

Little Lambs Daycare

Children Learning in a Nurturing Environment



Little Lambs Daycare got its start in the late 1970s and became a non-profit organization in 1994. The daycare is now operated by a volunteer Board of Directors and is governed by the Ministry of Child and Youth Services. As a non-profit organization, all profit is reinvested back into the centre. Exciting changes for 2011 include a new outdoor playground, fresh paint and flooring throughout, listening/computer centre and new children's furnishings.

Little Lambs Daycare provides quality childcare for newborns to age 5. Its hours of operation are from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm Monday to Friday. The Early Childhood Educators are registered with the College of ECEs and are supported by Teacher's Assistants. They are continually upgrading by attending workshops and seminars. All staff have criminal reference checks on file and update their CPR and First Aid annually.

Little Lambs Daycare believes that all children should have an opportunity to participate in quality childcare and early learning. Children excel if they have a positive, nurturing and secure developmental environment that promotes intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth. Little Lambs Daycare offers that environment through structured programming, outdoor play in a spacious, grassed playground along with educational, fun-filled field trips.

The Infant Room is designed for newborns to 18-month-olds with a focus on meeting the needs of the

child and family. Routines at home are continued so that the transition to daycare is seamless. Through activities, children work on gross and fine motor skills and are exposed to independent learning.

The Toddler Room accommodates children 18-months to three-years-old. Children are introduced to a more structured environment with a focus on self esteem, independence, initiative and communication. Early literacy skills are expanded on and toilet training is introduced.

Children three to five years old are cared for in the Preschool room. Recognizing the importance of the Early Learning Program being implemented by the Ministry of Education, Little Lamb's curriculum is based on the children's interests and gives them opportunities to learn through play. Child-directed programming and play-based learning provide children with the knowledge and skills needed to transition into the school system. Little Lambs Daycare utilizes the Jolly Phonics program recognized by the Ministry of Education as a learning tool to teach letters and sounds. With full day learning coming to all local schools, it is their goal to have children integrate with ease socially, intellectually and emotionally into the school system.

Little Lambs Daycare's goal is to have children leave the centre with the experience of a loving, healthy, fun-filled environment, which has prepared them for the next stage of their journey.

- Exploration of language, science, math, music & arts through teacher guided activities & free play for newborn to age 5
- Implementation of the Early Learning Program fundamentals mandated by the Ministry of Education for the education system
- Dedicated, registered Early Childhood Educators & Teacher's Assistants
- Nutritious, homemade meals, cooked daily, following Canada's Food Guide
- Community resources utilized include: Tyke Talk, All Kids Belong, Thames Valley Children's Centre, Merrymount Children's Centre & Middlesex-London Health Unit



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