



What is Best Start?

- ➔ Over 700 new licensed childcare spaces in Chatham-Kent for children 0-6 years!
- ➔ More family and child support services in your community! (See back for details)

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Childcare Centre:

Full day or part time licensed childcare / home care for children 0-12 years. Depending on the centres (see chart below), this could include care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children.

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Before & After Care:

Childcare for children 3.8 - 12 years offered in the hours before school starts and after school ends.

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Wrap-around Care:

Full day childcare for children on their 'days off' from Kindergarten / Junior Kindergarten.

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ELP (Early Learning Program):

For children to play and learn and be better prepared for school. Families with children 2.5 - 4 years enrolled in a participating Childcare Centre are eligible for 12.5 hours of free childcare every two weeks (space permitting).

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The following are licensed programs. Fees may vary with each childcare centre.



Childcare Subsidy:

Call to see if you qualify for reduced childcare rates! (519) 351-1228 x 2131 or 2132

Childcare Centres in Ridgetown:

Program	Location	Phone (519)	Childcare Centre age range	Before & After Care	Wrap-around Care	ELP
Chatham-Kent Kids	Supervised Home Childcare in Ridgetown. Call for locations.	355-0537	0 - 12yrs	✓	✓	
Jack & Jill Co-op Nursery School	Ridgetown District High School 9 Harold St. N	674-5449	2.5yrs - 4yrs			✓
Ridge Kids Inc.	Ridgeview Moravian 20473 Victoria Road	784-7974	3.8yrs -11yrs	✓	✓	
Ridge Kids Inc.	Ridgetown Public School 19 Church St.	784-7972	2.5yrs -11yrs	✓		✓
Ridge Kids Inc.	St. Michael Catholic School 25 Maple St.	784-7978	3.8yrs -11yrs	✓		
Ridge Kids Inc.	Main Site 20 Victoria St.	674-2800	3mo - 4yrs			✓