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YWCA Jean Steckle Childcare Centre
Kitchener, Ontario

Learn how AeraMax Professional helped a daycare provide better care.

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THE CHALLENGE

The Jean Steckle Childcare Centre is part of the YWCA network in Kitchener, Ontario, and serves its community by offering daycare for infants and toddlers. Because it offers services for children four months old up to five years of age, there are constant concerns about odors and infection control. Specifically, the Centre has an open area featuring diaper changing stations, which meant diaper odors took over the entire facility. Elaine Bridgewater, manager at the Jean Steckle Childcare Centre, didn't want to mask these odors; instead, she wanted to eliminate them outright.

“We have many regulations we have to follow for the health department,” she said. “We have to sanitize our toys daily. We also make sure that when children are ill that we separate them and send them home. Staff are always hand washing, because hand hygiene is very important in reducing (the spread of) viruses. We wanted to see what else was available...and we chose AeraMax Professional.”

THE SOLUTION

Bridgewater understood that odors are often accompanied by germs. “Young children have quite immature immune systems, so we were looking for something to help in our fight against infections and viruses,” she said. So, she installed an AeraMax Professional AM III in the common area. Because it features a four-stage filtration system that removes both odors and 99.97% of airborne contaminants like viruses, germs and allergens from indoor air, Bridgewater was assured that the solution would address both smells and airborne germs.



“We have definitely seen a reduction in odors,” Bridgewater said.

THE RESULT

Teachers immediately noticed a change in the indoor environment—an absence of odors as well as a fresher atmosphere. Bridgewater also mentioned a positive contribution to morale. “(The teachers) feel a better sense of security, knowing that we are doing something above and beyond what’s required by having this unit—to keep them safe and healthy,” she said.

Based on the preliminary results, Bridgewater said the YWCA is considering installing additional units.



“I’d recommend (Aeramax Professional) to anyone who would like to improve the quality of their air and also to anyone that wants that extra edge in infection control.”



—Elaine Bridgewater
Manager, The Jean Steckle
Childcare Centre

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