

The municipality of Inari provides early childhood education and care for all children who are under school age. The right to early childhood education and care begins after the end of the parental allowance period and continues until the child enters basic education.

The operating idea for early childhood education and care in the municipality of Inari is to offer children a good and safe place of care where the child enjoys being and which supports the child's balanced growth, development and learning.

Early childhood education and care services include early childhood education in Finnish and Sámi, Skolt Sámi and Inari Sámi language nest activities, the child home care allowance and its municipal supplement as well as pre-primary education in the Saariselkä area.

In Inari, early childhood education and care is organised in day care centres, family day care and language nests. In accordance with the Act on early childhood education and care, early childhood education and care is organized in Sámi for children who speak Sámi as their mother tongue. Cultural and language nests that aim to conserve the Sámi languages are intended for Sámi children, whom no longer learn the Sámi language adequately at home. Language nest activities strengthen the child's knowledge of one's own culture and provide the opportunity to learn the endangered minority, indigenous language spoken by their immediate or extended family.

OPTIONS FOR HOURS IN DAYCARE

Full-time care more than 7 hours per day

- Over 16 days/month
- No more than 15 days/month
- No more than 10 days/month

Full-time care 5-7 hours per day, no more than 35 hours per week

- Over 16 days/month
- No more than 15 days/month
- No more than 10 days/month

Part-time care, no more than 5 hours per day

- Over 16 days/month
- At most 15 days/month
- At most 10 days/month

Part time care, 20 hours per week

- Part time care, 4 hours per day
- full-time care 8 hours per day, 10 days per month

SHIFT CARE

Shift care is organised in accordance with the principles of shift care in the municipality of Inari for a child who needs this because of their guardian's work or studies. Shift care has been centralised in day-care centres.

DAY CARE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Discretionary shift care is organised for pupils in grade 1 in accordance with the principles of shift care, if the child has severe special needs. Day care will be organized for pupils in grade 1, who need special support, in co-operation with social services. This service is always discretionary and is addressed children with special needs.

Inari and Ivalo schools provide grade 1 pupils daytime summer activity in June if necessary.

TEMPORARY CARE

Temporary care is arranged if there is room in care facilities. A daily fee determined by the Education and Culture board is charged for temporary care.

MUNICIPAL SUPPLEMENT FOR CHILD HOME CARE ALLOWANCE

A discretionary municipal supplement for the child home care allowance is paid for children under the age 2 for the time being. The municipal supplement is family specific and is paid to families living in Inari who have a statutory right to child home care allowance.

APPLICATION FOR, CHANGES TO AND TERMINATION OF A PLACE IN DAY CARE

Guardians must apply for placement in day care according to the time at which family needs it. Applications for early childhood education and care must be submitted no later than 4 months before the place in early childhood education and care must begin. If the required start date could not be predicted in advance, due guardian's work or studies, etc. an application must be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than two weeks before the child needs the day care. Applications for early childhood education and care are available Early Childhood Education Office and online (www.inari.fi/fi/palvelut/sivistyspalvelut/varhaiskasvatus) At the moment application for early childhood education and care can be submitted in English only with paper form (signed paper/email) but in future applications and forms are in Edlevo-app.

A report on the guardians' income must be attached to the application for determining the client fee. Changes of address, telephone number, etc. in the application data must be reported to both the place of care and the Early Childhood Education Office.

If the child's need for day care (e.g. part time or full time day care, shift care, number of care days) changes at a later time, a new application must be submitted well in advance.

When the need for early childhood education and care comes to an end, a child's guardian must terminate the place in daycare, for which they will no longer be charged a client fee. This announcement must be done in writing (email to day care centre and office).

SERVICE MANAGEMENT

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