

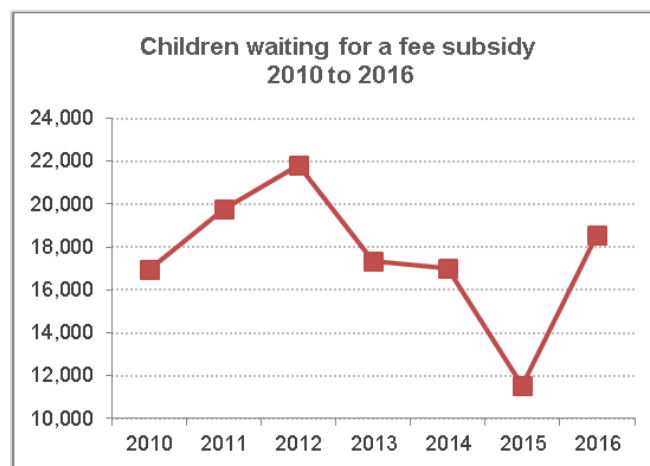
EARLY LEARNING AND CARE IN TORONTO – DECEMBER 2016

Toronto has a variety of early learning and care services to meet the diverse needs of Toronto's children and families including:

- **1000** licensed child care centres and **19** licensed home child care agencies.
- **21** agencies providing support for children with special needs who are enrolled in child care.
- Child and family programs that offer a range of services for families and caregivers with young children. This includes **45** family support programs, **24** Ontario Early Years Centres (with many satellites), **98** Parenting and Family Literacy Centres and **2** Better Beginnings, Better Futures locations.

Centre-based care	Fee subsidy contract	# of centres	%	Early Years			Before and After		Total spaces
				Infant spaces	Toddler spaces	Preschool spaces	Kindergarten spaces	School age spaces	
Municipal	Yes	52	5.2%	348	585	932	348	391	2,604
Non-profit	Yes	531	53.1%	1,673	4,529	10,358	10,752	15,998	43,310
	No	143	14.3%	69	1,092	3,464	446	1,328	6,399
Commercial	Yes	95	9.5%	619	1,409	2,917	588	1,641	7,174
	No	179	17.9%	677	2,228	5,537	473	744	9,659
Total		1,000	100%	3,386	9,843	23,208	12,607	20,102	69,146

- Child care centres operate **69,146** spaces and home child care agencies manage approximately **3,100** spaces in over **1,100** affiliated private homes. Together, they operate over **72,000** licensed spaces.
- **406** child care centres are located in elementary schools.
- **674** child care centres and **10** home child care agencies have a contract with the City of Toronto to provide child care to families receiving fee subsidy.
- **52** child care centres and **1** home child care agency are operated by the City of Toronto.
- **319** before/after kindergarten programs with over **10,600** spaces are offered at elementary schools.



CHILD CARE FEE SUBSIDY

Child care fee subsidy is financial assistance provided by the City of Toronto to help eligible families with the cost of licensed child care. The available funding provides **26,059** child care fee subsidies which is only enough to support **29.7%** of Toronto's low-income children birth to age 12 (based on 2011 Statistics Canada's low-income measure after tax).

In December 2016, there were **18,577** children on the waiting list for a child care fee subsidy.

Proportion of subsidies to child care centre spaces (2010 to 2016)

Year	Child care centre spaces	Subsidies	Proportion of subsidies to spaces
2010	53,553	24,000	44.8%
2011	53,500	24,000	44.9%
2012	53,644	24,000	44.7%
2013	58,077	24,264	41.8%
2014	62,529	24,932	39.9%
2015	65,864	25,116	38.1%
2016	69,146	26,059	37.7%