

ONTARIO DAY CARE FACT SHEET 1982

POPULATION: There are 1,483,330 children under the age of 12, and 723,000 under the age of 6 in Ontario.

WORKING MOTHERS: The Ontario Women's Bureau estimates that there are 158,000 children under the age of 3 and 274,000 children under the age of 6 with working mothers

CHILDREN IN ALTERNATIVE CARE ARRANGEMENTS: 406,000 children under 6 receive care from non-parent caregivers

TYPE OF CARE ARRANGEMENTS:

Nursery School or Kindergarden	190,000
Day Care Centres	41,000
In Own Home	121,000
In Another Private Home	165,000

DAY CARE SPACES: Of the 406,000 children in alternative care, only 45,282 are in government licensed and supervised day care. There are 39,928 full time group day care spaces in 1734 centres. There are 2,134 government licensed and supervised spaces for school age children. There are 4,088 licensed day care spaces for infants. There are 1,486 spaces for diagnosed handicapped children.

SUBSIDIZED SPACES:

Full time group day care	14,772
Full time private home day care	4,283
Part time group and private home day care combined	1,702
TOTAL	20,759

FEES: Range for group day care per annum: \$2,600 - \$6,400
 Weekly Average: infant care - \$100
 pre-school - \$ 65

DAY CARE TEACHERS: Of the 9,901 day care teachers in Ontario, 5,669 hold E.C.E. diplomas, 1,131 are enrolled in E.C.E. programs, and 3,101 are untrained.

WAGES: The Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services estimates that the average annual salaries for day care teachers are:
 \$10,000 for trained teachers
 \$ 8,000 for untrained teachers

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES:

	TOTAL BUDGET: \$22.8 BILLION	
	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>
		<u>Percentage</u>
Day Nurseries	\$ 753,400,000	.31
Education (age 5+)	\$420,000,000,000	18.40

Ontario has 34.4% of the Canadian child population ages 0 - 9. Ontario has 37.7% of the total Canadian day care spaces. But only 3.9% of Ontario children are in government licensed day care. The Ontario Tory government spends \$36.29 per child per year on day care, 12.5% lower than the national provincial average of \$41.43.

INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISON: NUMBER OF LICENSED DAY CARE SPACES, 1982 AND PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES ON DAY CARE PER CHILD 0-9 IN THE POPULATION, 1982-83.

