

# CHILDCARE CENTRES

In Quebec, when it comes to childcare services, the earlier you enroll your children, the better your chances of finding a place. The process can even be started during pregnancy or upon receiving your posting message.

## Quebec's Childcare System

The Quebec childcare system offers a variety of options :

### Centre de la petite enfance (CPE) — usually subsidized

- A Childcare Centre (CPE) is a non-profit childcare service or a cooperative.
- A CPE has a Board of Directors of which at least two thirds are parents whose children attend or will attend the CPE.
- Each of these facilities can accommodate a maximum of 80 children aged 0 to 5 years of age.
- Services can be offered full-time, part-time, or atypical schedule.





## **Daycare Centre — subsidized or not**

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- Each daycare centre can accommodate a maximum of 80 children aged 0 to 5 years of age.
- Services can be offered full-time, part-time, or atypical schedule.



## **Recognized Home Childcare Providers — subsidized or not**

- This service is held in a private residence where a childcare provider (CCP) provides childcare services.
- It is subjected to regular inspections and must comply with the regulations and laws of the Coordinating Office (CO) of the region where it is located, particularly in terms of the health, safety, well-being, and development of children.
- It can care for no more than 6 children at a time, of which not more than two are under 18 months of age. Can accept a maximum of 9 children, of which at most 4 are under 18 months of age, if the childcare provider (CCP) is assisted



## **Non-Recognized Childcare — not subsidized**

- Childcare centres can be unrecognized without being illegal. They are called non-recognized childcare centres.
- They can be offered in a family setting, in a school environment, in a community organization or as a day camp.
- It is not subjected to regular inspections but must respect certain conditions issued by the Ministère de la Famille.

# Pricing

- In the case of **subsidized childcare services**, you will pay **\$9.10 daily** per child.
- For **non-subsidized childcare services**, the cost is at the regular rate (between \$35 and more); you will receive a tax credit to compensate the overpayment, based on your family income.


You can also apply to receive monthly advance payments of the tax credit for daycare expenses.

If you are registered for prepayments and are transferred outside Quebec before the end of the fiscal year, you will have to repay the prepayments received from Quebec since you will be filing your income tax return in another Canadian province.

## To help you in your search

### Place 0-5

The first step to obtaining a place in a daycare service is to register on the La Place 0-5 website.

 [www.laplace05.com](http://www.laplace05.com)

La Place 0-5 website is Quebec's unique gateway to recognized childcare services for your 0-5-year-old children. Managed by the *Ministère de la Famille*, this Web platform is designed to simplify your search for a place in a recognized daycare centre, CPE (Centre for Early Childhood) or in a family daycare setting.

Next, we advise you to contact the daycare centres in which you are interested. You can contact them directly to make sure that your file has been received and nothing prevents you from periodically checking where you are on their waiting list.



## Ressources

Here are some resources to help you in your daycare service search:

### [Garderie disponible Saguenay/ Lac-Saint-Jean](#) (Facebook)

From this Facebook group, you can ask for places available according to the age of your children and area of residence.

### [Regroupement des garderies et services de garde — Saguenay](#) (Facebook)


From this Facebook group, you can ask for places available according to the age of your children and area of residence.

### [Liste des CPE et des garderies du Saguenay/Lac-Saint-Jean](#) (ministère de la Famille)

This is a list of daycare centres and CPE in the region. It gives you the opportunity to contact those in your area to find out if there are places available.

## Coordinating Offices

The Coordinating Offices websites provide a list of recognized home daycare services in their sector and provide information on the places available. You can contact them directly.


 [La Baie et Bas-Saguenay](#) – Mini-monde Coordinating Offices

 [Chicoutimi, Jonquière, Laterrière and vicinity](#) – Des Lutins Coordinating Offices


 [Alma and vicinity](#) – La Bambinerie Coordinating Offices

## CPE Alouette

As a military family, you are granted a priority at the CPE Alouette which is located in the Base family neighbourhood. You must select it when registering on the Place 0-5 website and indicate that it is the CPE offered at your workplace.


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Address your issue to our provincial deputy, Ms. Andrée Laforest:

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**TIP:** Some daycare centres offer part-time places. It is easier to enter by accepting these places, as the child then has priority for a full-time place.

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