

# Rural child care in Canada

## Introduction

Canadian families in rural communities face many challenges in finding quality early childhood education and care opportunities for their children. Like families throughout the country, rural families appreciate the positive social and educational experiences that their children can encounter in quality early childhood education settings. This, combined with the need for flexible child care due to atypical and seasonal working hours and the necessity for child care to address the safety issues of children on farms, makes the lack of rural spaces a pressing concern for many families in rural Canada. **This description** <sup>[1]</sup> of the experience of one parent highlights the safety concerns of family life on the farm, as well the benefits that quality rural child care can offer. Meanwhile, new research evidence has emerged indicating that quality child care can have profound economic benefits for both rural families and their communities.

The issue file features online reports, news articles and useful websites about rural child care issues in Canada. Items are listed from most recent to least recent with undated materials at the end of each section. Additional materials will be added as they become available.

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## Research and policy studies

**On the teeter-totter: The challenges and opportunities for licensed child care in rural, northern, and remote Ontario** <sup>[4]</sup>

Source: Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, May 2011

**Needers to leaders: CARS for women and children in rural, remote, northern and Aboriginal communities** <sup>[5]</sup>

<sup>[6]</sup>Source: Communities Achieving Responsive Services (CARS), Canadian Women's Health Network, 2009

Report in pdf (52 pp.)

<sup>[6]</sup>

**Rural childcare in Manitoba: New economic evidence** <sup>[7]</sup>

by Susan Prentice

Source: Association of Manitoba Municipalities, 2008

Article in pdf (3 pp.)

**Rural child care: Childcare as economic and social development in Parkland** <sup>[8]</sup>

by Susan Prentice

Source: Child Care Coalition of Manitoba, 2007

Report in pdf (32 pp.)

- More resources from the Child Care Coalition of Manitoba <sup>[9]</sup>

**Rural child care needs: Commentary** <sup>[10]</sup>

Source: Ontario Federation of Agriculture, 2007

Document in html

**Meeting the needs of children and adolescents with special needs in rural and northern Canada. Summary report of a roundtable for Canadian policy makers** <sup>[11]</sup>

by: Judith Varga-Toth

Source: Canadian Policy Research Networks & Centre of Excellence for Children and Adolescents with Special Needs, 2006

Report in pdf (42 pp.)

**Rural child care - We're worth it** <sup>[12]</sup>

Source: Rural Voices, 2005

- Discussion paper in MS Word <sup>[12]</sup> (13 pp.)

Help or hindrance: A policy review of early childhood education and care in rural Manitoba and Saskatchewan <sup>[13]</sup>

Source: Rural Voices, 2003

Policy paper in MS Word (23 pp.)

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Rural child care report: Task Force on Rural Child Care & Early Childhood Education <sup>[16]</sup>

by Barbara Brownell

Source: Ontario Federation of Agriculture, 2000

Report in pdf (21 pp.)

Rural child care in Ontario <sup>[17]</sup>

by Gillian Doherty

Source: Childcare Resource and Research Unit, 1994

Report in pdf (54pp.)

Flexible child care in Canada: A report on child care for evenings, overnight and weekends, emergencies and ill children, and in rural areas

<sup>[18]</sup>

by Martha Friendly, Gordon Cleveland, & Tricia Willis

Source: Childcare Resource and Research Unit, 1989 (reprinted 1994)

Report in pdf (57pp.)

Viable child care options: One parent speaks out

<sup>[1]</sup>by Joanne Egilson

Source: Child Care Focus, 1993.

Article in html

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## News articles

Rural daycares could have trouble meeting numbers <sup>[20]</sup>

CBC News, 1 Jun 10

Child care impacts region's growth (Link is no longer available)

by Lorne Stelmach

Source: Modern Times, 17 Oct 08

Involve women in farm policy <sup>[21]</sup>

by Angela Hall

Source: Regina Leader Post, 15 Aug 06

Will we create rural child care options? <sup>[22]</sup>

by Ginette Petitpas-Taylor

Source: New Brunswick Times & Transcript, 23 Feb 06

Rural child care advocates buoyed <sup>[23]</sup>

by Stevenson, Lorraine

Source: Farmers' Independent Weekly, 10 Mar 05

Rural kids to get a 'head start': Lambton, Kent part of new plan <sup>[24]</sup>

by Ligaya, Armina

Source: Chatham Daily News, 30 Mar 05

Child care can help rural economy <sup>[25]</sup>

by Laurie Adkin

Source: Edmonton Journal, 20 Nov 04

Canadian child care spaces in short supply <sup>[26]</sup>

by Diane Rogers

Source: Western Producer, 2 Dec 03

Rural day care <sup>[27]</sup>

by Diane Rogers

Source: The Western Producer, 4 Nov 03

Farm women, children fill labour gap <sup>[28]</sup>

by Diane Rogers

Source: Western Producer, 21 May 03

Rural child care options needed <sup>[29]</sup>

Editorial

Source: Western Producer, 24 Oct 02

Child care poses rural dilemma <sup>[30]</sup>

by Ian Bell

Source: Western Producer 22 Oct 03

Day care centre shares success <sup>[31]</sup>

by Diane Rogers

Source: Western Producer 21 Mar 02

Day care adjusts to parents' needs <sup>[32]</sup>

by Roberta Rampton

Source: Western Producer, September 28, 2000

Rural day cares spread out from Langruth hub <sup>[33]</sup>

by Ian Bell

Source: The Western Producer, May 4, 2000

Rural day care provides safe place for farm kids <sup>[34]</sup>

by Roberta Rampton

Source: The Western Producer 22 July 99

Day care meets the family farm <sup>[35]</sup>

Source: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, 1989 (video clip, 8:05)

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## Useful websites

Child Care Coalition of Manitoba <sup>[9]</sup>

The Child Care Coalition of Manitoba is a public education and advocacy organization made up of over 55 group memberships. Their goal is a fully accessible, publicly-funded, non-profit system of comprehensive and high quality childcare, with worthy wages and good working conditions for childcare staff.

Rural Voices <sup>[36]</sup>

Rural Voices is a community capacity project which endeavors to increase the participation of rural residents in the development of social programs as well as increasing rural input into policy development

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**Links**

[1] [http://ruralvoices.cimnet.ca/cim/dbf/VIABLE%20CHILD%20CARE%20OPTIONS%20-One%20parent%20speaks%20out.htm?im\\_id=4248&si\\_id=86](http://ruralvoices.cimnet.ca/cim/dbf/VIABLE%20CHILD%20CARE%20OPTIONS%20-One%20parent%20speaks%20out.htm?im_id=4248&si_id=86)

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[4] <https://childcarecanada.org/documents/research-policy-practice/11/06/teeter-totter-challenges-and-opportunities-licensed-child-c>

[5] <http://www.cwhn.ca/en/node/42192>

[6] <http://www.carsprocess.com/eng/pdfs/CARSWCFinalReport.pdf>

[7] <http://www.amm.mb.ca/PDF/Magazine/Spring2008/RuralChildcare.pdf>

[8] [http://childcaremanitoba.org/images/stories/docs/cccmpublications/parkland\\_report.pdf](http://childcaremanitoba.org/images/stories/docs/cccmpublications/parkland_report.pdf)

[9] <http://childcaremanitoba.org/>

[10] <http://ofa.on.ca/issues/additional-information/Rural-Child-Care-Needs->

[11] [http://cprn.org/documents/41948\\_en.pdf](http://cprn.org/documents/41948_en.pdf)

[12] [http://ruralvoices.cimnet.ca/cim/dbf/Rural\\_Remote\\_Northern\\_1.doc?im\\_id=4968&si\\_id=86](http://ruralvoices.cimnet.ca/cim/dbf/Rural_Remote_Northern_1.doc?im_id=4968&si_id=86)

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- [15] [https://cccf-fcsge.ca/pdf/2001spring\\_en.pdf](https://cccf-fcsge.ca/pdf/2001spring_en.pdf)
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- [18] <https://childcarecanada.org/publications/other-publications/94/04/flexible-child-care-canada-report-child-care-evenings-overnigh>
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- [20] <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/rural-daycares-could-have-trouble-meeting-numbers-1.951579>
- [21] <https://childcarecanada.org/documents/child-care-news/06/08/involve-women-farm-policy>
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- [27] <https://childcarecanada.org/documents/child-care-news/03/11/rural-day-care>
- [28] <https://childcarecanada.org/documents/child-care-news/05/08/farm-women-children-fill-labour-gap>
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- [35] <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1770993221>
- [36] <http://ruralvoices.cimnet.ca/cim/cs?sit=86&li=179>