



How the Waitlist Works

The Vancouver Society of Children's Centres (VSOCC) operates nearly 800 licensed child care spaces for children ages 3 months to 12 years old.

While our goal is to provide child care for as many families as possible, our wait list does **NOT operate** on a "first come, first serve basis" **We give priority to current VSOCC families and families who live in neighbourhoods around our Centres.** (* see map on page 4)

PROCEDURE

When a space becomes available, we offer it first to eligible VSOCC children (Group A) and then to families in Group B. If the space is not accepted, we contact those who are on the general waitlist (Group C).

GROUP A: CHILDREN WHO ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING A VSOCC program

Using the child's **start date** we offer spaces in the following order:

1. Children currently enrolled in the same Centre
2. Siblings currently enrolled in a different VSOCC Centre
3. Children currently enrolled who wish to transfer to a different VSOCC Centre are eligible to transfer after a **minimum** of 12 months from the start date.

GROUP B: CHILDREN WHO PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED VSOCC but had to leave VSOCC because of a lack of available space in the next age group program.

GROUP C: GENERAL

Using the child's **application date** we offer spaces in the following order:

1. Children who have a sibling enrolled at VSOCC
2. Children of VSOCC employees
3. Children who live in the neighbourhood** where the centre is located (or for school age programs, in the defined catchment area for that elementary school)
4. Children who live in other VSOCC neighbourhoods; or
5. Children who live outside of VSOCC neighbourhoods.

Other Considerations:

- If there are 2 or more children who have the same **start or waitlist** date, the oldest child will be offered the space first.
- VSOCC will only offer child care services to children who will be enrolled for at least 4 months.
- To be eligible for School Age programs, children must be enrolled in Elsie Roy Elementary School or Crosstown Elementary School. Priority is given to children who are currently enrolled who have a sibling enrolled in the school age location where the space is vacant.
- Children who accept a Junior K or Preschool program space will not be offered another space during the school year. Transitions to other programs typically take place between July and September.
- Under 3 programs maintain a balance of infant and toddler age children which may impact the priority in which spaces are offered.

**See [page 3](#) and [4](#) for a list of our centres/programs and for a map of our neighbourhood priorities.



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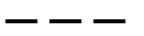


VSOCC Centres and Programs

# on Map	Centres	Under 3's (3-36 mos)	Toddlers (14-36 mos)	3 to 5 (3-5 year olds)	Preschool (3-5 year olds)	Junior K (4-5 year olds)	School Age (K-Grade 7)
	Hours	7:30am – 6:00pm	7:30am – 6:00pm	7:30am – 6:00pm	9:00am - 11:30am or 12:30pm - 3:00pm	See below	See below
1	Administration Office 200-1362 Seymour St						
2	Atelier Children's Centre 396-825 Homer Street		✓	✓			
3	Bayshore Gardens Children's Centre 200-581 Cardero Street <i>*a child who lives at 1616/1650/1680/1710/1717/ 1777/1790 Bayshore Dr. or 581 Cardero St. has priority over others in Group B & C</i>	✓		✓			
17	Charleson Children's Centre 1378 Richards Street		✓	✓			
4	Dorothy Lam Children's Centre 188 Drake Street <i>* a child whose parents live or work in the Concord Pacific Neighbourhoods (see map) has priority over others in Group C #3</i>	✓		✓		✓ 9:00am – 12:30pm	✓ (School year) 3:00pm - 6:00pm
5	Elsie Roy Elementary School 150 Drake Street						✓ (Full year) 7:30-9:00am & 3:00-6:00pm
6	International Village Children's Centre 680 Abbott Street	✓		✓			
16	Crosstown Elementary School 55 Expo Boulevard						✓ (Full year) 7:30-9:00am & 3:00-6:00pm
7	The Junction Children's Centre 1059 Main Street		✓	✓			
8	Library Square Children's Centre 301 & 401-345 Robson Street		✓	✓			
9	The Mark Children's Centre 100-1362 Seymour Street		✓	✓			
10	Pender Street Children's Centre 100-1140 W. Pender Street		✓				
11	Quayside Children's Centre 1011 Marinaside Crescent <i>* a child whose parents live or work in the Concord Pacific Neighbourhoods(see map) has priority over others in Group C #3</i>	✓		✓			
12	Sapphire Children's Centre 1170 W. Pender Street		✓	✓			
13	Sea Star Children's Centre 1451 Homer Street	✓		✓			
14	Shaw Tower Children's Centre 505-1067 W. Cordova Street <i>*a child whose parents live or work in Shaw Tower (1067 or 1077 W. Cordova St.) has priority over others in Group B and C</i>		✓	✓			
15	WEST Village Children's Centre 131 W. 2 nd Ave	✓		✓		✓ 8:00am - 3:00pm	



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'Local' Neighbourhoods

-  Yaletown / Downtown South
-  Coal Harbour / Central Business District
-  International Village / Downtown
-  West End
-  The Village on False Creek
-  Concord Pacific Neighbourhood
-  Crosstown Elementary School Catchment
-  Elsie Roy Elementary School Catchment

