

# Great and Small Daycare

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# Overview

- Child Care In Alberta
- Great and Small Daycare
- Start-up and Initial Operations
- Daycare Funding



# Alberta

Type	Monthly Cost	Wait Time
Kin Care / Private	Free - \$1,900	N/A
Dayhome	\$450 - \$800	None – Few Months
Daycare	\$600 - \$1375	None – Two Years



# Daycare in Lethbridge

- Variety of Programming: French, Spanish, Christian, Montessori, Basic Childcare
- Priced from \$600 to \$850 per month
- Longest waitlist: 1 year for infant spaces





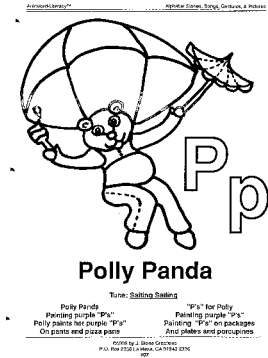
# Foundations

- Literacy
- Character
- Inclusion
- Health



# Literacy

- Animated Literacy (phonetic based sign)
- Quality Literature
- Read, Write, Listen, Speak, View, and Represent Language



# Character

- Model and teach positive character traits
- Character Kids Program
  - Forgiveness, Honesty, Honor
  - Caring, Determination, Enthusiasm
  - Kindness, Love, Loyalty
  - Patience, Peacefulness, Tact



# Inclusion

- Prices are accessible to families from all socio-economic backgrounds
- Encourage respect and understanding of cultures which differ from our own
- Chinese New Year, Cinco de Mayo, Aboriginal Traditions, Kwanza, Hanukkah



# Health

- Daily / Weekly Sanitization Schedule
- Green Cleaning Products
- Pet Free, Peanut Free
- Daily Outdoor Activity
- Nutritious, Multicultural Menu



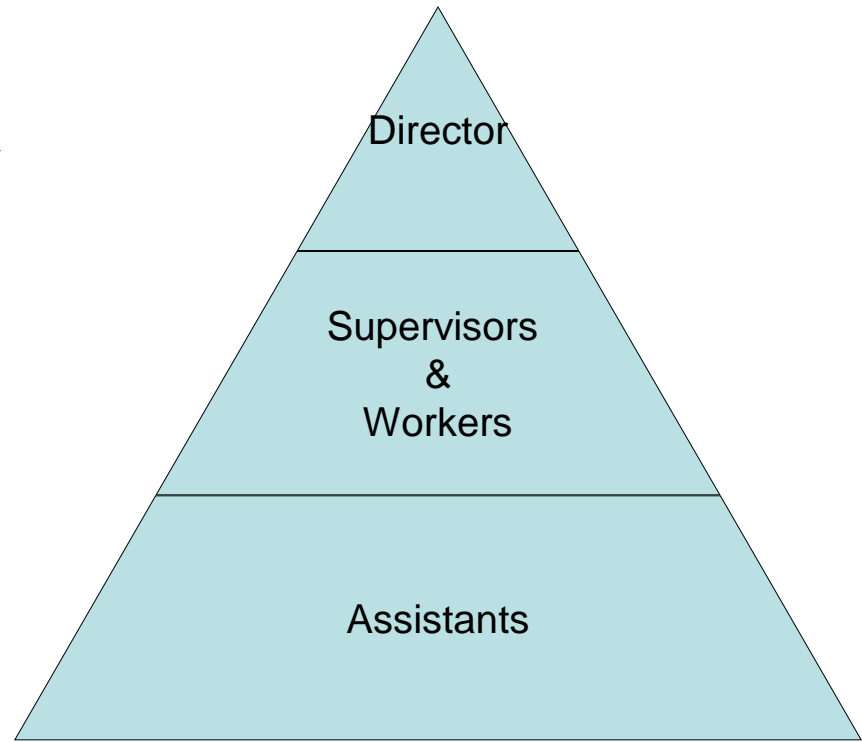
# Menu

- Chicken Chow Mein
- Hamburger Soup and Bannock
- Black Bean Burritos
- Morroccan Squash and Lentil Stew
- Honey Curry Chicken
- Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup



# Staff

- 1 Program Director
- 1 Supervisor
- 2 Workers
- 7 Assistants
- 1 Cook



# Getting Started

- 11 Permits and Licenses
- City and Province approved size / location
- Food Service / Commercial Kitchen
- Leasehold Improvements
- Cashflow
  - Subsidy and Ratios



# Current Operations

- 70+ hours per week
- HR, accounting, marketing, programming
- AHS cleaning & sanitization
- Shopping and cooking for a group
- Oh, and we provide childcare too!



# Rates and Subsidy

- Infants:
  - Our Rate: \$750 / Subsidy \$628
  - \$150 Infant Care Incentive
- Toddler & Preschool:
  - Our Rate: \$675 / Subsidy: \$546



# Accreditation Funding

- Quality Funding Grant
- Staff Support Funding
- Benefit Contribution Grant
- Professional Development
- Staff Attraction Incentive Allowance



# Staff Support Funding

	Assistant	Worker	Supervisor
Pre-Accredited	\$1.44	\$2.70	\$4.42
Accredited	\$2.14	\$4.50	\$6.62



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