

EARLY LEARNING AND CARE IN TORONTO – JANUARY 2015

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

- **946** licensed child care centres and **19** licensed home child care agencies.
- **22** agencies providing support for children with special needs who are enrolled in child care.
- **45** family support programs, **24** Ontario Early Years Centres (with many satellites) and **99** Parenting and Family Literacy Centres offering programs for families and caregivers with young children.
- **661** licensed child care centres participate in the Early Learning and Care Quality Assessment.

Centre-based care	# of centres	%	Infant spaces	Toddler spaces	Preschool spaces	Kindergarten spaces	School age spaces	Total spaces
Municipal	52	5.5%	344	600	1,229	230	391	2,794
Non-profit	654	69.1%	1,696	5,119	13,904	8,759	14,129	43,607
Commercial	240	25.4%	1,118	2,943	8,051	770	2,357	15,239
Total	946	100%	3,158	8,662	23,184	9,759	16,877	61,640

- Child care centres operate **61,640** spaces and home child care agencies manage approximately **3,100** spaces in over **1,100** private homes. Together, they operate approximately **64,700** licensed spaces.
- **387** child care centres are located in elementary schools.
- **661** 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.
- **280 (48%)** elementary schools offer a before/after Full-Day Kindergarten program with over **8,200** spaces.

PUBLIC FEES

Each child care agency is responsible for setting its public fee. These fees vary across age groups and between centres.

The table to the right shows the wide range of public fees charged by centres that have a service contract with the City of Toronto.

Note: While the majority of centres fall within these ranges, there are still some that may charge higher or lower fees.

2014 Daily Public Fee

Programs	low range	mid range	high range
Infant	\$ 64.00	\$ 79.00	\$ 100.13
Toddler	\$ 49.89	\$ 61.00	\$ 89.13
Preschool	\$ 38.25	\$ 46.00	\$ 68.96
Before and After Full-Day Kindergarten	\$ 26.11	\$ 31.00	\$ 45.00
Before and After School	\$ 18.62	\$ 21.70	\$ 38.45

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 **24,932** child care fee subsidies which is only enough to support 28.5% of Toronto’s low-income children age 0-12 (based on 2011 Statistics Canada’s low-income measure after tax).

In January 2015, there were **16,802** children on the waiting list for a child care fee subsidy.