

**The Philosophy and Goals of Windridge Park ChildCare Centre are:**

1. To build a secure, happy atmosphere where children can build trusting and respectful relationships with their teachers and each other;
2. To encourage the growth of positive self-esteem in each child;
3. To offer a play-based program which provides for the individual growth of the child's social, emotional, physical and intellectual development; and
4. To support inclusion of children with special needs by offering a mainstreamed program whenever possible.

**Additional tenets include:**

1. Maintaining a high level of professional competence by attending professional workshops and conferences and by reviewing and reassessing our program regularly;
2. Helping to develop the individual child's own unique creativity;
3. Having realistic expectations, responsibilities, clear limits and providing guidance;
4. Helping the children to learn and practice social skills that will enable them to relate positively to other children and adults;
5. Providing opportunities for independence, success and fun;
6. Encouraging each individual child to make decisions and solve problems at his/her own level;
7. Modeling a playful attitude, curiosity and excitement while maintaining a professional approach;
8. Encouraging and supporting the development of each child to his/her fullest potential;
9. Respecting and cherishing each child as an individual and encouraging each child to recognize and preserve their own individuality; and
10. Providing support to the children's families and to communicate effectively with them on a regular basis.