The Creation of Licensed Child Care

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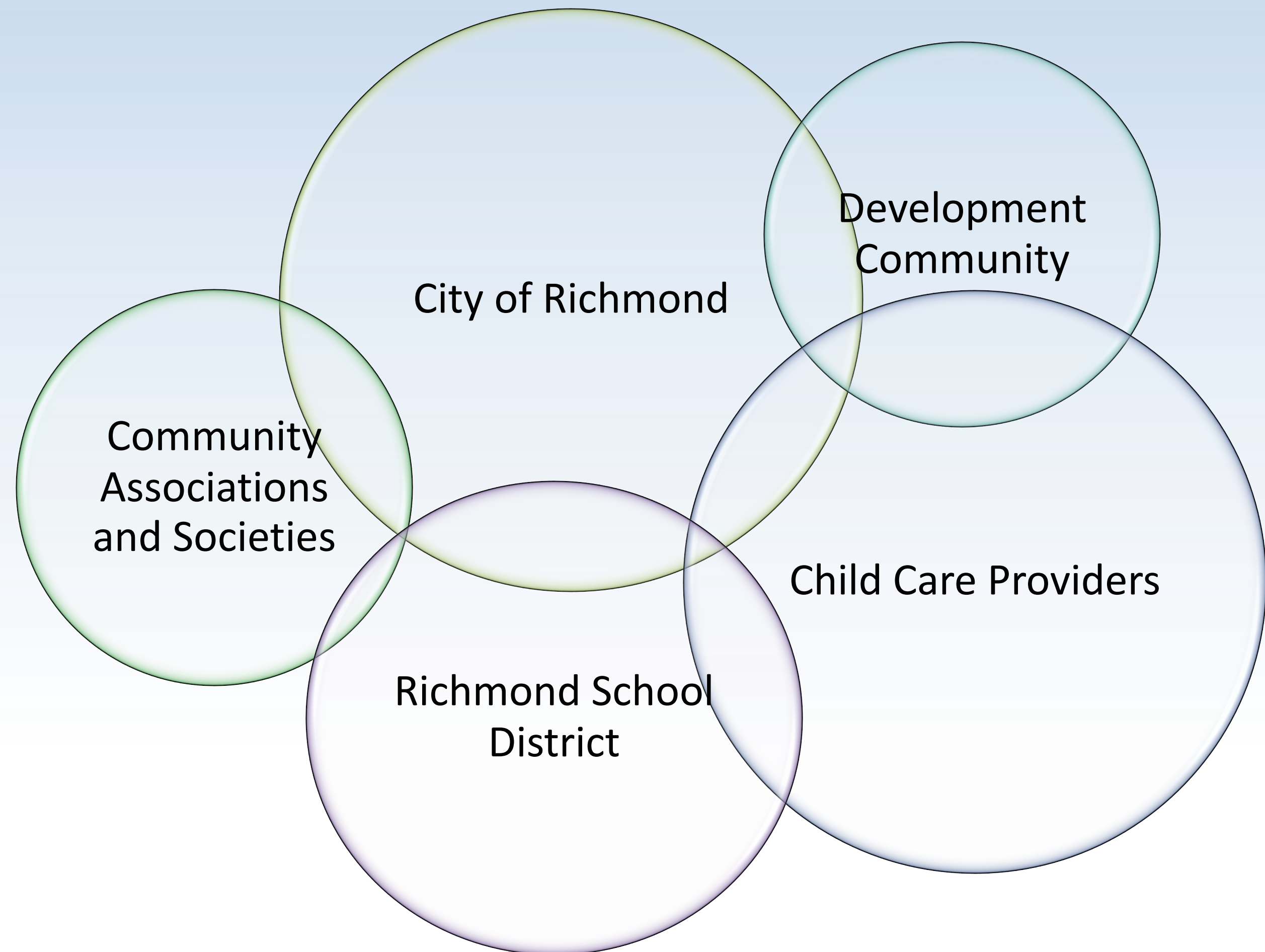
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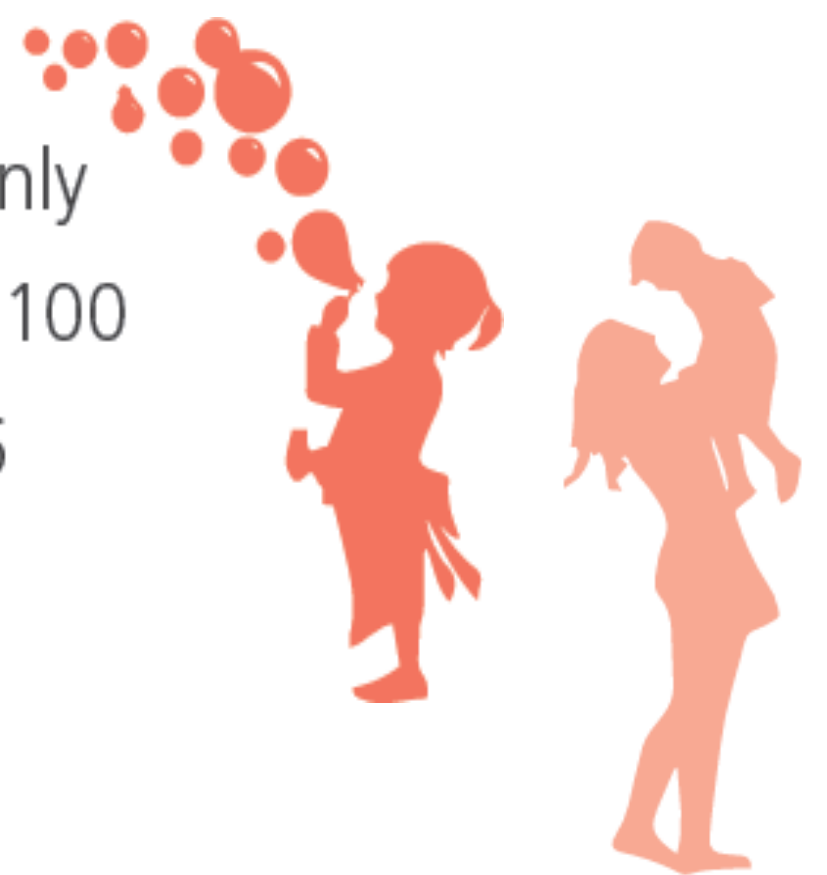Richmond

Creation of Licensed Child Care In Richmond

The City of Richmond and other stakeholders work together to address the need for quality, affordable, accessible child care spaces in Richmond.

The creation of child care is a community effort.

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Community Associations and Societies

Child Care Providers
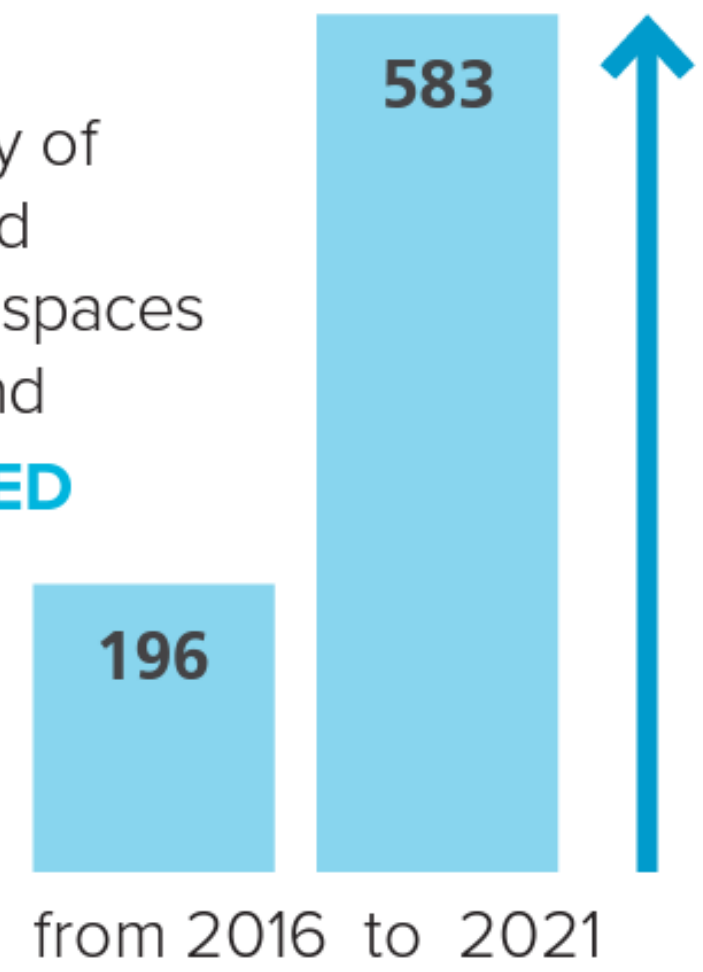
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Richmond Child Care Needs and Demographics

In 2016 there were only **9 spaces** per 100 children aged 0 to 36 months in Richmond

In 2021 there were **28.5 GROUP CARE (UNDER 36 MONTHS) SPACES** per 100 children aged 0 to 2 years in Richmond

In 2021 there were **60.5 GROUP CARE (30 MONTHS TO SCHOOL AGE) SPACES** per 100 children aged 3 to 5 years in Richmond

In 2021, there were **14.1 GROUP CARE (SCHOOL AGE) SPACES** per 100 children.

The supply of City-owned child care spaces in Richmond **INCREASED 200%**

583

196

from 2016 to 2021

2 CITY-OWNED EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT HUBS were completed

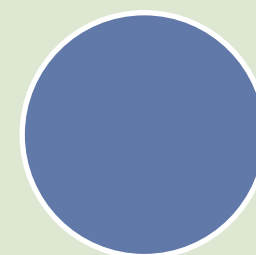A total of **199** new licensed child care spaces
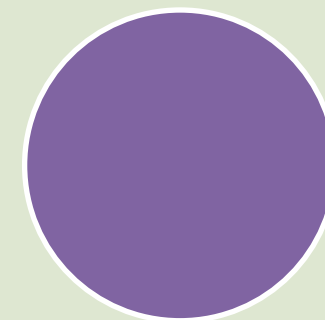
Richmond's Child Care Amenities

Cranberry Children's Centre – Infant and Toddler spaces

West Cambie Children's Centre – included preschool

2017-2018 – Willow, Gardens and Seasong – 37 space facilities

2020- River Run – included preschool and school age child care

1990's facilities- 25 space programs - Terra Nova, Cook Road, Riverside, Treehouse

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Richmond's Child Care Amenities

Seedlings Early Childhood Development Hub

Sprouts Early Childhood Development Hub

2021- Seedlings Early Childhood Development Hub

2022 – Hummingbird Child Care Centre

2023 - 13 operational Child Care Facilities including 2 ECD Hubs, 620 Licensed spaces

2021 - Sprouts Early Childhood Development Hub

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Early Childhood Development Hubs

Early Childhood Development (ECD) Hubs have been identified as a priority. ECD Hubs have the following characteristics:

- Include licensed child care

- Include early child development or parent support services

- Provide space for community programs and services compatible with child and family development

Child Care Through Development

- Official Community Plan
- Zoning
- Community Amenity Contributions and Density Bonuses
- City-owned facilities
- Quality in child care design

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Quality Through Child Care Design

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Child Care Design Guidelines
December 2019

CHILD CARE DESIGN

INTRODUCTION TO CHILD CARE AMENITY DESIGN WITH THE CITY OF RICHMOND

CITY OF RICHMOND
ENHANCED ACCESSIBILITY
DESIGN GUIDELINES AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Calls to Action – Our Learnings

In addition to strong support and a commitment to child care from City Council, there are a number of strategies to move child care forward:

- ✓ Be clear what you want – identify needs, demographics and priorities

- ✓ Identify champions and potential partners within your community

- ✓ Write it down – commitment, policy, OCP, zoning, bylaws

- ✓ Tell the story - why is child care important in your community

- ✓ Quality is important

Thank you

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