



## VALUES CENTRED CARE

### **RESPECT • RESPONSIBILITY • HONESTY • CARING**

YW caregivers model our core values and help create a strong foundation for children to learn and understand how to use the values in their daily interactions. We believe it is essential for children to behave with respect for themselves, other children, adults & the equipment at our Centre.

## A PURPOSE-BUILT FACILITY

The YW Childcare Centre started in 1998 as a fully licensed facility in downtown Calgary. In the summer of 2019 YW Childcare moved into the new purpose-built YW Calgary Hub facility. The building includes: a separate main floor entrance, secure card access for families, large bright windows, fully secure outdoor play space and childcare spaces designed with children in mind.



## EDUCATED CAREGIVERS

Professional development is essential for educators who provide quality childcare. Our commitment to ongoing learning ensures that YW educators are kept up to date with childcare best practices and advancements in early childhood education. In addition to professional development, all YW Childcare staff are certified in Brain Story. Developed by The Alberta Family Wellness Initiative (AFWI), Brain Story teaches how brain development in the early years can have a lifelong impact on children. This 30-hour certification has helped shape our policies and influences the practices we use with children. Some key concepts of the Brain Story Certification that are visible in our classrooms include a focus on building strong relationships, creating positive interactions through 'serve & return' and being aware of the effects that some stress and trauma can have on the developing brain.



## BEAUTIFUL LOCATION

YW Childcare is located in Inglewood, close to residential parks, playgrounds & natural wetlands. Our building is easy to access from Deerfoot Trail and downtown by foot, transit or car. Our location also offers opportunities to extend children's learning in the parks, at playgrounds and by exploring the natural landscapes surrounding the centre. Our educators take full advantage of exploring in nature during frequent planned and spontaneous outings with the children.

