

Welcome to the Kanata Research Park Family Centre. This manual is your introduction and guide to the "Family Centre", our philosophy, policies and procedures.

We would be happy to answer any questions or receive any comments you may have about the Family Centre.

In recognition of the private sector's responsibility to children and families, Kanata Research Park has committed ongoing support to a multi-service, not-for-profit, childcare agency and family resource centre for campus and community families.

The Family Centre's purpose is to build on the strength of families by supporting parents in their role of raising and educating their children. Parents are respected as their child's first teachers and a strong partnership between home, the Family Centre and the community is created. The Family Centre is a hub of inclusive services with a focus on the family as a unit providing a variety of parent-oriented and child-oriented activities.

Respecting the Importance of the Early years

An onsite, licensed, not-for-profit group childcare program with continuum of care for children from 18 months to 10 years including part-time care.

The Family Centre is based on developmentally appropriate practices that provide opportunities for active engagement with other children and adults in a positive environment. The centre is divided into four age groups, providing play-based learning opportunities and support for individual children, school readiness and positive developmental outcomes, with a focus on modelling, parent partnerships and support for families. Unique high technology supports such as video links directly to parents' computers enhance parent/teacher communication. The Director and Teachers are all professional Early Childhood Educators. The Family Centre is licensed annually under the Day Nurseries Act of Ontario.

Building on the strength of Families

An onsite, workplace parent support centre providing resources, education and modelling for parents throughout the life cycle of parenting.

The community hub provides access to a variety of resources based on the needs of the parents. Partnerships with existing community resources ensure up to date information and accessibility. The resource centre includes a toy-lending, video and resource material library, quiet space for reviewing information and regular parent workshops. The Family Centre web page is a valuable resource and link to additional services and information.



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The Family Centre is licensed on an annual basis by the Child Care Unit of the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services

Please visit our information display for parent resources, handouts, and community resources.

Days and hours of operation

The Family Centre offers group childcare services for children from 18 months to 10 years. Our regular programs include:

Toddlers: *18-30 months - maximum of 15 children in each group, with three Early Childhood Educators - \$53.00/day = \$265.00/week*

Preschoolers: *2 1/2 to 5 year olds - maximum of 16 children in each group with two Early Childhood Educators - \$41.50/day = \$207.50/week*

Kindergarten: *In partnership with the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, Junior and Senior Kindergarten classes are conducted onsite. A certified Elementary teacher offers Junior Kindergarten to 20 children in the morning, the program continues in the afternoon with two Early Childhood Educators. Two Early Childhood Educators offer the Senior Kindergarten program in the morning to 24 children, and the Elementary teacher continues the program in the afternoon - \$38.50/day = \$192.50/week*

School-Age: *An after school program for children age 6-10 - \$15.50/day = \$77.50/week*

Summer camp: *With a one to ten ratio and Early Childhood Educators leading the camp, 6-10 year olds will experience a fun, active innovative summer including a weekly field trip - \$140.00/week*

We also provide an onsite Family Resource Centre, summer camp and links with other childcare services.

The Family Centre is open Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. providing full-time and part-time care (part time option available in the toddler and preschool programs).

We are closed for all statutory holidays and for the week between Christmas and New Years

