

# Parent Fee Reduction Grant Information Sheet

Parents – March 2023

In August 2021, the province entered into the [Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement](#) with the Government of Canada. This Agreement supports an early learning and child care system in Saskatchewan based on principles of affordability, access, quality and inclusivity. Under the affordability priority within the agreement, Saskatchewan committed to reaching \$10 a day child care for children under the age of six in regulated child care effective April 1, 2023. Parent fees for children under six in regulated child care spaces will be reduced to \$10 per day or \$217.50 per month enabling Saskatchewan to achieve this goal well in advance of the March 31, 2026 targeted date.

## What is the parent fee reduction grant?

The parent fee reduction grant has been established to reduce child care fees paid by parents making life more affordable for Saskatchewan families.

Effective April 1, 2023, all parents with children under the age of six in a regulated child care centre or home are eligible to receive child care for \$10 per day or \$217.50 per month. The reduced fees apply to all children under the age of six occupying an infant, toddler, preschool or school-age space.

Families with children enrolled 10 days or more per month will pay a child care fee of \$217.50 per month. Families with children enrolled fewer than 10 days per month will pay a child care fee of \$10 per day.

## How was the parent fee of \$217.50 per month for full-time care determined?

Under the *Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement* the province committed to reaching a goal of \$10 per day child care, on average. In alignment with federal government expectations, the monthly fee of \$217.50 is calculated as follows:

- \$10 per day X 261 assumed operating days in a year / 12 months in a year = \$217.50 per month

## Why do I have to pay more when my full-time child care fees were less than \$217.50 per month?

In alignment with federal government expectations as shown in the calculation above, no family will pay less than \$217.50 per month for full-time care for a child under the age of six in a regulated child care space.

### **Who is eligible for the \$10 per day child care?**

All families with children under the age of six who are in provincially regulated child care are eligible to receive \$10 per day or \$217.50 per month child care effective April 1, 2023.

### **Why can't children ages six and over be a part of \$10 per day child care?**

In August 2021, the province entered into a *Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement* with the Government of Canada. As a condition of the Canada-Wide agreement, in Saskatchewan and across the country, federal funding is to be invested in regulated early learning and child care for children under the age of six.

### **How do I know if my child care is provincially regulated?**

Provincially regulated means that the child care provider is regulated and monitored by the Early Years Branch of the Ministry of Education.

Regulated centres and family child care homes meet and maintain specific standards stated in *The Child Care Act, 2014* and *The Child Care Regulations, 2015* and will have a provincially issued child care licence posted in their child care centre or home.

### **What action do I need to take to get the \$10 per day child care?**

No action is required by families. Child care facilities will follow up with you directly.

### **How does this affect parents who receive a subsidy (from the Ministry of Social Services) for child care fees?**

Eligibility has not yet been determined for families who have children under age six in regulated child care facilities that are receiving a subsidy through the Child Care Subsidy program.

The Ministry of Social Services is assessing how the grant will impact subsidy eligibility and will share information when it becomes available.

### **For more information, visit:**

- Website: [www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/child-care/federal-funding-for-early-learning-and-child-care](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/child-care/federal-funding-for-early-learning-and-child-care)
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