

## OUR PHILOSOPHY

### INCLUSIVE

We believe all children have the right to participate and be supported in their individuality. We celebrate uniqueness and similarities.

### FAMILY SUPPORT

We believe families are important, regardless of their form, and our role is to support families by providing consistent, quality, reliable Child Care.

### LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

We believe children learn through play and will program activities that allow children to learn and experience personal growth through individual and group play.

### PHYSICAL LITERACY

We believe a healthy body is important as a healthy mind and will program activities that offer daily physical activity and opportunity to build on physical skills. We will offer nutritional snacks that are from identifiable food groups.

### SELF DIRECTED LEARNING

We believe children need opportunities to develop confidence, their own competence and to explore the opportunities in the world around them. We will offer children this opportunity through individual and group lead activities and we will actively seek children's interests in developing programming.

### SAFETY AND RESPECT

All adults will offer children physical and psychological safety. There will be respect for one self and the development of social responsibility towards others and our community.

## QUESTIONS? Please contact:

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# LICENSED OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

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# HAMILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE



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## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide the highest standard of care for the children of Hamilton, through inclusion, support and respect.

## THE CURRICULUM

The **curriculum** in our programs is based on the children's expressed interests and developmental needs and is planned on a week-to-week and/or month-to-month basis. Each and every day there are a variety of indoor and outdoor activities available for the children to explore and investigate—including ones that address the diverse backgrounds of the children in our care, their families, and our community. Emphasis is placed on learning through play and children have the freedom and opportunity to develop five developmental selves (social, emotional, physical, intellectual and creative) by engaging in experiences that are enriching, interesting and fun.

Our childcare programs are fully licensed. The programs run from September—June, except on statutory holidays, public school breaks and two professional development days.

## OUR STAFF

All Child Development Staff have:

- Minimum of 40 hours training and/or experience with Licensed Child Care
- Valid First Aid, CPR Certification
- Certified Foodsafe Level 1
- Successful completion of a Criminal Record Check

## AGE GUIDELINES

For your child to be eligible for registration in Hamilton's Licensed School Age Care programs, your child must be in Kindergarten and no older than Grade 7. Your child can still be 13 years of age and be eligible for care until the end of the school year.

Your child will be placed in the program that best suits their age as well as their social development. At points where your child are "border" ages (7 or 9 years of age), the Director of Child Care Services has the right to move the child up or down, based on what is best for the programs as a whole.

## SCHOOL - AGE CARE PROGRAMS

### Kindergarten to Grade 7

Morning Care	K-Gr. 7	M - F	7:00 - 8:45am
Junior	K-Gr. 2	M - F	2:30 - 6:00pm
Middle/Senior 1	Gr. 2-4	M - F	2:30 - 6:00pm
Middle/Senior	Gr. 5-7	M - F	2:30 - 6:00pm

### Costs

Morning Care	AM Only	M - F	\$232.25 per month
After Care	PM Only	M - F	\$479.85 per month
Before & After Care	AM & PM	M - F	\$524.65 per month

- Morning Care includes a nutritious breakfast daily, but does not include full day care on Pro-D Days or Holidays
- After Care includes a healthy snack daily, made in-house by our Food Safe Certified Staff
- After Care (PM Only) and Before & After Care (AM & PM) monthly fee includes full day care on Pro-D Days, Winter Break and Spring Break