

# Welcome to Davenport-Perth EarlyON Child and Family Centre

Free Early Learning Programs for Families with Children ages birth to 6 years

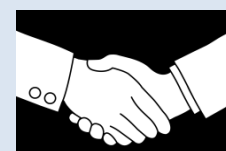


## Program Policies and Guidelines for Parents and Caregivers

The Davenport-Perth EarlyON Child and Family Centre is a supportive place where parents/caregivers with children ages birth to 6 years will have the opportunity:

- To participate in early learning and parenting programs that support healthy child development
- Learn more about pregnancy and child development
- Talk to EarlyON staff and other parents/caregivers/grandparents and find information about programs and services available in the Davenport community

### POLICIES AND GUIDELINES



**First Visit:** Welcome to our programs! In your first visit a staff will give you a tour of the program space and will provide you with information about our programs, policies and guidelines. You will be required to fill out a registration form and sign a waiver that explains the confidential use of your personal information.

**Attending our programs:** Each time you attend our programs you are required to sign in a program's attendance sheet. Please print clearly your name, last name, your child's name(s), last name(s,) and their age(s).



**Interaction with Children:** We know that the first three years of life are the most important for brain development. Nurturing adult-child relationships are critical during this period of time. Early experiences shape the brain and set the stage for life-long learning and healthy development. At our EarlyON programs we promote, role model and encourage parents/caregivers to interact with their children in a nurturing and supportive way. Play is essential for children to increase their social and emotional maturity and is one of the most important ways you can support your child's development. Have fun with your child and let them lead the activities.

**Toys and Equipment:** Toys must stay in the program space.

- Make sure your child is not taking the indoor toys outside to the play area.
- Encourage your child to tidy up toys after she/he is done playing an activity
- To prevent the spread of germs and illnesses please put dirty toys, or toys put in children's mouths in the appropriate bin.



**Snack Time:** In our programs we provide healthy snacks for children. During snack time sit with your child in the designated eating area and ensure the snack table and/or highchair are clean once your child is finish their snack.

For safety reasons, children should not walk with food, cups or bottles in their mouths.



**Stroller Parking:** In order to comply with fire safety regulations, please leave your stroller in the designated area. Please take all your valuables with you.

**Diapering:** Please use the designated area and place dirty diapers in designated garbage bin. Please clean the change table after every use.



**Electronic Devices:** The use of electronic devices like cell phones, cameras, tablets and laptops are not allowed in the program space. If you need to make or take a call please step out of the program space with your child.

**Allergies:** Peanuts and tree nuts are not allow in our programs. Peanuts can cause a life-threatening reaction in some people. Please inform a staff if you or your child has any food allergy that we should be aware of.



**Supervision of Children:** Parents and caregivers are responsible for the care and safety of the children in their care at all times. Parents/caregivers are required to monitor their child's activities in order to prevent hurting themselves or others.

**Staff Role:** Our Early ON family support workers are available to:

- respond questions you may have about your child development and behaviour
- role model positive interaction with children
- provide information about other programs and services available for children and families in the community



**Hot Beverages:** In our programs we provide tea and coffee for our participants. Please do not leave your hot beverages in places where children can reach. Please place all your cups in the kitchen's sink or counter after use.

**Health Policy:** In order to prevent the spread of illnesses, we ask parents and caregivers to keep children at home if they are sick. Please note that if you or your child has one or more of the following symptoms you cannot participate in our programs:

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| <input type="radio"/> Fever                   | <input type="radio"/> Pink Eye                                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Diarrhea or Vomiting    | <input type="radio"/> Skin Rashes or Impetigo                  |
| <input type="radio"/> Uncontrollable Coughing | <input type="radio"/> Lethargy, unusual tiredness and weakness |
| <input type="radio"/> Sore Throat             |  |



Staff may use their discretion to determine if a child or parent/caregiver is too ill to participate in program.

## Program Times and Locations

Our Davenport-Perth EarlyON programs are offered at our Main Site, Wallace Emerson, Pauline P.S., Dufferin/St. Clair Library, and at some local park during the summer months.

### LOCATIONS

**Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood and Community Health Centre (DPNCHC)**  
1900 Davenport Road, Toronto  
Phone: (416) 588-3755

**Pauline Public School**  
(September to June)  
100 Pauline Avenue, Toronto  
(416) 588-3755 ext. 550

**Dufferin & St Clair Library**  
In partnership with  
**Yorktown Family Services**  
1625 Dufferin Street, Toronto  
(416) 394-2424 ext. 225 or 265

**Wallace Emerson Recreation Centre**  
(October to June)  
1260 Dufferin Street, Toronto  
(416) 392-0039

**Healthy Beginnings Pre-Natal Program**  
**The Stop Community Food Centre**  
1884 Davenport Road, Toronto  
(416) 652-7867 ext. 221

**Park Summer Outreach Programs**  
**Wadsworth Park**  
120 Connolly St (Davenport Rd./Laughton Ave.)

**Perth Square Park**  
350, Perth Ave (Dupont/Symington)

**Earlscourt Park**  
1200 Lansdowne Ave (Lansdowne/St.Clair)  
(416) 588-3755

For more information about our locations and program times please refer to our monthly calendar or visit our Centre's website at [dpnchc.ca](http://dpnchc.ca).

If you would like to receive our EarlyON Program Calendar by email please call our office at 416.588-3755 or email [earlyon@dpnchc.ca](mailto:earlyon@dpnchc.ca)

### Early Years Inclusion Vision Statement

Our EarlyON Centre value the development, celebrates the strengths, and respects the uniqueness that each child, parent and caregiver brings to the Centre. We provide welcoming and safe environments in the community. We are committed to provide all children, parents and caregivers with opportunities to learn, enjoy and participate in the Centre and Satellites.