

# Child Care Types in Prince Edward Island

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EARLY YEARS PEI



## Early Childhood Centre (ECC)

- Age group: 0-12 years
- No regulated parent fees
- Full Day
- Licensed centre

## Early Years Centre (EYC)

- Age group: 0-12 years
- \$10 / day\*
- Full day
- Required to follow Early Learning Framework
- Licensed centre

## Family Home Centre

- Age group: 0-12 years
- \$10 / day\*
- Full day
- Private residence
- Licensed centre

## Preschool Centre

- Age group: 3-5 years
- Free for pre-kindergarten children
- 15 hours / week
- Required to follow Early Learning Framework
- Licensed centre

## School-aged Child Centre

- Age group: school entry – 12 years
- No regulated parent fees
- Before/after school care + PD days
- Licensed centre

## Unlicensed

- Age group: 0-12 years
- Fees determined by provider
- Programs vary
- Private residence
- Unregulated

\*\$10 / day is only for children aged 0 to school entry

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In PEI, there are licensed and unlicensed child care services. Each type offers different learning experiences and providers follow different regulations. Families should choose the type of care that best suits their family's needs.

## LICENSED

**Licensed child care** include:

- Early Childhood Centres;
- Early Years Centres;
- Family Home Centres;
- Preschool Centres;
- School-Age Centres.

This means that anyone operating one of these programs is regulated and monitored by the PEI Early Learning and Child Care Board.

Licensed centres must provide clear policies for parents that outline their fees, drop-off and pick-up procedures, and their approach to child development and care.

They are also required to follow provincial regulations related to:

- Child-to-staff ratios and maximum group sizes;
- Staff training and qualifications;
- Nutritional standards for food provided;
- Age-appropriate developmental programs;
- Health and safety standards;
- Annual inspections by the Province.

## UNLICENSED

**Unlicensed child care** might be offered by a relative, friend, or neighbour. Individuals offering unlicensed care are not required to meet the same obligations as licensed child care providers.