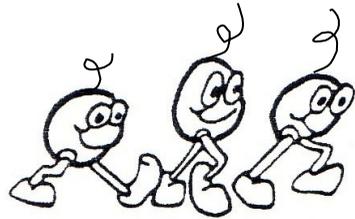


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Infant & Toddler Care

Birth to three years

Baby Steps: 4325 Neill St.
(at Kiwanis Hilton Children's Centre)

Stepping Stones Too: 4222 Cedarwood St.
(Multi-Age Care)

A secure caring environment for your growing infant or toddler.

We believe infants and toddlers learn through play and support this in our programs. We have primary care givers who establish a close and nurturing relationship with your child. To ensure a sense of trust and security we plan our program activities and routines so that there is a regular day to day pattern. Nutritious snacks are provided.

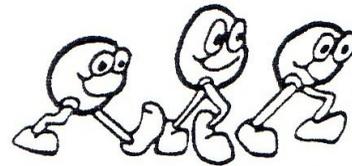
The staff to child ratio is 1 to 4.

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Celebrating 48 Years !



Daycare

30 Months to 5 year olds

Stepping Stones: 4325 Neill St.
(at Kiwanis Hilton Children's Centre)

Stepping Stones Alberni: 4645 Helen St.
(at Alberni Elementary)

Stepping Stones Too: 4222 Cedarwood St.
(Multi-Age Care)

A quality program for children thirty months to five years old.

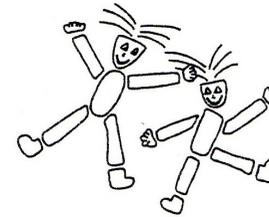
We provide care, support and activities to develop each child's individual independence and personal growth. Children are building on preschool skills in a daycare environment. Each centre has spacious rooms, fully equipped programs and universal playgrounds. At Stepping Stones, children can also access a large indoor gym space. A nutritious morning and afternoon snack is provided. The staff to child ratio is 1 to 8.

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Before and After School Care

Kindergarten to Grade 6

Stepping Out Club: 4325 Neill St.
(at Kiwanis Hilton Children's Centre)

Stepping Out Alberni: 4645 Helen St.
(at Alberni Elementary)

Stepping Stones Too: 4222 Cedarwood St.
(Multi-Age Care)

Before and after school care for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6.

The programs provide opportunities for group and personal projects, indoor and outdoor games, art, cooking, weekly outings and special events. The program runs year round and offers enhanced activities during all school closures. Snack is provided.

The staff to child ratio is 1 to 12.

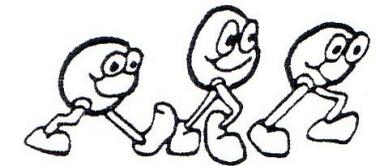
Some transportation available on our Stepping Stones Bus – please call

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Preschool

Classes for 3 to 5 year olds

Stepping Stones: 4325 Neill St.
(at Kiwanis Hilton Children's Centre)
Open the Door, Lets Explore

Stepping Stones Alberni: 4645 Helen St.
(at Alberni Elementary)
Pathways to French Preschool

A not for profit preschool providing early learning opportunities for children.

Our programs provide unlimited possibilities to construct, create, imagine and discover in a safe and nurturing environment. Children participate in a take home reading program and are building a foundation to become active life long learners. Special outings are part of our monthly program. A nutritious snack is provided. The Staff to child ratio is 1 to 10.

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WHO ARE WE

We are a registered charitable not for profit society, and licensed childcare organization that has been offering programs and services to meet individual childcare needs since 1971.

ADMINISTRATION



Alberni Valley Childcare Society is a not for profit organization managed by a volunteer Board of Directors from our community. All members have an interest in quality childcare and devote many hours, as well as their own personal skills to ensure that children attending receive the best possible care. The directors meet monthly and the Administrators and Managers attend meetings to consult with and advise the board.

Parents are one of our greatest resources. We welcome and encourage you to take an active role in your child's care. Each registered family is entitled to be a voting member of the society and may participate on the Board of Directors.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe that children learn through play.



By providing a variety of learning centers and activities for your child to participate in and explore, we are promoting learning through play and interaction with others. Play is the foundation of learning for young children.

OUR GOAL

Our goal is to provide care, support and activities to develop each child's individual independence and personal growth.

OUR PROGRAMS

Each program is designed to meet the individual needs of the age group that attends. With flexible hours and drop in care we are sure to meet your individual child care needs.

Our Infant and Toddler Programs focus on individual care and attention. Each child enrolled in our Baby Steps Programs is treated individually and given opportunities to grow and explore in a safe and secure environment. Providing a nurturing and caring program is our priority.

Our Preschool and Daycare Programs provide ongoing opportunities to play, sing songs, listen to stories, play games and participate in ongoing learning opportunities. Children are able to explore places in the community through field-trips, build friendships, practice peer interactions and build social skills.

Pathways to French Preschool bridges English to French learning in a fun and engaging program. Let's Play! Allons Jouer!

Our Before & After School Care Programs are designed so that children can assert their skills and abilities in an independent manner and choose between a variety of informal and planned recreational and creative activities. Children are provided with opportunities in an environment that supports their independence, yet is a safe and social arena that can meet each child's individual needs.

Multi-Age Care is a unique program offering family grouped care in a Licensed childcare setting. This program allows siblings of all ages to attend childcare together in the same group. For children birth to 12 years.

STAFF

All staff employed by the Alberni Valley Childcare Society meet hiring standards as set out by Community Care Facilities Licensing. Alberni Valley Childcare Society supports and promotes the hiring of fully qualified Early Childhood Care and Education professionals, and encourages all employees to continually update their skills and abilities through annual professional development opportunities.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is provided to and from your child's local school by fully qualified drivers in a school bus owned by Alberni Valley Childcare Society.



All of our programs use the bus to participate in fieldtrips and activities throughout the year.

LUNCHES and SNACKS



Parents are responsible to send a nutritious lunch if their child is attending for a full day or half day over the lunch hour. When your child attends any of our programs, a nutritious morning and afternoon snack is provided by the center.

FEES and FUNDING

There is a registration fee for all of our childcare and preschool programs. All of our programs accept Childcare Subsidy.



For more information contact the Ministry at 4090

HOURS

For all Childcare Programs, our general hours of operation are **6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Open 12 months a year.

We are able to offer a flexible opening or closing shift to meet your childcare needs.

English and French Preschool Programs are open 9:00 a.m. to 11:30. All preschool classes run from September to June and follow the public school calendar.

All programs close for statutory holidays.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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