



Business Structure/Cooperative Family

We are a registered community service cooperative that is made up of members (families who use the daycare) who elect a Board of Directors each year at the Annual General Meeting. The Board is responsible for making policy decisions and hiring an Executive Director to manage the daily operations of the center in accordance with established policies.

Being a cooperative means members are involved in making decisions concerning the daycare and help with the work needed to run the center. The parents are required to participate in scheduled cleaning days, fundraising events and general meetings. All parents are welcome, and encouraged to, join the Board of Directors. The benefits of participating in a cooperative daycare are many:

- * You are closely involved in the operations of the daycare and have more influence on the environment where your child spends their days.
- * You form friendships and close relationships with other parents and families.
- * Parent involvement in the daycare helps staff better understand both your needs and your child's and results in better care.
- * The work parents put into the center, as members of the cooperative, can help keep fees lower.

Please refer to the Parent Handbook for more information on Fundraising and Cleaning Bees.