

# HOME CHILD CARE

Home child care offers a family setting within a comfortable home environment, allowing children to feel at ease while learning and growing. This family like grouping allows children of different ages, to be together in the same home. Through this intergenerational grouping, the older children will work with the younger, sharing their knowledge and understanding of their world around them. This develops a strong sense of autonomy within the children and is the traditional way of Indigenous people.

Home child care providers play an instrumental role in a child's development. Following a holistic approach to learning, within a nurturing environment, children are exposed to different experiences. Following a strong Indigenous lens, the children experience a strong cultural base that supports the traditions of our local Indigenous communities as well as share knowledge of the Indigenous ways with non-Indigenous children in the home setting.



Learn more at : <https://keepersofthecircle.com/>



## About Home Child Care Providers:

- All Home Child Care Providers meet the Ontario Childcare and Early Years act and regulations.
- Providers are screened, trained, inspected, and monitored by our home childcare Supervisor.
- Have low child-to-caregiver ratios which allows more personal attention and responsiveness.
- Each child is introduced to the Nurturing the Seed program. An Indigenous-designed infant mental health program that supports children from birth to six years of age, so they are in the best position to grow and learn in their early years.
- Incorporate the principles in the document "How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years" in their planning. The children's interests guide the program, ensuring the children are learning and growing in a way they enjoy, in an open atmosphere of play.
- Provide nutritious meals and snacks
- Can care for children 0 to 12 years old.
- Have flexible hours for full and part time care. Some homes are open to provide evenings, overnights, and weekend care.