Making child care more affordable for Alberta Families!

UPDATE: DECEMBER 20/2021

Beginning in January 2022, the government will help reduce childcare fees for more families by offering:

* Subsidies for families earning under $180,000. **If you currently have subsidy in place, you do not have to do anything… your new approval information will be sent out to you the week of January 10th  and will be based on the information attached below.** If you currently do not have subsidy in place but feel you may now be eligible based on new income rate ceilings, you can apply on line starting the week of January 17th. We have been assured that, even though there will be application backlogs due to volume, your subsidy, if approved, will be eligible for an agency back claim.
  + It is important to note that subsidizes are based on 100 + hours of care per month (full time) and may/will pro-rate if you underuse child care or apply for part time child care.

**Maximum Subsidy** details have been finalized as follows:

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| Income | Preschool Subsidy |
| $0 to $119,900 | $266 |
| $120,000 to $124,999 | $253 |
| $125,000 to $129,999 | $239 |
| $130,000 to $134,999 | $226 |
| $135,000 to $139,999 | $213 |
| $140,000 to $144,999 | $200 |
| $145,000 to $149,999 | $186 |
| $150,000 to $154,999 | $173 |
| $155,000 to $159,999 | $146 |
| And so on… reducing by 5% in each income bracket up to $180,000 |  |

* New **AFFORDABLITY GRANTS** for Family Day Home Agencies:

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|  | Infant (under 19 mths) | Toddler (19 mths – 3 yrs) | Preschool Age (3 yrs to kindergarten age) |
| Family Day Home – full time (101+ hours) | $350 | $325 | $300 |
| Family Day Home – part time (50-100 hours) | $175 | $162.50 | $150 |
| Family Day Home – Casual care (less than 50 hours) | $0 | $0 | $0 |

**Affordability Grants are in place per child and are available for all families regardless of income and subsidy eligibility.** These affordability grants are applied to parent accounts by Agency administration at the beginning of each month based on contracted days/hours and age of children, (using information on the above table). Note: There may be adjustments on the Affordability Grants at month end… if hours of child care fall into different categories (as identified above). For example, if your child does NOT use over 50 hours of care, you are NOT eligible for any affordability grant funding… or…. If your contract had you using 50-100 hours of care and you used 101+ hours .. your affordability grant will increase from part time funding to full time funding based on age of your child (as above).

**NOTE: It is important to be aware that both affordability grants and subsidy may/will adjust based on hours of care used….. parent fees will be affected as a result!!! Be aware of the categories that impact on you directly.**

**Affordability grants are not currently available to children enrolled in kindergarten or school. Fees and subsidies remain as approved and administered in 2021.**

**Please feel free to contact the office or Kim Lee for information specific to your account. 403-887-3332 or 403-885-2755**