

Family Day Care Services

SCOOP

Home Child Care Connection Newsletter

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Welcome Spring, and welcome Family Day Caregivers to our first edition of **SCOOP**. It's the best way for you to get the 'scoop' on all the latest news. In our first edition, we're excited to answer some recent questions you have had, and share some information. We are also excited to share some updates and some great achievements from our Home Child Care team.

IT'S OUR ANNIVERSARY and we are celebrating you and 50 years of providing licensed home child care! Stay tuned for details as Family Day will be celebrating this significant milestone on a Saturday in April/May.

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Q+A

Q Why have home child care fees been frozen?

A The fees have been frozen as a legislated requirement for all agencies who have opted into the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan (CWELCC).

Q Who does the fee reduction apply to?

A The fee reduction applies to all families in your care. This includes the eligible private children you are caring for?

Q When will caregivers receive a pay increase?

A We are unsure at this time, but will continue to administer fundings and grants as they are distributed to the agency. You have received some one-time funding / grants over the past couple of years as the municipalities receive funding from the province. This allows Family Day to distribute funding and grants to you. It is important to note that funding / grants are never guaranteed and may have specific guidelines and / or processes as to how they are to be distributed by licensed home child care agencies. We continue to advocate at all levels recognizing the importance of the work that you do, and the value of licensed home child care in the early learning sector.

HOME PLATE

FRUIT PIZZA CRACKERS

A recipe from the home of Shamima Jacquesson
- Toronto Home Child Care

INGREDIENTS

Wasa Crisbreads • 1/2 Cup cream Cheese •
3 Tbs Honey • Strawberries, Blueberries, Kiwi and Raspberries

DIRECTIONS

Mix the honey and cream cheese. Spread an even amount onto each crispbread. Chop the fruit into small pieces and top the crispbreads. Serve immediately.

A World of Wonder

As you know, our outdoor learning brand, OPEN DOORS, highlights our commitment to outdoor learning in all weather during all seasons. Shared opportunities in the outdoor environment benefits both children and home care providers and supports physical development and mental health wellness.

FYI



Family Day is licensed by the Ministry of Education each year.

The annual licensing process allows the Ministry to gather information and data and ensure all licensed homes are compliant with the regulations and legislation set out in the Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA). This year your homes met and exceeded standards in all areas of the inspection. Congratulations for doing such wonderful work in your homes!

We count on you!

Your homes are captured in Ontario's statistics where licensed home child care is being provided by 131 agencies across the province, in 8,296 approved homes offering high quality care and environments for children. (Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, 2019/2020)

You can get support for children with exceptionalities in your care.

These supports and resources are available to you. Please reach out to your Coordinator for additional information.



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