

Growing Together Family Resource Centre - Chatham Locations

Fee Schedule – January 1, 2025

With Canada Wide Early Learning Child Care System (CWELCC)

Base Fees

Full Day Rate

Infant Program	\$22.00
Toddler Program	\$22.00
Preschool Program	\$22.00

CWELCC Eligible FDK

Before School Session	\$12.00
After School Session	\$12.00
Before and After School Session	\$12.00
Full Day Program	\$21.71

School Age

1 Hour Before OR After School	\$7.00
1 hour Before AND After School	\$14.00
Before School Session (More than 1 hour)	\$12.50
After School Session (More than 1 hour)	\$12.50
Before and After School Session	\$21.00
Full Day Program	\$45.00

Non-Base Fees

Late Pick-up/Early Drop-off Fee	\$20.00
NSF CHARGE	\$20.00
LATE SCHEDULE ADMIN FEE	\$10.00

To schedule for all programs: To guarantee space, parents must submit their child's written/or on-line schedule at www.gtfrfc.org, by 12 noon WEDNESDAY for the following week. Schedules will not be processed without payment by Thursday noon for the current week. Booking may be done as follows on a 15 min. interval in full day programs e.g. 8:45am – 5:15pm. Regularly enrolled family schedules received after the Wednesday noon deadline will be charged a \$10 administration fee. Late schedules and requests for additional hours will be processed based on availability of space and staff. * If there is a holiday the schedule deadline moves ahead a day.

Minimum Requirements:

All children eligible for CWELCC funding which includes Infant, Toddler, Preschool and FDK, will need to commit to one of the following Enrollment Options:

- Full Time – 5 days a week
- Part Time – 3 days a week (Any 3 days you choose, can be different each week.)
- WISH – Not guaranteed space, minimum requirement of once every month.

In the event Part Time families want to schedule in extra days, they will be offered space through the Growing Together WISH program. They will be added to the bottom of the WISH list and given space if available.

The minimum requirement for School Age children not eligible for CWELCC funding will be as follows:

- When before and after school programs are offered, the minimum requirement is 3 one-hour sessions a week.
- When full day programs are offered such as March Break and Summer, the minimum requirement is 2 full days a week.
- School Age children will also be eligible to choose a WISH Enrollment Option. With this choice space is not guaranteed and there is a minimum requirement to schedule in 1 one-hour session a month.

If a child is not scheduled to attend the minimum requirement as listed above according to their commitment with GTFRC, families will be charged the required number of days as a "reserve fee" to hold their child care space.

The office must be informed of a withdrawal in writing, two weeks before the child's last day.

Vacation and Sick Credits:

All families are eligible for 5 vacation days and 5 sick days for a total of 10 days per calendar year (Jan.-Dec.) These days are interchangeable. Families who begin in July or later, are entitled to 3 vacation days and 2 sick days for a total of 5 days for the current year. These days are interchangeable. To use a vacation day or receive a sick credit, parents must communicate their request to their childcare centre Supervisor or Assistant Supervisor.

Closure: GTFRC will be closed: New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic Holiday, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the week between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day each year as posted.

Families will not be required to use vacation or pay reserve fees for the following:

- The week between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day that GTFRC is closed
- When a School Age child commits in writing to take the Summer Months off childcare.
- STAT Holidays

Penalty fees – There is no reimbursement for cancelled days. A penalty fee of \$20 will be applied for early drop off and/or late pick up.

Multiple Child discount – A 10% multiple child discount will be applied to the eldest child's rate for families with more than one child in attendance. Children who receive CWELCC funding are not eligible for this discount.

Growing Together has enrolled in the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System. Parent fees were reduced by 25% starting on November 1st, 2022. Parents received a credit of 25% for all child care services used between April 1st-October 31st, 2022. Growing Together will continue to apply discounts to child care rates as scheduled by the Federal Government.

Base Fees- The following are considered base fees at Growing Together and are included in the daily child care fee.

- All meals provided at Growing Together including the morning breakfast basket, mid-morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack.
- Sun Screen

Non-Base Fees-The following are considered non-base fees at Growing Together and have an additional fee as listed above.

- Late Schedule Admin Fee
- Late Pick-up/Early Drop-off Fee
- NSF Check Fee
- Field Trip Fee if applicable

Eligibility for the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement discount is as follows:

- Children under the age of 6 years old are eligible for the CWELCC discount.
- Children who turn 6 years of age between January 1 and June 30 are eligible for the CWELCC discount until June 30 at which time the child would be considered a School Age.
- Children who turn 6 years of age between July 1 and December 31 are eligible for the CWELCC discount until the end of the month of their 6th birthday at which time the child would no longer be eligible for the discount.

Methods of Payments

Growing Together accepts payments in the following forms:

- E-Transfers
- Cash
- Cheque made out to Growing Together Family Resource Centre

Reimbursement of Funds

In the event a parent/guardian has a credit on their child care account, they can request a reimbursement. This request must be submitted in writing. A cheque will be issued to the parent/guardian for the reimbursement within 60 days of the original request date.

To inquire about Child care Subsidy please call 519-351-1228 ext. 2429