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## Registration Waitlist Set to Open for Phase Three Pre-K Pilot Sites

YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador (YMCA NL), along with joint applicants YMCA of Exploits Valley and YMCA of Western Newfoundland, the not-for-profit operator for 35 Pre-Kindergarten Pilot locations, will open Phase Three waitlist registration on **May 10, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m. NDT.**

The YMCA is working under service agreements with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to help create approximately 3,100 new regulated Pre-Kindergarten early learning and child care spaces by 2025-26.

Seven pilot locations are currently operational. The remaining pilot sites are at various stages of development and will open once the licensing process is complete and Early Childhood Educators are in place.

Phase Three locations and waitlist detail can be found below.

- Admirals Academy, Conception Bay South
- Donald C. Jamieson Academy, Burin
- Glovertown Academy, Glovertown
- Lake Academy, Fortune
- St. James Elementary, Port-aux Basques
- Topsail Elementary, Conception Bay South
- Upper Gullies Elementary, Conception Bay South

Pre-Kindergarten locations are opening in phases. While global supply chain shortages and labour market challenges related to availability of Early Childhood Educators continue to impact project schedules, YMCAs across the province, in conjunction with the Department of Education, Service NL, and NLESD, continue to work toward the goal of opening all 35 pilot locations in 2023. These pilot locations will account for approximately 600 new regulated early learning and child care spaces.



## BACKGROUNDER

### Waitlist Registration Details for Pre-Kindergarten Pilot Program

Waitlist registration for the seven Phase Three pilot locations can be found at <https://ymcanl.com/pre-kindergarten-program/>. To register for the waitlist, select the link for your location and follow the instructions.

The waitlist for the Phase One and Two pilot locations remains open for ongoing intake of children into the program.

Waitlist registration will open at 9:00 a.m. Newfoundland Standard Time (NDT) on May 10, 2023. All registrants will be placed on the waitlist according to their chosen school location. Successful applicants will be chosen from the waitlist until all spaces are filled.

Priority will be given to applicants who reside within the catchment area for the school location. The [NLESD Bus Planner](#) can be used to identify the catchment area for your home address.

Anyone with questions about the waitlist application process can email [pre-k@nl.ymca.ca](mailto:pre-k@nl.ymca.ca).

### Newfoundland and Labrador YMCAs

YMCAs are charities, open to everyone at all stages of life, that provide opportunities to grow in spirit, mind, and body. We want a province of vibrant and healthy communities where everyone can belong, grow, and thrive. Our teams at YMCA NL, YMCA of Exploits Valley, and the YMCA of Western Newfoundland are delighted to work together to bring Pre-K to communities across the province.

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