Glasses for JK Children!

As of July 2015, children enrolled in JK (born 2011) are able to access the *Eye See...Eye Learn*® program for the 2015-16 school year. Book your child's exam with a participating optometrist by July 30, 2016 and bring your child's health card the day of the exam.

Children who require glasses will get one pair of fashionable, high-quality, impact-resistant glasses free of charge, courtesy of Nikon Lenswear, OGI Eyewear, and the optometrist.

Go to www.EyeSeeEyeLearn.ca for more information and to find a participating optometrist.

Not in JK? Annual eye exams for all Ontario children 19 and under are covered by OHIP. Glasses are not covered.

Fee Payments

We are pleased to be able to accept fee payments by electronic transfer (as well as cash, cheque, money order and bank draft). If you would like to make your payments electronically, please call Pam or Cheryl at 613-592-4636 for more information.

As of January 1, 2016 parents receiving fee assistance from the City of Ottawa will make their payments directly to the city, not to the agency. Any amounts outstanding must still be paid to the agency.

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.

Winter Clothing

Please make sure your child has at least one complete set of extra clothing and is dressed appropriately for the weather. On a rainy fall day children may jump in puddles so need boots and a raincoat.

When it's cold they need a snowsuit, warm hat and mittens. Remember that your children need to be dressed more warmly for outdoor activities than they do for travelling in the car. We expect our providers to take the children out to play every day.

If you cannot afford snowsuits for your children, the Snowsuit Fund can help. It is located in the Hardini Centre at 225 Donald Street, unit 134, at the back of the building through the red door. New snowsuits cost \$10, used ones are free. You need to bring ID for your child and proof of residence and income. For a list of the documents you need go to <http://snowsuitfund.com/category/clients/>

Pre-School Drop-In

Turnout was lighter than usual for our annual fall drop-in for pre-schoolers October 22 at the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre. Nonetheless, the children who came had fun building with cardboard bricks, reading stories and shaping playdough. Snack was bananas and bagels with cream cheese and jam. Parents are always welcome at our activities for children as they provide an opportunity for you to meet our staff and some of our other providers, and to see your child interact in a larger group.



New Regulations Mean Changes for Providers

Parents may not notice much difference now that the new *Child Care and Early Years Act* and Regulations are in effect, but there are behind-the-scene changes for our providers.

Our providers are now required to take Standard First Aid and Infant/Toddler CPR. This course is four evenings or two full days

and has an exam component. The agency will continue to offer this training for providers.

Providers also have to renew their Vulnerable Sector police records checks every five years, and complete an offence declaration in each of the years a new check is not required.

The agency now has the discretion to place a sixth child in a home. There are strict guidelines to follow to ensure the safety of the children and the continued quality of the programming offered.

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.

Payments and documents left with reception will be kept safe for us. Please write both our name and yours on the envelope.

Allerject® Recall

Does your child with serious allergies use an Allerject® product? If so, return the auto-injector to the pharmacy and ask for a replacement. If you or the parents have questions, call the Allerject Call Centre at 1-855-405-4321.

Sanofi Canada announced a voluntary recall on all Allerject® (epinephrine injection USP), both 0.15mg/0.15ml and 0.3mg/0.3ml strengths, due to potential inaccurate dosages which could lead to serious health consequences in the event of an allergic reaction.

Legislation Update

The *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* and Regulations 137/15 and 138/15 came into effect August 31, 2015. Additional regulations are being developed by the Ministry of Education.

The legislation and regulations are available on line. If you do not have internet access the agency can arrange to lend you a printed copy of the documents.