

Thank you for your interest in the USSU Childcare Centres!

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Childcare Centre has two locations with 180 childcare spaces in total. The first location, known as the USSU Childcare Centre – Williams Location, is at 221 Cumberland Avenue North. The second location is the USSU Childcare Centre – McEown Location is at 109 Cumberland Avenue South, beside Souris Hall. Both centres have 90 children in them, from 6 months to 6 years of age. We are open from 7:45 am to 5:45 pm Monday to Friday. We are closed statutory holidays and the week between Christmas and New Year's inclusively.

The USSU Childcare Centre offers child care to students and staff/faculty at the U of S. 75% of the spaces are for undergraduate, graduate and indigenous students and 25% is for staff and faculty.

Our Childcare fees are \$1020.00 for infants, 6 to 18 months of age. For Toddlers 18 months to 2 ½ years of age are \$850.00 per month and for Preschool and Kindergarten children, 2 ½ to 6 years of age are \$780.00 per month.

We are government subsidized, which means you can apply to the government to have some of your childcare costs covered based on your families gross monthly income, if below \$1640.00. If your monthly income is between \$1640 and \$3500 gross, you get some subsidy money. Anything above \$3500, you do not qualify. The maximum amount you will receive is \$570 for infants, \$440 for toddlers, \$405 for preschoolers and \$365 for kindergarten.

We offer 2 snacks and 1 hot meal a day for all children 6 months to 6 years of age. We do various daily activities with the children, which include art, games, stories, free play, gym time and outdoor time. We offer gross motor, fine motor, manipulative activities, social interaction and family-based programs. In the fall session the preschool children may attend the swim program, which is paid by the parents. We also run a music program in the winter term.

We offer walking to Brunskill School for our kindergarten parents. Brunskill offers full alternate days. The centres will follow the schedule as set out by Brunskill school. So, your child may go Tuesday, Thursday and alternate Fridays or Monday, Wednesdays and alternate Fridays. This schedule may change if the school needs to readjust.

We have a waiting list that is used for both centres, that you can add your child's name to. In order to do this, we need from you the below information send to the email address below: [executivedirector@ussuchildcarecentre.ca](mailto:executivedirector@ussuchildcarecentre.ca)

**Your name, mailing address, email address and a current phone number. (If this phone number changes you must notify us immediately, because if the number is no longer existing, and there is no forwarding number, you are automatically taken off the list).**

**Your status at the U of S, being an undergraduate, graduate, indigenous, staff or faculty.**

**The first name and actual birth date of your child/ren, and when you need childcare. Be specific with a date. (We need to know the date, not just "in the spring").**

**If you have anything you want us to know about your child, please add it in.**

**Should your child need special support like speech and language or behavioural, please indicate for us so we can make arrangements prior to entry.**

Our centre charges a one month's full fee as a deposit. This deposit acts like a damage deposit. We keep the money until the end of your stay with us. At the end if all money has been paid and received, you may use your deposit to pay off your last month or two of childcare. If money is left over, you will be reimbursed at the end of your stay. This deposit helps cover the bad debts should parents leave the centre without paying their childcare fees.

Once you are offered a spot for your child, the management team at either Williams or McEown will set up an orientation meeting with you. You will be given the tour and sign the contract. At the time of the contract signing, you will be asked to leave a \$200 deposit, if you have not done so already. You can pay with E-transfer at [payment@ussuchildcarecentre.ca](mailto:payment@ussuchildcarecentre.ca).

If you would like a tour of the centre, I ask that you call the Williams location at 306-966-2777 or the McEown location at 306-966-2770, and make arrangements with the Manager of Childcare Operations, as we do spend time on the floor and are not always available if you just drop by.

Our waiting list can be lengthy so we encourage you to go to this website and look up other centres and homes who may be able to offer you care until something comes open with us.

The best way to find care is to google:

[Lists of Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes.](#)

Once you are on this site then type in Saskatoon.