Running a Licensed Home Daycare in Oxford County

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Introductions

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Webinar Overview

- Licensed Home Child Care Provider Video
- Rules and regulations of operating a home daycare
- Perks of affiliating with Oxford Community Child Care
- Basics of setting up a home-based business
- Tracking your income and expenses
- What is a business "Write-off" anyways?
- Resources and supports available to you
- Q&A



Licensed Home Child Care Provider Video





Rules & Regulations

In Ontario, a home childcare business is governed by the Ministry of Education and the Child Care & Early Years Act. Each provider is self-employed and independently contracted by the licensed agency.

Minimum legal requirements for a Home Child Care Provider:

- Vulnerable person criminal reference checks for all adults 18+ years,
 who reside in the home
- Children's Aid Society background checks for all individuals 16+ years, who reside in the home
- \$2 million childcare liability insurance policy
- Vehicle liability insurance rider, if transporting children in care
- Standard First Aid Level C



Rules & Regulations

- Fire Safety Plan- An escape plan for each floor of your premises must be drawn and a fire inspection completed; Fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are required and must be in place
- Rabies vaccines must be up to date for any pets present
- Immunizations for your family must be up-to-date
- Appropriate areas for indoor/outdoor play, sleeping, eating, and toileting
- Nutritious snacks and meals in keeping with Canada's Food Guide
- Smoke Free- The premise must remain smoke free whether children are present or not (Eff. May 31/06)
- Monthly and quarterly visits support the quality of care, ongoing education and self-reflection



Perks of Affiliation

Flexibility

- You are self-employed- Choose the days and hours you'd like to operate
- You can potentially care for 6 children in your home
- Families can be registered with the agency and/or privately
- You determine which families are welcomed into your home based on your family/business needs

Professional Development & Support

- Ongoing monthly support from the Home Child Care Consultant
- Supportive Home Child Care networking connections
- Emergency Safety Starter Kits, PPE, Menu & Activity resources provided



Perks of Affiliation

Family Referrals & Guaranteed Payment

- The Oxford County One List is a waitlist program that allows all families needing childcare to apply- OCCC is required to use this list when filling available spaces at your premises
- You can provide care for families who require subsidized childcare
- Guaranteed payment for agency referred families you provide care for

Note: We cannot guarantee subsidized spaces in the provider homes- Oxford County looks after the financial support and OCCC looks after the childcare



Home-based Business Set-up

Plan - Write it down!

- The 5 W's
- Understand the numbers. Can I make a profit?
- What resources do I have, what do I need?
- Consider the format of your business
- Understand the regulations, licenses and permits required from municipal, provincial and federal governments that are specific to your business
- Register your business name with Service Ontario, if it is different than your personal name
- Set up a designated Bank Account for your business
- Register for a CRA Business Number (BN), if required



Tracking Income & Expenses

Get Organized! Stay Organized!

- Keep your receipts all of them.
- Track your mileage
- Manual solutions
- Technology solutions



What is a Business "Write-off"?

A Write-off is a business expense that offsets your taxable income.

- Expense items that are directly related to running your business
- The obvious ones are: start-up costs, insurance, marketing, office supplies, cleaning and personal care supplies, food, toys, craft items...
- Business-use-of-home Costs
- Automobile Expenses
- Capital Costs



Resources & Support Available

OCCC Home Childcare Providers

https://oxfordccc.ca/hcc-providers

Oxford County One List

http://oxfordcounty.ca/Services-for-You/Human-Services/Childcare

Childcare Rules in Ontario

https://www.ontario.ca/page/child-care-rules-ontario



Resources & Support Available

Business Start Up 101 Guide

https://bit.ly/3sbpU6x

The Small Business Centre – Start Up Advice & Guidance
 https://www.thesmallbusinesscentre.ca

Community Futures Oxford – Micro Loan Program
 https://cfoxford.ca

 Community Employment Services- Newcomer Support http://www.cesoxford.ca/programs/newcomer



Regulations, Licenses, Permits

Child Care Licensing Resources

http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/licensing_resources.html

Registering your business name with Service Ontario

https://www.ontario.ca/page/registering-your-business-name

Register for a CRA Business Number (BN), if required

https://www.canada.ca/en/revenueagency/services/tax/businesses/topics/registering-your-business/register.html



CRA Resources

Business Income

https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed-income/business-income-tax-reporting/business-income.html

Business Expenses

https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/businesses/topics/sole-proprietorships-partnerships/business-expenses.html

CRA Form T2125 – Statement of Business or Professional Activities

https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/forms/t2125.html



Q&A







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