

EMERGENCY CHILD CARE



The County of Dufferin is working in partnership with the YMCA, the Upper Grand District School Board and the Ministry of Education to support health care workers and other front line workers in Dufferin by providing access to licensed child care at no cost during the COVID-19 pandemic.

What's different about Emergency Child Care?

Enhanced Safety Measures:

- Daily screening for all children, staff and parents
- Lower staff to child ratios to ensure physical distancing
- Enhanced full time cleaning
- No visitors allowed in any site
- Isolation room if a child or staff falls ill during the day
- Support for children with additional needs



Dufferin's Emergency Child Care is currently operating from 3 locations:



Credit Meadows
Junior YMCA -
Orangeville

Average daily
attendance:

13

Centennial Hylands
YMCA Child Care -
Shelburne

Average daily
attendance:

10

Credit Meadows
Junior YMCA Lodge -
Orangeville

Average daily
attendance:

3

MEET SOME OF THE YMCA STAFF:



"It is an honour getting to know your child and attend to their needs for them to grow to their fullest potential."
- Umair Malik, Morning Program Staff

"I decided to join the Emergency Child Care Centre to give back to everyone who is out there daily protecting every single one of us in this very worrisome time."
- Shelley Benoit, Morning Program Staff

"I am proud to be part of the essential working community and proud to represent my team."
- Madona Nissan, Support Staff/Kitchen Staff

"With so much chaos and confusion in the world right now, being with children and supporting them in any way I can is something I know, and something I can help control."
- Dani Van Alstine, Afternoon Program Staff

"When I learned that the YMCA would be offering Emergency Child Care for essential workers during the pandemic, I wanted to help out in any way that I could...I am honoured to support essential workers, and their families during this unprecedented time."

- Lynn Baker, Morning Supervisor

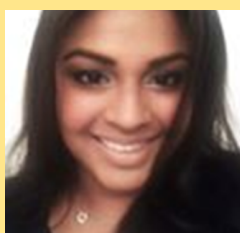


THE GREATNESS OF A COMMUNITY IS MOST ACCURATELY MEASURED BY THE COMPASSIONATE ACTIONS OF ITS MEMBERS.

- Coretta Scott King

"I made the decision to work in an Emergency Child Care Centre because the challenging work doctors and nurses have to deal with on a regular basis is a lot and in these evolving pandemic times, they are our angels and without them we would not be able to flatten the COVID-19 curve."

- Melissa Beharry, Afternoon Supervisor



iCAN Program:

The iCAN program provides support, consultation and resources to licensed child care centres to help meet the needs of children with additional needs up to the age of 12.

"When observing the program there are so many positive things we observed. Even though numbers are low, the adult/child interactions are just amazing. The staff are building amazing relationships with the children and making them feel safe and secure. You can see that the staff actively want to be there."

- Dana Ness, Senior Resource Consultant, iCAN
Dufferin Child & Family Services



PARENT AND CAREGIVER TESTIMONIALS...



"When we found out about the opportunity to send our 3 children to an emergency child care centre our initial reaction was apprehension, although after hearing how wonderful it was from a co-worker, we decided to give it a try. I knew it was the right decision the second I dropped them off. They are taking the appropriate precautions when it comes to helping prevent transmission of the COVID-19 virus and we are grateful for it."

- Tanja & Dan Schenkel

"Simply put, I've never experienced care as complete as what your team is providing. Every single detail is thought out and during a time like this your care for my daughter is such a gift."

"At no time has it added worry to my day which is in constant worry when I'm providing my services. You are all such a blessing and have enabled me to care for my community in such a big way."

- Lindsay Geisel



"Deciding on the right emergency daycare for our 6 year old twins to attend during the COVID-19 pandemic was a huge decision. The staff at the YMCA provided an incredible amount of support to our twins, constant patience, understanding and kindness, to allow us to go to work with confidence that our children were safe and happy."

"Thank you YMCA for proving us with a peace of mind knowing our twins are safe and having a great time during these uncertain times."

- Michelle & Robert Fagan



To the front line and essential workers in Dufferin, we thank you for the sacrifices you make, every day and especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.