

# Child Care in Canada

## Welcome to Toronto Package

Child care in Toronto is paid for by parents or caregivers, but there are programs that may help lower costs for people who need them.

### Child Care Supports

**Canada Child Tax Benefit:** You can apply for this benefit if you are raising a child under 18 years of age. The amount you receive will be based on the number of children you have and your family's income. You must apply for this benefit, but if you have applied for the Universal Child Care benefit, you will automatically be registered in the Canada Child Tax Benefit.

**Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB):** In 2015, this benefit gave \$160 monthly for each child under 6 and \$60 for each child 6-17 years of age. If you get the Canada Child Tax Benefit, you will automatically get the UCCB.

**Ontario Child Care Subsidy Program:** You can apply if your child is under 12 years of age or up to 18 years old if your child has special needs. This subsidy is available if your child is:

- In a licensed child care program
- A school-aged child in an approved recreation program
- In a before school or after school program run by the school board

You can apply for a subsidy by calling Children's Services 416-392-5047

**Ontario Child Benefit:** Is available depending on your family income and if:

- You are the parent of a child under 18
- You are a resident of Ontario
- Your family has filed your tax return
- Your child has been registered for the Canadian Child Tax Benefit



Investing in Families is a support for families receiving Ontario Works benefits. They can help with employment, recreation for kids, homework, and computer support. Contact your Ontario Works case worker for more information

Settlement Workers can also help in applying for child care supports. Settlement workers are available at the St James Town Community Corner (416-964-6657) or at Sherbourne Health Centre (416-324-4180).

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### Finding Child Care

Ontario gives child care centers some guidelines for care, but it is up to parents to find child care that is safe and fits their needs. Child care can be “regulated” or “unregulated”. Regulated means the government licenses and monitors child care. Unregulated means the parent is responsible for monitoring the quality and safety of child care.



Child care can be very hard to find. Here are some things you can do:

- Look for child care options as soon as you get pregnant
- Put your name on many waiting lists
- Look for child care subsidies to help pay for child care
- Visit different child care options

There are over 900 licensed child care centers in Toronto for different ages. The City of Toronto website has a child care locator ([www1.toronto.ca](http://www1.toronto.ca)) search ‘**child care locator**’

### Child Care near Sherbourne

- **Central Neighbourhood House (CNH):** Offers full-day licensed child care programs at 349 Ontario Street for around \$60-\$82 per day

A before and after school program is also available Monday to Friday 7:30-9:00am and 3:00-6:00pm at the following rate for around \$12-\$36 per day:

CNH also offers childcare at Winchester Daycare Centre to kids 2.5-5 years of age for \$63 per day

Subsidized spots are also available. Call CNH’s childcare services for more information and to check availability: 416-925-4363 x 110 or email [sahmad@cnh.on.ca](mailto:sahmad@cnh.on.ca)

- **Ryerson Early Learning Centre (Yonge/Dundas):** Is a full-day licensed child care for kids 18 months-6 years. Contact 416-979-5338 for availability. 2015 full-time fees were around \$1400-\$1900 per month and \$600-\$1000 per month for 2 or 3 days a week.
- **Kid’s Programs:** KidsPrograms.ca is a website that lets you search for kids programs running on days that kids are out of school, such as: PA days, winter break, march break, before and after school, and year round programs.