







The below table presents a summary of **Key Funding Supports for Child Care** in one single place. While we will continue to ensure the correctness of the information, please contact Anur Mehdic at [amehdic@newwestcity.ca](mailto:amehdic@newwestcity.ca) should you find an inaccuracy.



**Ctrl +Clicking** on the agency logos and text highlighted in **blue** will take you to the appropriate online resource.



Agency	Details	Help & Contact Information
<b>For Parents</b>		
<p><b>Affordable Child Care Benefit</b></p> 	<p>The <b>Affordable Childcare Benefit</b> is monthly payment to help eligible families with the cost of child care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Factors like income, family size, and type of care determine how much support families receive.</li> <li>Families need to renew their application every year.</li> <li>There is a <b>Special Needs Supplement</b> available to parents who are eligible for the Affordable Childcare benefit and who have children with designated special needs who require childcare.</li> <li>The Special Needs Supplement provides up to \$150 per month towards the cost of child care.</li> <li>The total combined Affordable Childcare Benefit and Special Needs Supplement cannot exceed the child care fee.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Child Care Service Centre</b></p> <p>Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm</p> <p><b>Toll Free:</b> 1 888 338-6622</p> <p><b>You can also get help in person from:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Child Care Resource &amp; Referral Centres</a></li> <li><a href="#">Immigrant Settlement Service Agencies</a></li> <li><a href="#">Service BC locations</a></li> </ul>
<b>For Child Care Providers</b>		
<p><b>Child Care Operating Funding (CCOF) Base Funding</b></p> 	<p><b>Child Care Operating Funding (CCOF) Base Funding</b> assists eligible licensed family and group child care providers with the day-to-day costs of running a facility.</p> <p>To be eligible to receive CCOF Base Funding, providers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a valid <a href="#">Community Care and Assisted Living Act</a> Facility License (Note: Funding is not available for occasional child care, child minding, residential care or recreational care).</li> <li>Be open and currently providing child care</li> <li>Be in good standing with the Ministry of Children and Family Development and, if registered, with the BC Corporate Registry.</li> <li>Agree to provide services to families receiving the Affordable Child Care Benefit</li> <li>Make every reasonable effort to provide an inclusive and supportive environment for all children, including children with extra support needs.</li> <li>Complete the annual Provider Profile Survey.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> - The program is optional; however, CCOF Base Funding is required to participate in the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative and the Early Childhood Educator Wage Enhancement.</p>	<p><b>CCOF Program Contact Centre</b></p> <p>Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm</p> <p><b>Toll Free:</b> 1 888 338-6622 (Option 2)</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:MCF.CCCF@gov.bc.ca">MCF.CCCF@gov.bc.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (CCFRI)</b></p> 	<p>The <b>Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (CCFRI)</b> enhances child care affordability by offering funding to eligible, licensed child care providers to reduce and stabilize parents' monthly child care fees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child care providers must apply to receive funding. Parents do not need to apply.</li> <li>Participation in CCFRI is optional and providers can apply at any time during the funding term.</li> <li>Providers applying to CCFRI are not required to reduce their parent fees until they receive written approval from the Child Care Operating Funding (CCOF) program. Any reduction in fees passed on to parents prior to receiving approval are at the provider's own risk.</li> <li>Providers eligible for CCOF Base Funding can apply for the CCFRI if they have any of these eligible care categories:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group infant/toddler care (Under 36 months)</li> <li>Family infant/toddler care (Under 36 months)</li> <li>Group care for children aged 3 years to Kindergarten</li> <li>Family care for children aged 3 years to Kindergarten</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Child Care Service Centre</b></p> <p>Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm</p> <p><b>Toll Free:</b> 1 888 338-6622 (Option 2)</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:MCF.CCCF@gov.bc.ca">MCF.CCCF@gov.bc.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Early Childhood Educator Wage Enhancement</b></p> 	<p>As part of Government's <b>Early Care and Learning Recruitment and Retention Strategy</b>, Front-line Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) working in licensed child care facilities are now eligible to receive an additional \$2 per hour wage enhancement (WE) bringing the total to \$4 per hour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation in the Early Childhood Educator Wage Enhancement (ECE-WE) is optional, and child care providers can apply at any time.</li> <li>To apply, the facility must be approved for the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (CCFRI), if eligible. Universal Child Care Prototype Sites are also eligible to apply.</li> <li>Front-line ECEs, including those who are also owner/operators of a licensed child care facility, are eligible for the wage enhancement if they are directly employed by a licensed child care facility that meets the child care provider requirements.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Child Care Service Centre</b></p> <p>Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm</p> <p><b>Toll Free:</b> 1 888 338-6622 (Option 2)</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:MCF.CCCF@gov.bc.ca">MCF.CCCF@gov.bc.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Childcare BC Maintenance Fund</b></p> 	<p>The <b>Childcare BC Maintenance Fund</b> helps licensed child care facilities in <b>emergency circumstances</b>, defined as sudden and unexpected conditions that directly impact children's health and safety or may result in immediate facility closure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fund is available to assist <b>licensed providers</b> with the costs of addressing necessary repairs or replacing eligible items that are unrelated to routine or regular service.</li> <li>The fund may also help with expenses from relocation costs, if the relocation is required for compliance under the <a href="#">Community Care and Assisted Living Act</a>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Child Care Capital and Community Services Branch</b></p> <p><b>Toll Free:</b> 1-888-338-6622 (Option 5)</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:MCF.CCCF@gov.bc.ca">MCF.CCCF@gov.bc.ca</a></p>
<p><b>City of New Westminister Child Care Grants</b></p> 	<p>City of New Westminister Child Care Grants (Portfolio 1) are available to assist licensed, non-profit child care operators to develop, expand, and/or enhance the delivery of child care services to families in New Westminister, promoting quality, accessibility and affordability of highly needed childcare services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible projects are ones that promote quality, accessible, and affordable child care for families.</li> <li>Eligible organizations must be non-profit, licensed child care operators</li> <li>The majority of the grants given to child care operators will be \$5000/year exceptions may be made at the discretion of the committee</li> </ul> <p>The <b>2022 Grant Opportunity Calendar</b> can be found <a href="#">here</a>. The <b>Community Grants Criteria</b> document will help answer any immediate questions or you can refer to the <a href="#">Frequently Answered Questions</a>.</p>	<p><b>Anur Mehdic, Housing/Child Care Planning Analyst</b></p> <p><b>Phone:</b> 604-515-3792</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:amehdic@newwestcity.ca">amehdic@newwestcity.ca</a></p>

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