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Important Information: The impacts of the *Child Care Early Years Act* on City of Ottawa programs

The Ontario Ministry of Education is implementing the *Child Care Early Years Act* (CCEYA), which has replaced the *Day Nurseries Act*. This provincial legislation has established new rules governing child care in Ontario. As an authorized provider of recreational and skill-building programs under the CCEYA, the City of Ottawa will be required to make changes to its before and after school programs.

Before and After School

Effective **September 1, 2017**, the following changes will come into effect:

- The City of Ottawa is only permitted to offer before or after school programs to children 6 to 12 years of age, including children who will be turning 6 years old by December 31, 2017.
- The City of Ottawa is only permitted to provide a child with EITHER before OR after school care. We are not able to provide both services to the same child.

School Holidays

For children ages 4 and older, the City of Ottawa is pleased to offer a wide variety of camps during the summer months, Winter Break, March Break, and on PD Days.

The City of Ottawa will continue to offer engaging, high-quality children's programs within the new guidelines set by the CCEYA. For more information on the CCEYA and its impact on recreational programs, please visit the Ministry of Education's website <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/>.

Please contact the staff at our recreation centres to assist you with registration.

Yours truly,

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