



Canadian Childcare Landscape – ONTARIO



AGENCIES VRS. CENTRES

144 Licensed Childcare agencies
(Ontario), 5500 Daycare Centres



LICENSED SPACES

472,000 licensed spaces



ADDING SPACES

Provincial Government has a goal to
add 86,000 additional spaces by 2026



CWELCC PROGRAM

Canada Wide Early Learning & Child Care
agreement signed March 2022 –
goal is to subsidize childcare so parents pay
\$10/day on average



MORE AFFORDABLE

Currently Childcare operators have
reduced fees paid by parents to 52%



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What is Licensed Childcare?

Childcare agencies are licensed by the Ministry of Education and must adhere to the regulations set out in the Childcare and Early Years Act (CCEYA), 2014. Licensed agencies contract with childcare Providers to deliver childcare from their own private homes. Providers are independent contractors and can care for a maximum of 6 children at one time. The childcare agency is accountable to ensure that every home where childcare is delivered meets all standards as set out in the CCEYA.

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There are many benefits to licensed home childcare for parents – including:

- Flexible hours – Wee Watch agencies offer part-time, before and after school care, weekends, evenings and in some cases overnight care – meeting the needs of today's working families
- Oversight and Safety – homes must meet all standards set out (sanitary, nutrition, programming, safety). All Wee Watch homes are visited and inspected monthly (exceeding the Ministry requirement of once per quarter) by a RECE professional
- With smaller group sizes (no more than 6 children in a home) – children receive individualized attention to their development, less exposure to illness
- Community based – because care is in the home and in the community, the homes typically reflect the diversity of the community
- Young children often transition better from their own homes to a home-based childcare setting vs more institutional environments such as a daycare centre, siblings can be in care together (vs different rooms by age like in a daycare centre)



What sets Wee Watch Apart From Other Agencies?

Wee Watch delivers a **quality** program – quality to us means we do more than any other agency to ensure the safety and development of the children in care. This includes:

- Rigorous **screening** of all prospective childcare Providers and their families
- **Comprehensive training** (at Orientation) and 10 hours of **Professional development** per provider per year
- We **exceed** the Regulations required for in-home inspections (monthly vs quarterly requirement)
- We deliver a **comprehensive educational curriculum** in our homes - our proprietary Wee Learn and Together Wee Can program was designed by a team of childcare experts/certified teachers and is loved by parents and children

