# CHILDREN'S SERVICES FACT SHEET

**SPRING 2010** 

### **TORONTO'S LICENSED CHILD CARE SYSTEM**

- Toronto's licensed system is made up of 949 child care centres and 20 home child care agencies.
- Child care centres operate over 53,550 spaces.
- Home child care agencies manage approximately 3,200 spaces at 930 private homes.
- Together, they operate 56,750 spaces.
- 57 child care centres and 1 home child care agency are operated by the City of Toronto.
- 386 child care centres are located in elementary schools.
- 652 child care centres and 10 home child care agencies have a service contract with the City of Toronto to provide child care to families receiving fee subsidy.
- 268,575 children 0 to 9 years live in Toronto and licensed child care serves only 21% of these children
- 52,000 children 4 and 5 years of age live in Toronto

Licensed spaces in child care centres ~ June 2010

| Туре       | # of centres | %    | infant<br>spaces | toddler<br>spaces | preschool<br>spaces | schoolage<br>spaces | total<br>spaces |
|------------|--------------|------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Municipal  | 57           | 6%   | 346              | 525               | 1,535               | 525                 | 2,931           |
| Non-profit | 657          | 69%  | 1,427            | 3,549             | 18,088              | 13,083              | 36,147          |
| Commercial | 235          | 25%  | 882              | 2,343             | 9,030               | 2,220               | 14,475          |
| Total      | 949          | 100% | 2,655            | 6,417             | 28,653              | 15,828              | 53,553          |

#### **PUBLIC FEES**

Each child care is responsible for setting their 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 located in Toronto.

# 2010 Daily Public Fee

| Age group  | low range |       | mid range |       | high range |       |
|------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|------------|-------|
| infant     | \$        | 54.00 | \$        | 70.00 | \$         | 89.00 |
| toddler    | \$        | 43.50 | \$        | 56.00 | \$         | 79.00 |
| preschool  | \$        | 32.50 | \$        | 40.00 | \$         | 58.00 |
| school age | \$        | 18.00 | \$        | 28.00 | \$         | 44.00 |

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

# FEE SUBSIDY

A child care fee subsidy helps families with the cost of child care.

- The available funding provides for 24,000 child care fee subsidies which is only enough to support 28% of Toronto's low-income children (based on Statistics Canada's Low-Income Cut-off)
- In June 2010, over 17,800 children were on the waiting list for a fee subsidy.

#### Children waiting for a fee subsidy

