

OUR PROGRAM

We offer a structured, play-based program. The mornings are similar to a pre-school, with art and storytimes, as well as Music, French, movement/gym classes and storytime visits to a neighbourhood seniors' centre.

The afternoons have more free-play times, including outside play, nap and snack times.

The structure of routines and activities help build a sense of security and predictability within your child's environment. The activities offer new, exploratory experiences.

The basis for our program may be summed up in a list of well chosen words:

Acceptance	Nurturing
Facilitation	Respect
Encouragement	Discovery
Conflict Resolution	Choices
Safe Environment	Fully Focusing
Discipline	Reality



AGE-SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

3-5 Year Old Program: Enrollment is limited to 25 children in this program, with a ratio of 1 staff to 8 children. We offer full time (5 days a week) and part time (2 or 3 days a week) spaces.

Infant & Toddler Program: Enrollment is limited to 8 children in this program, with a ratio of 1 staff to 4 children. We offer full time (5 days a week) spaces only.

HOW ARE PARENTS INVOLVED?

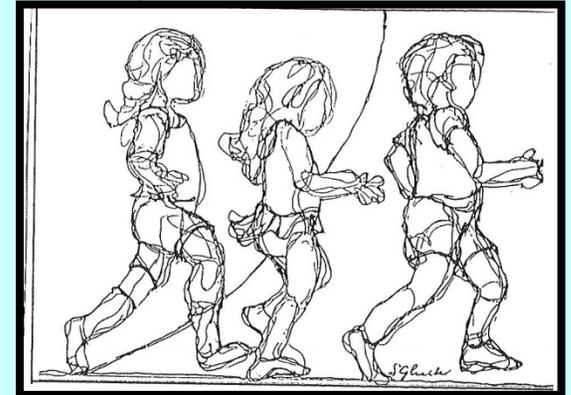
We are a parent participation centre, which means that parents make up the Board of Directors, as well as provide volunteer support for the centre throughout the year in many capacities.

Board meetings are held once a month, including an Annual General Meeting in September.

Throughout the year, we organize parent participation work parties to maintain our children's daily environment at the centre. We also engage in fundraising activities to help enhance the resources for the centre and children. Finally, we have informal get-togethers for families, such as the Winter Festival in late November and the Family Barbeque in May.

WEST VANCOUVER CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Since 1954



“Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skilful execution. It represents the wise choice of many alternatives.” Willa A. Foster

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HISTORY

1954 – Wendy House was built through the dedicated efforts of local parents who wished to have a special place for their children to grow and learn. Mrs. Alma Reynolds was the kindergarten teacher who provided her students with many opportunities to learn through music exploration.

1975 – Wendy House became the *West Vancouver Daycare Society*, delivering child care for the changing needs of the families of West Vancouver.

1991 – The centre underwent another name change: we became the *West Vancouver Child Development Centre*. We had four full-time staff offering care for 28 children on a full and part time basis.

1996 – Plans began to develop an Infant and Toddler Program.

1998 – With a lot of hard work from parents and staff, the Infant and Toddler room was opened creating 8 more spaces for children under the age of 3. We also welcomed 2 more full time staff members.

At Present – We are still providing high quality child care for families on the North Shore. We provide care for over 33 children on a full and part time basis.

NON-PROFIT SOCIETY

West Vancouver Child Development Centre Association is a non-profit society guided by a constitutional position to offer the best possible child care.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

We offer extra activities to challenge the growing needs of children. Our French, pre-kindergarten, music, gym, storytimes at a local seniors centre and summer fun programs add diversity and an element of excitement which complements our preschool program.

Our preschool program includes stories, songs, and a variety of art-based experiences, free play, indoors and outdoors, and many other opportunities to discover the natural environment. We visit the beach, explore our neighbourhood on foot and use the transit system.

During our Summer Fun Program, children of various ages travel many miles, exploring our beautiful city. We have been to New Westminster Quay, Dundarave beach, Bowen Island and many points in between.

OUR DEDICATED STAFF

We have a staff of seven full time dedicated personnel, including a Director, Assistant Director, supervisors, and ECE child care educators. Each staff member has or is currently completing a college-accredited program on Early Childhood Education (E.C.E.).

Our staff members are committed to providing the highest quality child care possible. We believe that all children deserve and have a right to a safe, caring and fun environment in which they can reach their full potential.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The centre operates twelve months per year, Monday to Friday,
7:30 a.m. to 6:00p.m.

We are closed on statutory holidays, Easter Monday and between Christmas and New Year.