High-Quality Licensed Child Care Fact Sheet

High-quality licensed child care provides Ontario's children with safe, responsive, and caring interactions that build a strong foundation for development and well-being.¹

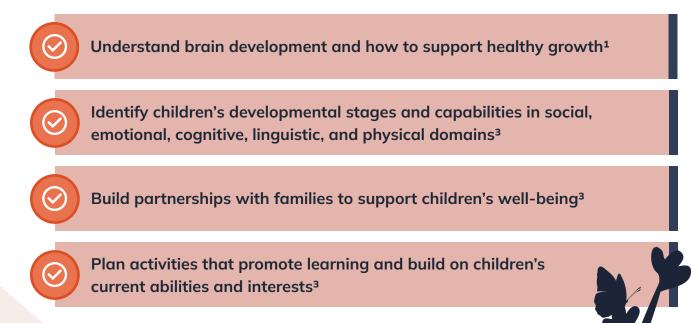
When children are nurtured in environments where their social, emotional, cognitive, and physical health is considered, **they thrive in countless ways.**



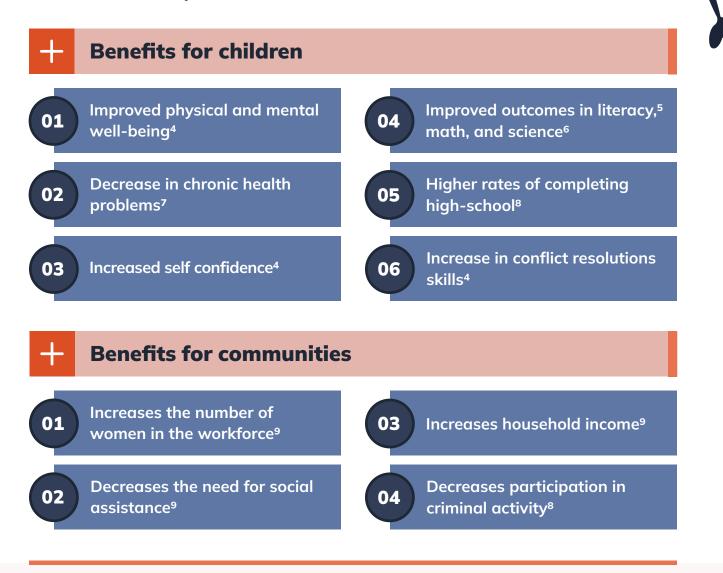
of adult brain development occurs between birth and age five²

High-quality licensed child care helps children develop vital skills during their first five years, which marks a critical developmental period in a child's life.

Early childhood educators (ECEs) provide children with the foundation they need to grow into future leaders. ECEs use their extensive knowledge of learning and child development to create high-quality learning opportunities through play and exploration. **Educators are trained to:**



Participation in high-quality learning environments, can help support children and their communities and to **improve social, health, and academic outcomes.**



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