

## The Impact of COVID-19

- **Mandatory closures:** Between March & June 2020, all programs closed following Provincial orders (with the exception of Licensed Home Child Care).
  - Before-After school programs had additional mandatory closures from January 2021 to mid-February and again in April to the end of the 2021 school year.
  - EarlyON Child and Family Centres have been closed since March 2020 and organizations have transitioned to offering virtual services.
- **High vacancy rates in child care centres:** By Fall 2020, 93% of centres had reopened following strict Health & Safety protocols, but families did not return as normal and most centres had low enrolment.
- **Fewer families using a Child Care Fee Subsidy:** The demand for fee subsidy also decreased due to changes in employment and virtual schooling.

The following information is based on normal operations and does not take into account reduced operating capacities and temporary closures resulting from the pandemic.

## Licensed Child Care Centres (1,031 centres have a capacity to serve 78,484 full-time children)

Type	Fee subsidy agreement	# of centres	Infant space	Toddler space	Preschool space	Kindergarten space	School age space	Total space
City-operated	Yes	43	372	570	928	85	105	2,060
Non-profit	Yes	587	2,034	5,135	11,252	13,343	21,214	52,978
Non-profit	No	101	70	950	2,699	390	716	4,825
Commercial	Yes	80	534	1,249	2,647	523	1,417	6,370
Commercial	No	220	962	3,113	6,615	740	821	12,251
Total		1,031	3,972	11,017	24,141	15,081	24,273	78,484

## 2021 Public Fees for Licensed Centres (only includes centres with City service agreements)

Program	Low range 10 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Median 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile	High range 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile
Infant	\$72.00	\$89.70	\$96.50
Toddler	\$54.50	\$65.71	\$89.95
Preschool	\$41.25	\$51.00	\$68.25
Kindergarten	\$27.23	\$31.24	\$38.51
School Age	\$20.88	\$26.21	\$33.68

## Licensed Home Child Care Agencies

- 26 licensed agencies operate in Toronto and 10 have a City of Toronto, Fee Subsidy Agreement

## Before–After School Programs (unlicensed)

- 20 schools offer an Extended Day Program (EDP) operated by the respective school board
- 206 authorized recreation programs operate in Toronto, including 65 City-run programs

## Child Care Fee Subsidy

- The City of Toronto has Fee Subsidy Agreements with 326 community organizations who operate licensed child care and 3 school boards, who operate EDPs
- Based on current funding levels, 30,700 Child Care Fee Subsidies are available for eligible families. This supports 33% of Toronto's low-income children (newborn to 12 years) based on the 2016 Census, Statistics Canada's Low-Income Measure after-tax
- Currently there are 17,729 children on the waitlist for a Child Care Fee Subsidy

## EarlyON Child and Family Centres

There are 53 organizations that have a City of Toronto Service Agreement to offer free programs for families with children (six years and younger). In total, they operate 262 locations across the city.

## Every Child Belongs

The City partners with 20 organizations through a Service Agreement to provide the Every Child Belongs program in licensed child care and EarlyON Child and Family Centres for children with extra support needs.