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Spots still available at new YMCA Child Care facility in Shelburne

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The newly opened Shelburne Centennial Hylands YMCA Child Care Centre still has some spaces available, primarily for preschool children, but there are a few infant and toddler spots left as well.

The new facility, which opened in late summer, celebrated its grand opening event on October 4th. With a capacity for 73 children, child care is offered from Early Learning (0 to 4 years) to Before and After/School Age programs (4 to 12 years,) with allowance for 10 infants, 15 toddlers and 48 preschool children, plus the Before and After school program.

The new building, on School Road in Shelburne, is owned by the Upper Grand District School Board and the YMCA of Greater Toronto is the licensed child care operator for the location.

Chris Meyer, Senior Manager, External Communications for YMCA of Greater Toronto says, ?The YMCA of Greater Toronto offers high-quality child care programs for infant, toddlers, preschool and school-age children at this newly built location. Our highly trained Registered Early Childhood Educators partner with parents to support each child's development and provide families with the security of knowing their child is in a safe and nurturing environment during these formative years.?

The Manager says, ?YMCA Playing to Learn curriculum is used to ensure a child's continued enthusiasm and capacity for life-long learning. Using play as a learning medium, the YMCA Playing to Learn curriculum prepares children for primary school education and provides a solid foundation for learning.?

The centre is licensed with a staff to child ratio of 1:3 for infants, 1:5 for toddler and 1:8 for preschool. Centennial Hylands' YMCA Child Care Centre has one infant room, two toddler rooms, two preschool rooms, a fully functional kitchen space and enclosed outdoor and indoor play areas.

Chris Meyer says, ?Activities range daily depending on the wants, needs and interests of the children in our child care centre.?

Regarding training and qualifications for staff, Chris Meyer says ?requirements vary depending on the role.? Although some roles require a degree in Early Childhood Education, all roles at YMCA child care centres require a minimum of:

? Six months experience working with children in a child care or educational setting
? Up-to-date standard First Aid and CPR (Level C) certification
? Successful completion of a Police Records Check
? Up-to-date immunizations
? Passion for working with children

The program costs $71 per day for infants, $52 per day for toddlers and $43.70 per day for preschool children (plus tax). The centre includes a morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Hours of operation are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday.

?We're excited to be part of the Shelburne community and offer families these additional quality licensed childcare spaces,? says Rachel Kameka, Director Child Care, Child & Family Development. ?We are also providing employment opportunities in the community and are currently hiring Registered Early Childhood Educators and Early Childhood Assistants to join our team in Dufferin County.?

For more information about the YMCA child care offerings in Shelburne, visit https://ymcagta.org/find-a-y/shelburne-centennial-hylands-ymca-centre.