

Bill 10

The HUB Child & Family Centre offers licensed Home Child Care through a business model established with our Board of Directors and Prince Edward - Lennox & Addington Social Services.

Our business model follows a not-for-profit model and fees are set by our Executive Director and a volunteer Board of Directors. The agency collects fees from parents and fee subsidy then uses a portion of the fees to support administration of the program. This may include home visiting costs related to up to 15 operational homes as well as compliance issues related to licensing. The HUB receives minimal government grant funding to enhance staff wages and provider income.

The new Bill 10 would limit unregulated caregivers – who call themselves independents – to a maximum of five children, including their own children, under the ages of six. The legislation does not require everyone caring for young children for remuneration to be affiliated with a licensed agency; if a provider wishes they can remain independent and still care for five children. The Ministry of Education will release further information regarding registration of independent home child care providers. *Everyone who is providing care in their home for children under the age of 12 years will be required to register their business.* When you are registered this does not mean you are a licensed child care provider. Providers in Ontario cannot be individually licensed and must follow the Day Nurseries Act (DNA) rules for independent child care providers. They can contract with a licensed agency. The agency then purchases their services but they are still not licensed and have to follow the DNA working with a licensed agency.

There is always a place for quality child care in Ontario whether it is licensed centre based child care, licensed home child care or unlicensed independent child care providers. We recognize that parents have the right to choose the child care most suited to their needs. At the end of the day it is important that the provision of safe high quality care for all children is at the forefront and we trust that Bill 10 addresses this.

Bill 10 also will address changes in protecting the public interest through the legislative changes to the Early Childhood Education Act and working to ensure all Early Childhood Educators working in licensed child care to be registered with the College of Early Childhood Educators and that they continue to participate in Continuous Professional Development.

To find out if your child care provider is a registered Early Childhood Educator look at the College website at www.college-ece.ca

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References:
Home Child Care Association
The HUB Home Child Care
College of Early Childhood Educator