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Affordability Grant Information

Effective January 1, 2022, the government has instituted plans to lower childcare costs for families in Alberta. It has two parts – a change in the amounts of childcare subsidies available and a direct grant to childcare centres to offset their monthly fees. These grants are sent directly to the individual licensed daycare, family day home, etc. and the childcare center is obligated to apply that to the fee to lower the cost for the family.

In our Center, there are two categories of Affordability grant that affect our families. In order to qualify for the maximum grant, a child must be registered to attend more than 100 hours per month; this would basically be our full-time students, as well as some who are registered in our extended care programs. The maximum grant for full-time students is \$510.00 per month for children from 19 months up to the age of three, and \$450.00 per month for children from age three up to Kindergarten age.

To qualify for the part-time affordability grant, a child must be registered for more than 50 (to 99) hours per month. For children from 19 months up to age three, the part-time grant is \$255.00 per month. For children from age three up to Kindergarten age, the part-time grant is \$225.00 per month.

Regarding the change in subsidy amounts available, the maximum family income eligible for subsidy has increased from \$90,000 per year to \$179,999 per year. This allows more parents to qualify for childcare subsidy, which then further lowers their monthly costs. For more information on childcare subsidies, please visit: cs.childcarefunding@gov.ab.ca