



16538 59A Street Edmonton, AB

## **Inclusive Daycare Policy**

At our daycare, we are dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment where every child feels valued, respected, and supported. Our inclusive policy ensures that children of all abilities, backgrounds, and needs can fully participate in our programs and activities.

### **1. Diversity and Acceptance:**

- We embrace diversity and celebrate the unique qualities of each child, including differences in abilities, cultures, languages, and family structures.
- We promote acceptance, empathy, and mutual respect among children, staff, and families, fostering a sense of belonging for all.

### **2. Individualized Support:**

- We recognize that every child is unique and may have diverse abilities, strengths, and challenges.
- Our staff are trained to accommodations to meet the needs of children with exceptionalities, ensuring they can fully participate in all aspects of daycare life.

### **3. Collaborative Partnerships:**

- We believe in the importance of collaborative partnerships between families, caregivers, educators, and community resources.
- We work closely with parents to understand their child's strengths, needs, and goals, and to develop personalized plans for their success.
- At our daycare, we are proud to foster strong partnerships with government agencies in Alberta, including Grande Prairie Regional Intervention Team (GRIT), Inclusive Child Care (ICC), and Alberta Supports for Child Care (ASAP). These collaborations are integral to our commitment to providing comprehensive support and resources to children and families in our community.
- The Grande Prairie Regional Intervention Team (GRIT) provides specialized support to children with complex needs or developmental challenges. By working closely with GRIT, we can access tailored intervention strategies, therapy services, and resources to address the unique needs of each child and promote their overall development and well-being.



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- Inclusive Child Care (ICC) initiatives aim to create inclusive environments where children of all abilities can learn, play, and thrive together. Through our partnership with ICC, we receive training, consultation, and support to implement inclusive practices, adapt our programs to meet diverse needs, and foster a culture of acceptance and belonging for every child.
- Alberta Supports for Child Care (ASAP) offers valuable resources and assistance to childcare providers, including funding opportunities, licensing support, and professional development opportunities. Our collaboration with ASAP ensures that we remain informed of regulatory changes, best practices, and emerging trends in early childhood education and care.
- By partnering with these government agencies, we can effectively address the evolving needs of children and families in our community, promote positive outcomes, and create a supportive network of resources and expertise. Together, we are dedicated to building a brighter future for all children, regardless of their circumstances or challenges they may face.

#### **4. Accessibility and Adaptations:**

- We strive to make our daycare environment accessible to all children, including those with physical, cognitive, sensory, or emotional exceptionalities.
- We provide accommodations, modifications, and assistive devices as needed to ensure children can access our programs, facilities, and materials.

#### **5. Government Support for Parents:**

- Parents of children with exceptionalities may be eligible for various government support programs and services, including:
  - Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD): Financial assistance, specialized services, and supports to help families meet the unique needs of their child with a disability.
  - Alberta Child Benefit: Financial support for low-income families with children under 18 years old, including those with exceptionalities.
  - Respite Care: Temporary relief for caregivers of children with disabilities, allowing them to take a break while their child receives care and support.



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## **6. Inclusive Programming:**

- We design our programs, activities, and learning experiences to be inclusive and accessible to all children, regardless of ability.
- We provide a variety of learning materials, sensory experiences, and play opportunities to engage and stimulate children with diverse abilities and interests.

## **7. Training and Professional Development:**

- Our staff receive ongoing training and professional development to enhance their knowledge and skills in supporting children with exceptionalities.
- We stay informed about best practices in inclusive education, early intervention, and child development to ensure we provide high-quality care and support.

## **8. Creating a Supportive Community:**

- We foster a supportive and nurturing community where all families feel welcome, accepted, and valued.
- We provide resources, information, and peer support networks to help parents connect with other families facing similar challenges and to access additional support services as needed.

## **9. Continuous Improvement:**

- We are committed to continuous improvement in our efforts to create an inclusive and supportive environment for all children and families.
- We regularly review and evaluate our policies, practices, and programs to identify areas for improvement and to ensure we are meeting the diverse needs of our daycare community.

By adhering to our inclusive daycare policy and working collaboratively with families and community resources, we strive to create an environment where every child can learn, grow, and thrive to their fullest potential.

If you have any questions about our inclusive practices or available support services for parents with children with exceptionalities, please don't hesitate to contact us.



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