



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 Thamesville:

Program	Location	Phone (519)	Childcare Centre age range	Before & After Care	Wrap-around Care	ELP
Chatham-Kent Kids	Supervised Home Childcare in Thamesville. Call for locations.	355-0537	0 - 12yrs	✓	✓	
Thamesville Early Learning Centre	Thamesville Best Start Hub 90 Graham St.	692-9871	0 - 3.5yrs	✓	✓	✓
Thamesville Early Learning Centre	Thamesville Area Central School 30 Mary St.	692-3073	4yrs - 5yrs	✓	✓	✓