

Stepping Stones Childcare

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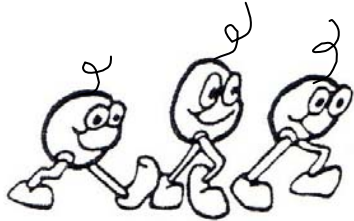
Infant & Toddler Care

Birth to three years

Sites:

- Baby Steps: 4325 Neill St.
(at Kiwanis Hilton Children's Centre)
- Stepping Stones Too: 4210 Cedarwood St.

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.

★Contact Centre for fee schedule.

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Providing Care for Over 36 Years

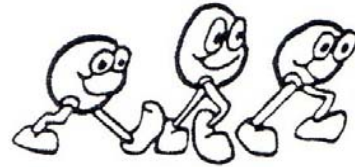
Daycare

30 Months to 5 year olds

Sites:

- Stepping Stones: 4325 Neill St.
(at Kiwanis Hilton Children's Centre)
- Stepping Stones Alberni: 4645 Helen St.
(at Alberni Elementary)
- Stepping Stones Too: 4210 Cedarwood St.

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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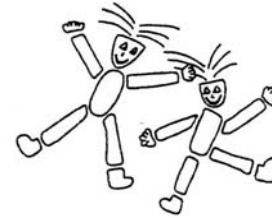
Before and After School Care

Kindergarten to Grade 6

Sites:

- Stepping Out Club: 4325 Neill St.
(at Kiwanis Hilton Children's Centre)
- Stepping Out Alberni: 4645 Helen St.
(at Alberni Elementary)

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. Snack is provided. The staff to child ratio for K-1 is 1 to 10 and 1-15 for children Grades 2-6.

Some transportation available on our Stepping Stones Bus - please call

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Quality Not for Profit Childcare

Preschool

Classes for 3 to 5 year olds

Sites:

- Stepping Stones: 4325 Neill St.
(at Kiwanis Hilton Children's Centre)
- Stepping Stones Alberni: 4645 Helen St.
(at Alberni Elementary)

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

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.

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

focuses 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 with other children, sing songs, listen to stories and 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.

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. independence and personal growth.

Our school age 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.

TRANSPORTATION

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



Priority is given to our families without a vehicle. Family needs are assessed on an individual basis. Please speak with the program manager to discuss your needs.

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 also accept Childcare Subsidy. For more information contact the Ministry at 4090 8th Avenue. We can provide you with forms to take with you.

HOURS

For all **Childcare Programs**, our general hours of operation are 7:30 am – 6:00 pm, open 12 months a year. We are able to offer a flexible opening or closing shift to meet your childcare needs.

For all **Preschool Programs**, we are open 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 (September to June)

All programs close for all statutory holidays.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information or to tour our facilities:

Central Administration:

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