

LICENSED PRESCHOOL

Rainbows & Unicorns

2025–2026



HAMILTON

COMMUNITY CENTRE



(604) 204-8655



MISSION STATEMENT

To provide the highest standard of care for the children of Hamilton, through inclusion, support and respect. We value the special and unique nature of each child in our care and believe it is important to honour the children's diversity, while celebrating their similarities. We also recognize that each child's family is special and unique and that families—like their children—are as diverse as they are similar. Therefore, **we warm-heartedly welcome ALL families** to HCA's Child Care Services preschool and school-age care programs, regardless of size, form, culture, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation or economic status.

THE CURRICULUM

The **curriculum** in our programs is based on the children's expressed interests and developmental needs and is planned on a week-to-week and/or month-to-month basis. Each and every day there are a variety of indoor and outdoor activities available for the children to explore and investigate—including ones that address the diverse backgrounds of the children in our care, their families, and our community. Emphasis is placed on learning through play and children have the freedom and opportunity to develop five developmental selves (social, emotional, physical, intellectual and creative) by engaging in experiences that are enriching, interesting and fun. Our program plays outside everyday— we ask that children dress in appropriate outer wear to enjoy outside play in rain or shine.

Our childcare programs are fully licensed. The programs from September—June, except on statutory holidays, public school breaks and two professional development days.

QUESTIONS? Please contact:

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Director of Child Care Services

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REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025—2026 SCHOOL YEAR

To register, please contact the Director of Child Care to receive our registration forms and program information.

Available spaces for the School Year 2025-2026 programs will be announced: March 31, 2025.

Registration will be available online starting:

Wed. April 2, 2025, 6:00pm

Register online at www.richmond.ca/register through the My Richmond registration account.

Families can create their registration account by visiting www.richmond.ca

*It is recommended that parents practice logging in and using the system prior to registration.

A \$50 non-refundable registration fee is due at the time of registration to secure space. A registration packages will be emailed shortly after registration and must be completed, return within 7 days in order to complete the registration process.

RAINBOWS AND UNICORNS PRESCHOOL

3—5 years Combined

M/W/F 4HR	8:30am—12:30pm	\$353.70/ month
T/TH 4HR	8:30am— 12:30pm	\$262.75/ month
T/TH 2.5HR	8:30—11:00am	\$164.75/ month

*Monthly fee does NOT include Winter Break and Spring Break. Programs will not run during these periods.

* Occasionally there are field trips / special presentations that require an additional fee. This information is provided closer to those dates (we do our best to keep the cost to a minimum).

AGE GUIDELINES

For your child to be eligible for registration in Hamilton's Licensed Preschool programs, your child must be 3 years of age by December 31 of THAT school year. Meaning, if you would like to register your child for 2025, your child will need to be 3 by December 31, 2025. If your child turns 3 after this date, the child will not be eligible for registration until the 2026 school year.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

INCLUSIVE

We believe all children have the right to participate and to be supported in their individuality. We celebrate uniqueness and similarities.

FAMILY SUPPORT

We believe families are important, regardless of their form, and our role is to support families by providing consistent, quality, reliable Child Care.

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

We believe children learn thorough play and will program activities that allow children to learn and experience personal growth through individual and group play.

PHYSICAL LITERACY

We believe a healthy body is as important as a healthy mind and will program activities that offer daily physical activity and opportunity to build on physical skills. We will offer nutritional snacks that are from identifiable food groups.

SELF DIRECTED LEARNING

We believe children need opportunities to develop confidence, their own competence, and to explore the opportunities in the world around them. We will offer children this opportunity through individual and group lead activities and we will actively seek children's interests in developing programming.

SAFETY AND RESPECT

All adults will offer children physical and psychological safety. There will be respect for one self and the development of social responsibility towards others and our community.

OUR PRESCHOOL STAFF

Our certified and wonderful ECE Instructors have over 20 years of experience working with Licensed Preschool programs. Our instructor to children ratio is 1:10. Depending on registration, sizes may be limited to 10 students with one instructor.

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