



Child Care Subsidy Program

Financial assistance
towards child care fees

Yukon

What is the Child Care Subsidy Program?

The child care subsidy program assists families that may not be able to afford the cost of child care.

The program provides financial help to eligible families whose children attend licensed child care centres, family day homes or school-age programs.

All necessary forms to apply are available at the Child Care Services office at 9010 Quartz Road in Whitehorse or online at:
yukon.ca/child-care-subsidy

Who can qualify?

Not all families qualify for the subsidy. Whether or not you qualify, and the amount of subsidy a family can receive is based on an income test. This test takes into account family size, the combined net income of your family, and the community in which you live.

Who can apply?

You can apply for the subsidy if one or more of the following situations apply:

- You have a full or part-time job
- You are looking for a job
- You are attending school or a training program, full or part-time
- You are receiving medical treatment
- You or your child have a special need based on a professional assessment
- You need to meet a short-term family crisis
- You are a grandparent, and are the primary care provider of your grandchild. (Note: You do not have to have legal custody, but rather be the primary adult providing care for the grandchild.)

How do I apply?

To apply, you will need to complete the Application for Child Care Subsidy form and provide any necessary supporting documents.

Depending on your circumstances, you may have to provide information on your income, employment, schooling/training or have a professional complete a Special Needs form for yourself or your child. The information we require is outlined in the application form.

The application form is ideally submitted six to eight weeks before the subsidy is required.

When will I find out if I qualify?

You will receive a letter indicating whether or not you have qualified for the subsidy. If you do qualify, the letter will tell you how many months you are approved for and the amount that Child Care Services will pay towards your child care fees.

Please note that the review can take up to 20 business days from the receipt of a complete application.

If I qualify, what happens next?

You will not receive the subsidy directly. The payment/money is made directly to the child care provider on your behalf. Please note that if your child care program charges more than your subsidy amount, you must pay the child care provider the difference. (Example: If you qualify for \$550 per month and the child care program charges \$750, you must pay the \$200 difference).

How are subsidy rates determined?

The maximum subsidy rates payable are set out in the Child Care Subsidy Regulations and are based on:

- Age of the child
- Hours of child care required
- Special Needs for the child

What are Subsidy Rates?

Subsidy rates are established on the basis of a child (defined as 12 years of age and under, and includes special needs children 16 years of age and under) needing part-time (less than 100 hours per month) or full-time care (attendance of 100 hours or more in a program). The anticipated number of hours of child care required is the basis for setting the level of subsidy available to the family.

Maximum child care subsidy rates:

Category	Age of child	Monthly hours in care	Maximum subsidy
Infant	0 – 18 months*	100 or more hours	\$688.00
Toddler	19 – 36 months	100 or more hours	\$622.00
Pre-school (including half time kindergarten)	37 – 59 months (or 71 months if half-day kindergarten)	100 or more hours	\$578.00
Special Needs (infant, toddler and pre-school)**	0 – 59 months (or 71 months if half-day kindergarten)	100 or more hours	\$688.00
Kindergarten (full-day)	60 months +	Less than 80 hours	\$330.00
Kindergarten - Summer months	60 months +	100 or more hours	\$578.00
School Age	72 months +	Less than 80 hours	\$303.00
School Age - Summer months	72 months +	100 plus	\$550.00

* In the month when an infant becomes 18 months old, the maximum rate payable for a child under 18 months shall be paid. The new subsidy rate for a toddler will begin the following month.

** Children with special needs age 16 years or under are eligible for a maximum subsidy of \$688.00 while attending over 100 hours per month; \$517.00 while attending 80 – 100 hours per month and, \$347.00 while attending less than 80 hours per month.

Note: In the case of school age and full time kindergarten children, adjustment is made for holiday periods when the child will be in attendance at a child care program on full time basis (i.e. Christmas, March break, summer break). During these periods if the child is in attendance at the centre for over 100 hours per month subsidy will be paid at the full time rate.

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the application process or would like copies of forms, contact:

Child Care Services Unit, H-12
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P.O. Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6
yukon.ca/child-care-subsidy

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