

Toronto's Early Learning and Child Care System has a variety of programs to meet the diverse needs of families with children from newborn to 12 years.

## System Transformation: Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement

- The Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system was initiated in March 2022 and funded by the Government of Canada with a five-year plan to reduce the cost of child care for children under the age of six to an average of \$10 per day by 2026 in licensed child care.
- In 2023, CWELCC participating programs reduced their child care fees by 52.75% to a minimum of \$12 per day.

## Licensed Child Care Centres (1,046 centres have a capacity to serve 79,935 full-time children)

Type of operator	Fee subsidy contract	Number of centres opted into CWELCC		Infant spaces	Toddler spaces	Preschool spaces	Before / After Kindergarten spaces	School age not in CWELCC	Total spaces
		Total Number of centres							
City	Yes	CWELCC	37 (100%)	352	545	856	26	0	1,779
		Total	37	352	545	856	26	60	1,839
Non-profit	Yes	CWELCC	578 (98%)	2,075	5,199	11,409	12,994	0	31,677
		Total	589	2,078	5,219	11,494	13,358	20,521	52,670
	No	CWELCC	54 (55%)	95	712	1,725	379	0	2,911
		Total	99	95	1,047	2,797	530	553	5,022
Commercial	Yes	CWELCC	71 (91%)	454	1,094	2,285	458	0	4,291
		Total	78	474	1,239	2,573	514	1,357	6,157
	No	CWELCC	146 (60%)	933	2,756	4,669	429	0	8,787
		Total	243	1,073	3,768	7,769	828	809	14,247
Total		CWELCC	886 (85%)	3,909	10,306	20,944	14,286	0	49,445
		Total	1,046	4,072	11,818	25,489	15,256	23,300	79,935

## Daily Fee of Centres Enrolled in CWELCC Program

Measurement	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	Kindergarten	Kindergarten Camp
Average	\$32.19	\$29.21	\$24.29	\$14.68	\$19.99

## Licensed Home Child Care Agencies

- 26 licensed agencies operate in Toronto and 10 have a City of Toronto, Fee Subsidy Agreement.
- 24 agencies have opted into the CWELCC agreement.

## Before–After School Programs for kindergarten and grade school children

- 555 licensed child care centres operate before–after school programs.
- 22 schools offer an Extended Day Program (EDP) operated by the school boards

## Child Care Fee Subsidy

- 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 (\*2021 Census, Statistics Canada's Low-Income Measure after-tax data is not available yet)
- Currently there are 15,914 children on the waitlist for a Child Care Fee Subsidy

## EarlyON Child and Family Centres

There are 52 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 250 locations across the city.

## Every Child Belongs

The City partners with 19 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.