



Information Sheet for the selection of The Canmore Community Daycare Society as an Alberta Early Learning and Child Care Centre.

The Government of Canada is working to build long-term capacity in the early learning and child care sector. **High-quality early learning and child care:**

- *Provides rich early learning experiences and environments and views children as capable, competent learners who are full of potential.*
- *Values the importance of building strong, responsive and respectful relationships in which purposeful interactions support optimal learning for children.*
- *Recognizes the importance of qualifications and training for the early childhood work force.*
- The new Alberta Curriculum Framework for Early Learning Centres; “Play, Participation and Possibilities” to designed to help enhance early childhood development outcomes so that all children have access to the best possible early learning experiences. Our current practices promote an Emergent curriculum approach to curriculum development. The new framework will build upon our existing quality measures. We plan to create more innovative, new projects and look forward to sharing them with you soon.
- The Canmore Community Daycare Society has been selected to receive one of 100 Alberta Provincial Grants to develop an innovative child care model that supports families with the high cost of child care for children ages 1 to 6.
- We have a long-standing, 40 + year history of providing high quality child care and exceeds provincial child care standards. This is evidenced through our stringent annual accreditation evaluation of our programs. Our programs have been accredited since 2008.
- As a part of the grant Childcare spaces were announced at \$25 per diem. It is confirmed that this grant funding is in place for the period of May 1, 2018 to March 31, 2021.
- This funding applies to children attending the Roundhouse portion of our organization only. It applies to all families whether part time or full time. Our fee structure will change slightly as we currently bill monthly. Effective May 1, 2018 all clients at the Roundhouse will be billed on a daily basis that includes statutory holidays. There are no changes to Provincial subsidy eligibility.
- **There will be no fee increase at our school age program in the 2018/2019 budget.**
- The Daycare side of our operations is presently full to capacity. We have contacted all clients who will be receiving a space this summer or fall. We will continue to manage the extensive wait list and when a space becomes available we will contact clients at minimum a month in advance.
- Early Childhood Educators will have access to additional resources to support the implementation of the new Alberta curriculum, Play, Participation and Possibilities. Educators will be required to commit to professional development. Although the grant only recognizes the daycare staff our Board of Directors voted in favor of equitable compensation for all employees. Staff will receive a wage increase based on their educational background.