

## Quality Child Care Statement

The common goal of the City of Greater Sudbury and the child care community is to maintain and build upon the six dimensions of quality care which are:

- Facilities
- Philosophy and Program
- Staff
- Parents
- Funding
- Community

Quality is ensured by building partnerships and by maintaining and adopting principles which reflect the diversity of our community. Quality child care is provided by trained staff that supports the ever changing needs of children and families.

## Quality Licensed Child Care includes the following elements:

- Fire inspection
- Health inspection
- Safe playgrounds
- Clear operation license
- Building code
- Safe toys and equipment
- Open door policy
- Variety of learning centres
- Nutritional snacks and meals
- Daily routines (snack, nap, indoor play)
- Daily activities (crafts, music/movement)
- Qualified staff
- Community partnerships
- Communication with parents/guardians
- Information boards and packages

## Why Choose Licensed Child Care?

The Day Nurseries Act governs all licensed child care centres. This means that each program must follow quality standards in many areas such as a staff-to-child ratio, safe playgrounds and appropriate eating, sleeping and age specific play areas.

## About Licensed Child Care

There are over 90 quality licensed child care centres in Greater Sudbury in the following settings:

- Child Care Centres
- Home Settings
- Nursery Schools
- Schools

## Licensed Child Care Programs

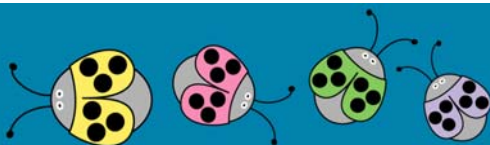
Centres offer a variety of programs to be as accommodating to parents' work schedules.

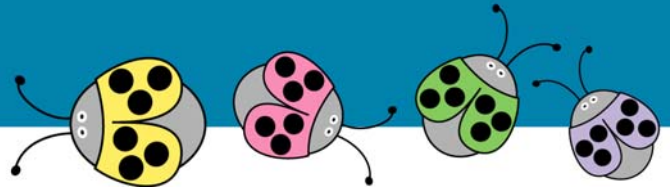
- Full Day Programs
- Part Day Programs
- Before and After School Programs
- Extended Hours Programs
- Evening Programs
- Weekend Programs

## Who goes to Licensed Child Care?

Child care centres accommodate various ages, depending on their license.

- Infants (0-18 months)
- Toddlers (18 months-2 ½ years)
- Preschoolers (2 ½ -4 years)
- Junior & Senior Kindergarteners (4-5 years)
- School Aged Children (6-12 years)





## Child Care Subsidy

Universal access to child care and early learning is a priority for the City of Greater Sudbury. This community believes in a system that transitions the family from home, to child care to school while helping parents help their children achieve success. Financial assistance for child care is available to help parents keep working, go to school or ensure that their child is ready for school. The City of Greater Sudbury Child Care Subsidy is a program which helps parents who are working or in school by paying part or all of their child care costs at licensed child care centres.

## Income Test

The income test takes the family income (from the prior year's federal Notice of Assessment) to determine if a family is eligible for assistance. It does not factor in expenses or the number of children in the family.

A parent shall not pay any of the cost of child care for their children if they have a total income of \$20,000 or less. If the family has a total income that is more than \$20,000, the amount of the cost of child care for their children will be determined by calculations based on the income test.

## Parental Contribution Calculation (when total family income is \$20,001 to \$40,000)

$\$35,000$  (family income) -  $\$20,000$  (base income) =  $\$15,000$   
 $\$15,000 \times 10\% = \$1,500$   
 $\$1,500$  (annual contribution)  $\div 12 = \$125.00$  per month

## Parental Contribution Calculation (when total family income is \$40,001 and up)

First, the base income is subtracted from \$40,000.  
 $\$40,000 - \$20,000 = \$20,000$   
 $\$20,000 \times 10\% = \$2,000$

Next the total family income is subtracted by \$40,000.  
 $\$50,000 - \$40,000 = \$10,000$   
 $\$10,000 \times 30\% = \$3,000$

$\$2,000 + \$3,000 = \$5,000$  (annual contribution)  
 $\$5,000 \div 12 = \$416.67$  per month

For more information on licensed child care centres in your neighborhood or on child care subsidies available to families, please visit [www.greatersudbury.ca/childcare](http://www.greatersudbury.ca/childcare) or call 3-1-1.

