



**EARLY  
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SERVICES**

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Prescott   
*Russell*

# SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT



## MISSION

The Social Services Department is committed to supporting and standing by its community in its values of social inclusion towards the achievement of its full potential and its autonomy.

## VISION

Together, improving people's lives.

The Social Services Department is responsible for the administration of Early Years Services including, the EarlyON Child and Family Centres and the subsidies for the residents in domiciliary hostels as well as Housing Services to ensure availability for qualified applicants who live in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell.

## EARLY YEARS SERVICES:

The Early Years Services offer several programs and services which include the following:

- Management of service agreements and services with licensed Child Care Centers;
- Operation of a Licensed Home Child Care Agency;
- Offer of financial help to eligible parents with fee subsidies;
- Offer of family and child support services such as:
  - Inclusion Services for Children with Special Needs;
- The EarlyON Child and Family Centers;

Licensed Early Years Services provide quality services that are equitable, affordable and accessible to all residents of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell.

Licensed Early Years Services provided by Child Care Centers or home-based Child Care must meet the standards of the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014.

Full time or part-time services are offered for children aged from six weeks to 12 years of age.





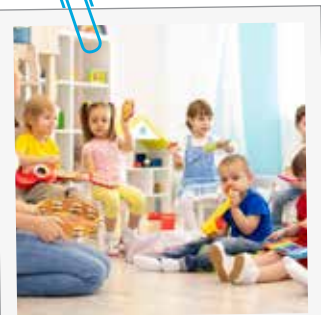
# Child Care Centres Prescott Russell

There are many advantages for parents to choose a Licensed Home Child Care. Here are some:

- Qualified early childhood education staff with first aid training;
- Outdoor playgrounds and indoor play areas with educational materials tailored to the needs of children;
- Environments governed by standards for training, health and safety, planning, hygiene and health, etc.;
- Environments that promote the overall development of each child, learning healthy lifestyles and practising social skills;

For additional information, please contact a Child Care Centre in your area.

You can find the complete list of Child Care Centres on the United Counties of Prescott and Russell website [www.prescott-russell.on.ca/services/social\\_services/early\\_years\\_services](http://www.prescott-russell.on.ca/services/social_services/early_years_services)



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## Home Child Care

Home Child Care provides children with a safe, supervised and stimulating environment, with various activities that allow children to develop physically, socially, intellectually and emotionally. Planned and unplanned visits are made on a regular basis to ensure that government standards are met.



### THE ADVANTAGES:

The advantages for parents to choose a home-based Child Care are numerous. Here are a few :

- Recruitment is done by qualified staff and Child Care providers are individually assessed;
- A healthy and balanced diet;
- Stimulating activities adapted to the child's age, needs and interests;
- A program focused on children with special needs;
- The possibility of a subsidy for eligible families;
- Affordable fees and a tax receipt;



To promote the inclusion of children with special needs in licensed Child Care Centers.

## Objectives:

- ➔ Promote inclusion and support early childhood educators in licensed Child Care Centers and of the Prescott-Russell Licensed Home Child Care Agency;
- ➔ Support licensed Child Care providers in implementing individual plans for children with special needs;
- ➔ Offer a purchase of service for support staff in licensed Child Care Centers;
- ➔ Collaborate with parents and the multidisciplinary team to ensure consistent expectations and approaches towards children;
- ➔ Support children with special needs in their transition to school.

## Eligibility Criteria:

Children aged from birth to 12 years of age enrolled in a licensed Child Care Center and/or with service providers that have an agreement with the United Counties of Prescott and Russell.

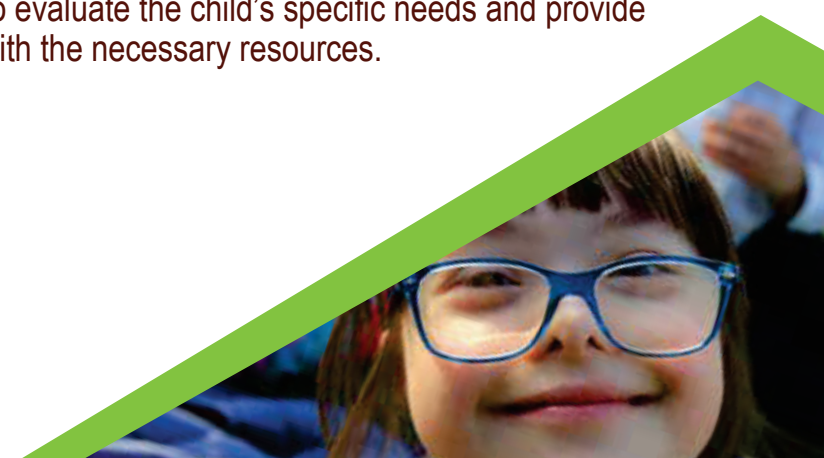
The child has developmental challenges such as:

- ➔ Overall developmental delay;
- ➔ Expressive and receptive language;
- ➔ Social and environmental behaviours;
- ➔ Physical;
- ➔ Medical.

## How to request services:

When a Child Care Center or a parent wishes to make a request for inclusion services, the first step is to complete the consent form and to send it to the following email address: [inclusion@prescott-russell.on.ca](mailto:inclusion@prescott-russell.on.ca).

A councillor assigned to this case will contact the parent directly. Should they be required to open a new file, they will arrange to go and observe the child. Thereafter a councillor will be in a position to evaluate the child's specific needs and provide parents with the necessary resources.





## EarlyON Child and Family Centres

**EarlyON Centres** offer a wide variety of free resources and programs.

**EarlyON Centers** promote children’s learning and development, they also provide parents and caregivers support and provide families with information about community services.

### Eligibility Criteria:

Families with children aged from birth to six years of age have access to all programs and services. The child’s siblings are also welcome.

### Programs and Resources:

**EarlyON Centers** offer high-quality programs in a flexible setting and free of charge, for children aged from birth to six years and their families.



### You can find

- Programs specifically designed to encourage the development of children aged from birth to six years of age;
- Fun and stimulating learn through play experiences: painting, drawing, building, creating, reading, storytelling, songs and games, dancing, exploring, and many more activities;
- Specialized programs offered by professionals: baby massage, developmental screening, yoga, and car seat verification;
- Advice from Early childhood development professionals;
- Information on specialized programs and local services, as well as guidance to access these programs and services;
- Opportunities to meet other families that have young children.



Each Centre serves its neighbouring communities by providing activities in various areas such as parks, libraries, or community Centres in order to make its services accessible. You can consult our calendars at [www.EarlyONpr.ca](http://www.EarlyONpr.ca)

Centres are open all year round, five days a week. Programs are offered during various hours, days, evenings and weekends.

### Regions served:

In the United Counties of Prescott and Russell there are three EarlyON Centres:

**Casselman**  
 676A Principale St  
 Casselman ON  
 1-866-764-3434

**Rockland**  
 2303 Laurier St.  
 Unit 105  
 Rockland, ON  
 1-866-764-3434

**Hawkesbury**  
 876 James St.  
 Hawkesbury, ON  
 1-866-764-3434



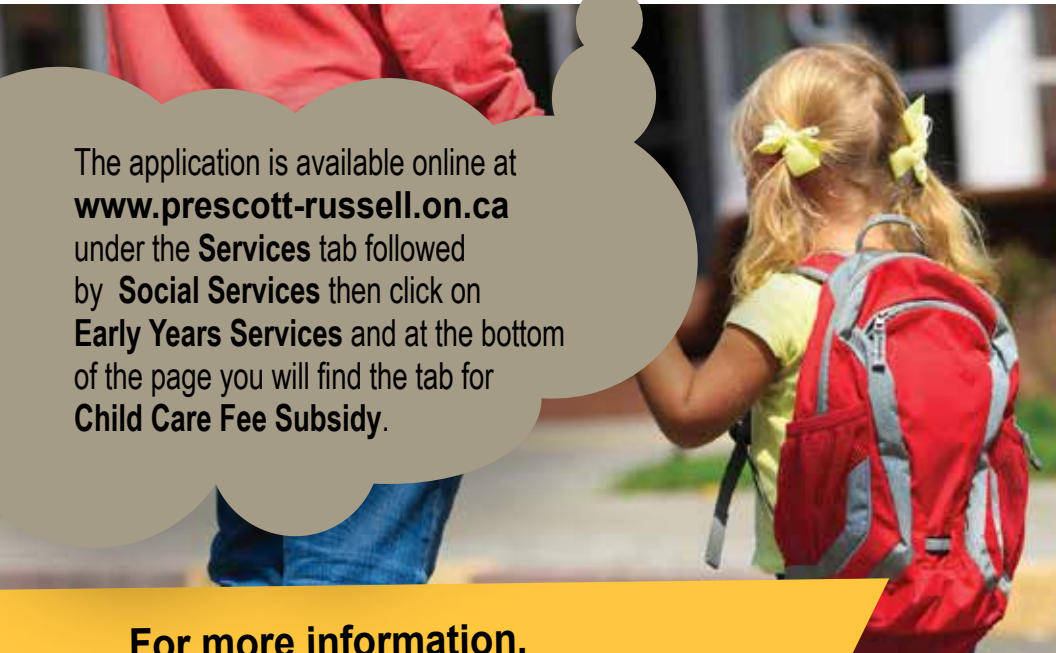
You can get information and advice from early childhood professionals, meet other people and play with your child while learning.

# CHILD CARE FEE SUBSIDY

Child care subsidies support families that are eligible according to the financial criteria they must meet. Grants can be used in a variety of child care programs depending on the availability of spaces.

## How to submit an application for Child Care subsidy:

On the initial request, the applicant must submit their personal information, which will allow the identification of family circumstances.



The application is available online at [www.prescott-russell.on.ca](http://www.prescott-russell.on.ca) under the **Services** tab followed by **Social Services** then click on **Early Years Services** and at the bottom of the page you will find the tab for **Child Care Fee Subsidy**.

**For more information,**  
You can reach the Child Care Fee Subsidy  
Officer at 613-675-4642 ext. 6307.