



Philosophy

Little Paws Children's Center is committed to nurturing and guiding young children. The center provides an environment that fosters trust security and comfort. We strive to provide a balance of activities that help children to progress in social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. We also believe that parents are the most important people to children and are an important part of a child's education.

*Empowering children and Families
through culture, language and play*



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INFANT AND TODDLER

The Infant and Toddler program provides care for 12 children between 0-36 months. With three qualified Early Childhood Educators we provide quality care based on trust, positive responsiveness, and a family centered practice. We believe that families know and understand their children best, so we work with our families to ensure we are providing the best care possible.

Each day we provide developmentally appropriate activities based on the children's interests and abilities.

Our daily programming includes,

- Open ended art activities
- Music and movement
- Activities that engage gross as well as fine motor.
- Napping is a huge part of growth and development and we encourage all children to rest throughout the day

Lunch as well as morning and afternoon snacks are provided following the Canadian Food Guide.

It is our commitment to provide a safe and health environment centered around play based learning and exploring.

We believe that each child is unique and curious with the potential to learn and change the world.

3-5 DAYCARE PROGRAM

The 3-5 daycare offers day care spaces for a maximum of 25 children with three full time ECE staff. The program runs Monday to Friday 8am to 5:30pm.

Priority for enrollment will be given to

- Penticton Indian Band Members on and off reserve
- General Public

The child care staff consists of BC licensed Early Childhood Educators who are trained in all areas of child development. They will use developmentally appropriate physical, social emotional and cognitive development. All learning activities are presented through child centered play. We will offer a balance of indoor and outdoor activities, restful and active.

- Nutritious snacks and lunches daily
- Weekly fieldtrips
- Culture and language
- Open ended creative art activities
- Music and movement

Staff supports the relationship between children, their family's and the community. Little Paws has an open door policy, Parents are welcome to drop in anytime. It is our goal to work closely with parents as a team, to help their child(ren) achieve their full potential.

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Little Paws Pre-School is a first nation on Reserve Aboriginal Head start Program. There are two classes with a maximum of ten children per class. The Pre-School Program runs from September to June. Bus service is available for the program. The morning class is from 9:30-11:30 Monday to Thursday. There are no classes of Friday. Eligibility for enrollment is as follows:

- 3 year old PIB members living on reserve
- 3 year old PIB members living off reserve
- 3 year old aboriginal children

The First Nations Aboriginal on Reserve head start Pre-School Program consists of six components:

1. Culture / Language
2. Education
3. Health
4. Social Support
5. Nutrition
6. Parent / Family involvement

The Pre-School program includes a wide variety of activities and field trips to meet the developmental needs of the children. The Pre-School program has an open door policy and welcomes parents into the program.