



Cutting fees for families up to \$550 more every month

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have some exciting news to share! We're working with your child care provider to cut child care fees again, this time by as much as \$550 each month per child, starting on December 1, 2022.

We know global inflation is making life more expensive, and we're pleased to be able to give you this break from rising costs.

In 2018, the Province cut child care fees for children kindergarten and under enrolled at participating child care centres by up to \$350 a month per child. Effective December 1, 2022, we will further reduce parents' monthly fees by up to an additional \$550 per month per child. Taken together, this will help families with children kindergarten and under enrolled in a participating child care program save up to \$900 per month per child, a savings of up to \$10,800 per year for each child.

You don't have to take any action to see these new savings. Just like before, it will be applied automatically by your child care provider to reduce your monthly fees starting in December. We couldn't deliver this relief without the help of your child care provider – and we hope that you will join us in thanking them for working with us to bring you this fee cut.

As a parent, I know the challenges families can experience finding affordable child care. Over the last five years, we've been working hard through ChildCareBC to bring down the cost of, and improve access to, high-quality child care as we build child care as a core service that families can depend on. We've added more than 10,500 licensed child care spaces and over 20,000 more spaces are being planned and built today.

Now, British Columbia's [Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement](#) with the Government of Canada, will deliver another \$3.2 billion in funding that will directly help families like yours. This fee reduction is just one part of that.

For parents who need additional help covering the costs of child care, extra support is available through the Province's [Affordable Child Care Benefit](#). The new fee reductions and the Affordable Child Care Benefit work together to lower the costs of child care fees for families and can be "stacked" to maximize the amount of savings.

Please note, eligibility and rates available under the [Affordable Child Care Benefit](#) are not changing. We recognize that parents in receipt of the Affordable Child Care Benefit will need to inform the ministry of any changes to their child care fees however, you don't have to take any action at this time. The process to do this will be shared prior to implementation in December.

If you want to learn more about the Province's work to make high-quality, inclusive child care more affordable and available, please visit the [ChildCareBC website](#). There is a frequently asked questions section that we hope will tell you everything you'd like to know.

Sincerely,

Katrina Chen
Minister of State for Child Care