



## Childcare for Professionals at TIFF

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### Overview

To improve the experience of accredited industry, press, and guests with families at the Festival, TIFF has expanded what it offers to parents and children. These revamped services include subsidized daycare, babysitting recommendations, private spaces for parents to feed and change their infants, access to Festival spaces for caregivers, and a guide to nearby family-friendly activities and resources.

TIFF thanks the [Parenting at Film Festivals Group](#) for their guidance and **Kids & Company** for their generous support.

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### 1. Daycare and Babysitting

All Industry, Press, and Guest accredited professionals are eligible for subsidized daycare at [Kids & Company](#), with multiple locations within a 5 minute walk from TIFF Bell Lightbox. The reduced rate of \$40 CAD per day, per child, is available from September 5 to 12. Daycare hours of operation are from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. To register your child for daycare during the Festival, please email Chelsea Kennedy at [ckennedy@kidsandcompany.com](mailto:ckennedy@kidsandcompany.com). Please confirm your child's name, age, date care is required and the Kids & Company location you prefer. Placement is subject to availability and on a first-come, first-served basis. Once you have requested your preferred location, Chelsea will connect to confirm the location and next steps on registration. Kids & Company locations [can be viewed here](#).

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Imagine That will also be offering in-home and in-hotel care. Imagine That Child Care Providers hold a University Degree or College Diploma in a child-related field. They have extensive experience working in education, caring for children and all have up-to-date Standard First Aid/CPR training. All of their Child Care Providers have been thoroughly interviewed and screened; this includes a vulnerable person police check and a professional background check.

The Child Care Providers come prepared with developmentally appropriate activities for your child(ren). Outdoor excursions can be planned ahead of time with the Service Coordinator, who is available 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week. All care providers are covered by Professional Liability Insurance.

To reserve Imagine That in-home or hotel care please call or email:

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## 2. Family-Friendly Spaces

This year the TIFF Industry Centre at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, presented by Shutterstock, and the Glenn Gould Theatre, location of the Industry Conference, will have Family-Friendly Spaces. These quiet spaces will be identified on venue maps and have clear signage. Other venues that professionals frequent, including the Scotiabank Theatre and TIFF Bell Lightbox, have family-friendly washrooms with clear signage.

Children do not require passes to access these spaces with their parents.

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### 3. Venue Access

All accredited professionals traveling with their own childcare support (i.e nanny, partner, grandparent, etc.) can access a Lobby Pass for them through our Customer Relations Team. A Lobby Pass will allow the caregiver to enter the space. To enter the cinema or sit in cinema, individuals will require a ticket.

To reserve a Lobby Pass email [customerrelations@tiff.net](mailto:customerrelations@tiff.net)

### 4. Activities and Resources

Here is a list of family-friendly locations, parks, restaurants, and shopping facilities nearby:

#### A. Activities

##### **Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO)**

- **About:** The AGO's collection includes close to 95,000 works spanning the first century to the present day. The gallery has 45,000 square metres of physical space, making it one of the largest galleries in North America.
- **Address:** 317 Dundas St W
- **Closest TTC Stop:** St. Patrick Station
- **Walk from TIFF Industry Centre:** 15 min.
- **Website:** <https://ago.ca/visit/family-visits>

##### **CN Tower**

- **About:** The CN Tower is an awe-inspiring architectural and engineering wonder of the world that is a symbol of pride for Toronto residents, Ontario residents and all Canadians.
- **Address:** 301 Front St W
- **Closest TTC Stop:** Union Station
- **Walk from TIFF Industry Centre:** 10-12 min.
- **Website:** <https://www.cntower.ca/en-ca/home.html>

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### Hockey Hall of Fame

- **About:** Dedicated to the history of ice hockey, it is a museum and a hall of fame. It holds exhibits about players, teams, National Hockey League records, memorabilia and NHL trophies, including the Stanley Cup.
- **Address:** 30 Yonge St
- **Closest TTC Stop:** Union Station
- **Walk from the Industry Centre:** 18-20 min.
- **Website:** <https://www.hhof.com/>

### The Rec Room

- **About:** Virtual reality, video & redemption games, arcade games, and live entertainment.
- **Address:** 255 Bremner Blvd
- **Closest TTC Stop:** Union Station
- **Walk from the Industry Centre:** 10-15 min.
- **Website:** <https://www.therecroom.com/?location=toronto-roundhouse>

### Ripley's Aquarium of Canada

- **About:** Canada's largest aquarium, including interactive exhibits and an indoor playground.
- **Address:** 288 Bremner Blvd
- **Closest TTC Stop:** Union Station
- **Walk from TIFF Industry Centre:** 10-12 min.
- **Website:** <https://www.ripleyaquariums.com/canada/>

### Riverdale Farm

- **About:** Riverdale Farm is a working farm located in Toronto's downtown Cabbagetown neighbourhood. Visitors to its 7.5 acre property will get a first-hand taste of farm life, such as raising livestock (cows, pigs, sheep, goats and chickens).
- **Address:** 201 Winchester St.
- **Drive from Industry Centre:** 15 min
- **Website:** <http://riverdalefarmtoronto.ca/>

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### Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)

- **About:** Features of the ROM include an extensive dinosaur skeleton collection, a bat cave simulation, and oodles of other displays of natural and cultural highlights of the world.
- **Address:** 100 Queens Park
- **Closest TTC Stop:** Museum Station
- **Walk from the Industry Centre:** 35-45 min.
- **Website:** <https://www.rom.on.ca/en/visit-us/tips-families>

## B. Parks

### Centerville Amusement Park

- **About:** A children's amusement park on Centre Island, open only on weekends.
- **Address:** 9 Queens Quay W
- **Closest TTC Stop:** Accessible via 510 Spadina Streetcar, or 509 Harbourfront Streetcar
- **Walk from Industry Centre:** 20 min. plus ferry ride
- **Website:** <http://www.centreisland.ca/centreville-amusement-park>

### Grange Park

- **About:** A beautiful and historic green space located just north of TIFF Bell Lightbox
- **Address:** Located between Beverley Street and McCaul Street, south of Dundas St W.
- **Closest TTC Stop:** St. Patrick Station
- **Walk from Industry Centre:** 10-15 min.
- **Website:** <http://grangeparktoronto.ca/>

### Stanley Park

- **About:** Family friendly park on King St. W, just west of TIFF Bell Lightbox
- **Address:** On King St. and Strachan Ave.
- **Closest TTC Stop:** Take King Streetcar west to Niagara St
- **Walk from Industry Centre:** 20 min.
- **Website:** <https://www.toronto.ca/data/parks/prd/facilities/complex/212/index.html>

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## C. Restaurants

### Canteen

- **About:** Bright and casual restaurant and Grab & Go counter located inside TIFF Bell Lightbox
- **Address:** 350 King St. W
- **Walk from Industry Centre:** 1 min.
- **Website:** <https://www.obcanteen.com/>

### Fox and Fiddle

- **About:** Spacious restaurant with pub fare merely a footstep from TIFF Bell Lightbox
- **Address:** 106 John St
- **Walk from Industry Centre:** 2 min.
- **Website:** <https://www.foxonjohn.ca/>

### Ricarda's

- **About:** Open early to offer coffee & baked goods, the spacious eatery also serves modern Mediterranean fare.
- **Address:** 134 Peter St.
- **Walk from Industry Centre:** 5 min.
- **Website:** <https://ricardas.com/>

## D. Shopping

### Pharmacy - Shoppers Drug Mart

- **Address:** 388 King St W
- **Walk from Industry Centre:** 1 min.
- **Hours:** Open until midnight, 7 days a week
- **Website:** <https://www1.shoppersdrugmart.ca/en/home>

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### **Groceries - Independent City Market**

- **Address:** 111 Peter St.
- **Walk from Industry Centre:** 5 min
- **Hours:** Open until 10pm, 7 days a week
- **Website:** <https://www.independentcitymarket.ca/>

### **Clothing - Toronto Eaton Centre**

- **About:** Shopping mall with hundreds of brand name stores.
- **Address:** 220 Yonge St
- **Walk from Industry Centre:** 20 min.
- **Hours:** Open until 9:30pm Tuesday to Saturday, and 7:00pm on Monday and Sunday
- **Website:** <https://www.cfshops.com/toronto-eaton-centre.html>

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