

## Need help with child care costs?

### Child Care Fee Subsidy

Child Care Fee Subsidy helps eligible parents/guardians cover the cost of licensed child care or recreational programs for children up to the age of 12.

Based on eligibility, parents pay a portion of the daily cost to the child care centre or recreational facility, and Children's Services pays the balance of the daily cost directly to the centre or facility on their behalf. Eligibility is determined through an application process based on provincial legislation and municipal guidelines.

### Ontario Works Child Care Assistance

Financial assistance towards the cost of licensed child care, recreational program or an informal caregiver can also be provided to parents/guardians who are involved in an Ontario Works employment, job search, education or training program.

To learn more about child care assistance, contact:

### Northumberland County Community & Social Services Children & Youth Services

555 Courthouse Rd. Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6  
905-372-6846 or 1-800-354-7051, ext. 2481  
[www.northumberlandcounty.ca](http://www.northumberlandcounty.ca)



## Looking for Child Care?

**Choosing the right child care provider is important — for your child's growth and your own peace of mind!**

The right child care provider will work with you as a partner, and support your child's learning and development through exploration, play and inquiry.

Your choice of a child care provider will depend on a number of factors such as:

- Your child(ren)'s age(s)
- What hours/days of the week you need child care for your child(ren)
- What child care is available in your area
- If your child has any special needs
- If you need help paying for care

To avoid being squeezed by time, you should start thinking about your child care options well in advance!



### What kind of child care is available?

There are two different type of child care available — licensed and unlicensed child care.

**Licensed child care** providers including larger child care centres or smaller home care agencies must meet specific provincial standards that provide for the health, safety and developmental needs of the children.

Licensed home care agencies can care for:

- A maximum of 6 children including their own children under the age of six; and
- A maximum of 2 children under the age of two.

These limits apply regardless of the number of adults in the home.

**Unlicensed child care** is a private arrangement made between the parents and an informal caregiver or independent provider who operates a business in their home. They are required to identify themselves as unlicensed in writing to parents.

Unlicensed child care providers can care for:

- A maximum of 5 children including their own children under the age of six; and
- A maximum of 2 children under the age of two.



### We are committed to a child care system that:

- cares for children in a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment
- is flexible, of high quality and provides choice
- supports the needs of families, caregivers and children
- provides enriched supports to children at risk or with special needs
- fosters and enhances healthy child development
- works in collaboration with community service providers

### Questions to ask when contacting a child care provider:

- Do you have space for my child?  
If not, is there a waiting list and how long is it?
- How much does it cost? Are there additional costs?  
Are there subsidized spots available?
- Do you offer full-time and part-time enrolment?
- How flexible are pick-up/drop-off time?
- How do you communicate with parents and when can parents visit?
- How many children do you care for?
- What happens when a child is sick?  
What happens if a child is angry or upset?
- What kinds of snacks and meals do you provide?  
Can you accommodate my child's dietary needs?
- What will my child do throughout the day?
- How do you encourage both indoor and outdoor play?  
How much time is spend outside?
- How are different cultural traditions integrated into your program?
- What qualifications or training do staff/providers have?  
Do they have CPR and First Aid certification?
- What is your emergency evacuation plan?



Northumberland County has **over 1100 child care spaces available** in these types of settings:

- Licensed Child Care Centres
- Licensed Home Child Care Agencies
- Licensed Nursery School Programs
- Special Needs Resourcing Program
- Licensed First Nations Program
- Recreation Programs

The child care providers licensed through the Ministry of Education in Northumberland include:





## **ALDERVILLE**

**Alderville First Nation Day Care**  
8913B Hwy. 45, Roseneath  
Tel: 905-352-1065

## **BALTIMORE**

**Baltimore YMCA Child Care**  
9320 Burwash Rd., Baltimore  
Tel: 905-376-0586

## **BRIGHTON**

**Brighton Children's Centre**  
24 Elizabeth St., Brighton  
Tel: 613-475-1811

**Brighton Children's Centre**  
— **Smithfield Site**  
241 Drewery St., Brighton  
Tel: 613-475-1811

**Spring Valley YMCA Child Care**  
212 County Rd. 26, Brighton  
Tel: 613-849-9585

## **CAMBORNE**

**Camborne YMCA Child Care**  
3546 Kennedy Rd. RR #4, Cobourg  
Tel: 905-376-4806

## **CAMPBELLCROFT**

**North Hope YMCA Child Care**  
3278 Ganaraska Rd., Campbellcroft  
Tel: 905-376-3057

## **CAMPBELLFORD**

**Beehive Children's Centre**  
35 Centre St., Campbellford  
Tel: 705-653-5375

**Beehive Children's Centre**  
— **Hillcrest Site**  
55 Elmore St., Campbellford  
Tel: 705-653-5620

**Kent YMCA Child Care**  
150 Kent St., Campbellford  
Tel: 705-632-9205

## **CASTLETON**

**Northumberland Hills**  
**YMCA Child Care**  
2246 Spring St., Castleton  
Tel: 905-376-9623

## **COBOURG**

**Alliance Family Centre**  
1333 Ontario St., Cobourg  
Tel: 905-373-0783

**Burnham YMCA Child Care**  
614 Burnham St., Cobourg  
Tel: 905-376-4806

**Cobourg Day Care**  
325 Alexandria Dr., Cobourg  
Tel: 905-372-9507

**Cobourg YMCA Child Care**  
339 Elgin St., Cobourg  
Tel: 905-372-9247

**C.R. Gummow YMCA Child Care**  
311 Cottessmore Ave., Cobourg  
Tel: 905-372-9714

**Junior Set Nursery School**  
326 Ball St., Cobourg  
Tel: 905-372-3756

**Merwin Greer YMCA Child Care**  
457 King St. E., Cobourg  
Tel: 905-375-8589

**St. Joseph's YMCA Child Care**  
919 D'Arcy St. N., Cobourg  
Tel: 905-372-6444

**St. Peter's Pre-School**  
**Learning Centre**  
240 College St., Cobourg  
Tel: 905-373-1296

**Terry Fox YMCA Child Care**  
1065 Riddell Ave., Cobourg  
Tel: 905-373-4664

**Victoria Park Child Care Centre**  
172 Queen St., Cobourg  
Tel: 905-372-2143

## **GORES LANDING**

**Plainville YMCA Child Care**  
4877 Burnham St. N.  
Gores Landing  
Tel: 905-375-7337

## **GRAFTON**

**Grafton YMCA Child Care**  
718 Station Rd., Grafton  
Tel: 905-349-2667

**Grafton Public YMCA Child Care**  
654 Station Rd., Grafton  
Tel: 905-349-2667

## **HASTINGS**

**Hastings YMCA Child Care**  
25 Albert St., Hastings  
Tel: 705-653-7739

## **PORT HOPE**

**Beatrice Strong YMCA Child Care**  
90 Rose Glen Rd., Port Hope  
Tel: 905-885-8246

**Ganaraska Child Care Centre**  
Port Hope High School  
130 Highland Dr., Port Hope  
Tel: 905-885-2637

34 Percival St., Port Hope  
Tel: 905-885-0170

**Municipality of Port Hope, Dept.**  
**of Parks, Recreation & Culture**  
56 Queen St., Port Hope  
Tel: 905-885-7908

**St. Anthony YMCA Child Care**  
74 Toronto Rd., Port Hope  
Tel: 905-376-3066

**Sunshine Heights**  
**Co-operative Day Care**  
40 Ward St., Port Hope  
Tel: 905-885-8929

## **WARKWORTH**

**Percy Centennial YMCA**  
**Child Care**  
129 Church St., Warkworth  
Tel: 705-872-1788

## **HOME CHILD CARE**

**Cook's Home Child Care Agency**  
172 Queen St., Cobourg  
Tel: 905-372-2143

**Wee Watch Northumberland**  
113 Park St. S., Peterborough  
Tel: 705-741-3225/705-741-3225

## **SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCING**

**Five Counties Children Centre**  
700 D'Arcy St., Unit 3, Cobourg  
Tel: 905-377-0192