



Licensed Child Care Centre Start Up Information

For new and existing operators we can assist with the following

Coaching & Mentoring Support

- Indoor and outdoor facility design.
- Furniture and equipment purchasing.
- Recruitment of staff and board of directors.
- Mentorship for new executive directors and supervisors.
- Board of director support and policy governance transformation.
- Policy development.
- Staff team-building opportunities and staff retreat development.
- Parent, staff, and stakeholder surveying.
- Strategic planning.
- Succession planning.
- Customized training to support staff development.

Quality Child Care Niagara (QCCN) www.eccdc.org/quality-child-care-niagara/

- Quality Child Care Niagara (QCCN) is the Quality Initiative Program for Niagara's licensed child care sector. QCCN was established in 1999 with two main goals: to strengthen early identification for early referrals of all children; and to support high quality early development opportunities for children enrolled in licensed child care. QCCN is funded through Niagara Region Children's Services. The Early Childhood Community Development Centre coordinates the initiative on behalf of Niagara Region. ECCDC works alongside QCCN partners Pathstone Mental Health and Niagara Children's Centre and receives ongoing advisement from Niagara Region Children's Services and the QCCN Advisory Committee.
- QCCN services include: Support Visits, Tools, and Resources; Reflective Practice Institute Training and Speech and Language Training for licensed child care centres, EarlyONs, and Niagara College students; and Community Conversation Cafés.

Professional Learning and Special Events

- Community-wide training sessions for staff to attend in the following areas: Incorporating *How Does Learning Happen?* in Your Program; Increase Knowledge on

Early Child Development; Strengthening Diversity and Inclusion within Early Learning Settings; Engaging Families in Authentic Ways; Connecting Children to Nature; Promoting Health, Safety and Wellbeing within Early Learning Environments; Strengthening Early Learning Programs and Small Business Operational Strategies; Inspiring Leadership and Professional Growth in Early Learning and Child Care; and Peer to Peer Book Study Opportunities.

- Customized training onsite to meet specific program needs in the following areas (as above except for the last category).
- Community wide Community of Practice sessions offering opportunities for staff to connect with their peers for the following target groups: Executive Director and Administrators; Child Care Supervisors; Infant and Toddler/Preschool/School Age; Nature Alliance; and Licensed Child Care Centre Menu Planning and Nutrition.

Resource Lending Library and Educator Workroom

- Over 3000 play-based curriculum kits and pedagogical materials available for borrowing on-site.
- Resource delivery service for local resource library members.
- Training and meeting spaces available for planning.
- Online catalogue of pedagogical materials to purchase.
- Educator workroom with wifi, laptops, photocopier, laminator, poster printer, and group and individual spaces for meeting and planning.
- Mentoring supports for curriculum planning.

Parent Direct Niagara www.parentdirectniagara.ca/

- A listing of licensed child care programs and home child care providers and family support programs in Niagara.
- Parent Direct Niagara is an online directory to help find information and links to programs, services, and resources for children and families in Niagara.
- Suggestions regarding quality program characteristics.
- Child Care Program Visit Checklist for parents.
- Information related to Child Care Subsidy.