Centre pour enfants
Timiskaming
Child Care

Becoming a Licensed Home Child Care Provider with Centre pour enfants Timiskaming Child Care

Welcome, Potential Provider!
Thank you for your interest in becoming a Home Child Care Provider with Centre pour enfants Timiskaming Child Care! Licensed Home Child Care gives families a flexible child care option in a safe, caring, and home-like environment. As a Provider, you can care for children in your own home while building strong relationships with children and families.When you become a Provider with Centre pour enfants Timiskaming Child Care, you are not on your own! Our Home Child Care team is here to support you with guidance, resources, training, and ongoing professional support.You can run your own child care program from your home while receiving the support and benefits of working with a licensed child care agency. Depending on eligibility, you may also have access to grants, funding, and other financial incentives.Working with a licensed agency can also help with some of the administrative work, giving you more time to focus on caring for the children in your program.

This package includes information about becoming a Home Child Care Provider and the benefits of working with a licensed child care agency. We encourage you to review the information and contact us if you have any questions.We look forward to connecting with you and helping you decide if becoming a Home Child Care Provider is the right fit for you!

What Is Licensed Home Child Care?
Licensed Home Child Care is provided by carefully selected, screened, trained, and approved individuals who are supported, mentored, and monitored by Centre pour enfants Timiskaming Child Care. Home Child Care Providers operate their own child care business from their home and provide care for children from 0 to 12 years of age. Providers can care for up to six children in their home, while following all applicable licensing requirements and policies. Providers create a safe, welcoming, and engaging environment where children can learn and grow. They plan and provide age-appropriate activities, learning opportunities, meals, and opportunities for both indoor and outdoor play. One of the benefits of Home Child Care is flexibility. Providers have the opportunity to establish days and hours of operation that work for their program and the families they serve, while working within the requirements of Centre pour enfants Timiskaming Child Care. As a licensed Home Child Care Provider, you are also supported by the Agency's Home Child Care Consultants, who provide guidance, resources, regular visits, and ongoing support throughout your time as a Provider.

Who Can Become a Provider?
Anyone 18 years of age or older can apply to become a Home Child Care Provider.
Centre pour enfants Timiskaming Child Care is looking for people who:

- Are enthusiastic and passionate about caring for children
- Can provide a safe, loving, nurturing, and fun environment
- Have experience or training in child care, a related field, or experience as a parent/guardian

Why Become a Provider with Centre pour enfants Timiskaming Child Care?
Become a Home Child Care Provider and do what you love—care for children! There are many benefits to running your own licensed Home Child Care program:

- Run your own business
- Set your own hours
- Work from home
- Be home for your own children
- Take part in your children's school activities
- Plan fun activities for the children
- Build relationships with children and families
- Receive ongoing support from our team
- Receive training and resources
- Access grants and incentives, when eligible
- Access toys, equipment, and educational materials
- Free Toy Library membership and equipment rental
- Connect with other Home Child Care Providers
- Receive help finding families for your program
- Accept families receiving child care subsidy
- Have your program promoted by the Agency
- Receive back-up care support
- Spend less time on paperwork and administration
- Claim eligible business expenses on your income tax
- Receive payments twice a month
- Make a difference in the lives of children and families in your community
- Have a Home Child Care Consultant available to support you

What Will Be Required to Start?
Before becoming a Provider, there are a few requirements to complete. Providers must:

- Provide references
- Obtain a Vulnerable Sector Police Check
- Have a valid Standard First Aid and CPR Level C certificate
- Have home insurance that allows child care/business use
- Complete a medical disclaimer
- Ensure their home meets health and safety requirements

Will My Home Meet the Requirements?
Homes and apartments of different sizes and types can be suitable for Home Child Care.
Safety is the most important consideration when assessing a home. Most homes do not require major renovations. A Home Child Care Consultant will visit your home to make sure it meets the required safety standards and will let you know if any changes or adjustments are needed.
You don't need a perfect home—you need a safe home!

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to fill all my spaces? My house is too small for 6 children.
No! You can decide how many children you are comfortable caring for and which ages you would like to accept. You may choose to care for specific age groups or have fewer children based on the space available in your home and your comfort level. A Home Child Care program can care for up to 6 children, with no more than 3 children under 2 years of age. This includes the Provider's own children under 4 years of age who are present at any time, as outlined in the Child Care and Early Years Act.

Can I transport children in my vehicle?
Yes! With written permission from the child's parent/guardian, you may transport children to local events, parks, activities, or other outings.
Providers must:

- Have an appropriate car seat or booster seat for each child, when required
- Have the appropriate auto insurance for business use
- Follow all applicable transportation and safety requirements

What are the rules for tobacco, cannabis, and vaping products?
Home Child Care premises must be smoke-, cannabis-, and vape-free at all times, including when children are not present. If you use these products, they must be used off the child care premises and when you are not providing child care. If you use a vehicle to transport children, the vehicle must also remain smoke-, cannabis-, and vape-free at all times.

How much can I expect to be paid?
Provider income can vary depending on the number and ages of children in care and the hours of care provided. Providers may also be eligible for grants and incentives. Your Home Child Care Consultant can provide more information and help you estimate your potential earnings.
Below are the base rates per child, before grants and incentives:

Home Child Care Rates 2026

Description	**Infant (0-17 months)**	**Toddler (18-29 months)**	**Preschool (30-44 months)**	**School Age (up to 12 years)**
Before School (up to 2 hrs)	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**	$10
After School (up to 3 hrs)	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**	$15
Before and After School (up to 2 hrs+ up to 3 hrs)	**NA**	**NA**	**NA**	$25
Full Day (5 hrs & under 9.5 hrs)	$45	$40	$40	$35
Half Day (under 5 hrs)	$35	$30	$30	$25
Extended Day A (9.5 hrs & under 14 hrs)	$49	$44	$44	$44
Extended Day B (14 hrs & under 18 hrs)	$60	$56	$56	$56
Extended Day C (18 hours & under 23	$68	$64	$64	$64
* **All** meals and snack are included.				

How Will I Get Children to Enroll in My Home Child Care?
Centre pour enfants Timiskaming Child Care will help connect you with families who are looking for child care. Families will be referred to Providers based on their needs, your available spaces, and what is the best fit for everyone. Providers may also find and enroll families privately. Please note that the Agency cannot guarantee that your spaces will always be filled.

More Information About Becoming a Provider
The Agency works with both families and Providers to find child care arrangements that are a good fit. We will work with you to fill available spaces in your home while considering your:

- Skills and experience
- Interests
- Preferred ages of children
- Available hours
- Home environment
- Comfort level

The number of children you can care for is regulated by the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 and its regulations. You will have the support of a Home Child Care Consultant who can answer your questions, provide guidance, and help you make choices that work for you and your Home Child Care program.The Agency can also help arrange alternative care for the children in your program when you are sick or away on vacation.

Ready to Get Started?
Centre pour enfants Timiskaming Child Care is committed to providing quality child care to children and families in our community. If you are ready to start your own Home Child Care program, complete the Licensed Home Child Care Provider Application on our website or reach out directly to us! Have questions or want to learn more? Contact our Home Child Care Consultant. We'd be happy to hear from you!

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