



# Infant Operating Grant

## What is the Infant Operating Grant?

Designated New Brunswick Early Learning Centres will be eligible for an on-going Infant Operating Grant that is designed to offset the costs of providing infant care. Designated centres will be eligible for \$10 per infant space per day.

## Who will benefit?

Children attending designated centres will benefit from improved quality provided by funding for infant spaces.

Families will have greater access to quality infant spaces in designated centres due to the new funding available.

Administrators and operators of designated New Brunswick Early Learning Centres will benefit from funding available for infants spaces to help make child care more viable so that they can offer this valued support to New Brunswick families.

This funding is in addition to the \$2 500 / space funding for the creation of new infant spaces through the Early Learning and Child Care Trust Fund.

## Why is it being done?

As part of the New Brunswick Child Care Review Task Force Report, parents have voiced their concerns over the low availability of licensed infant spaces and of the high cost of infant care. In support of parents' voices, administrators and operators also have identified this age group as a difficult group to serve as the costs are high due to the low adult to child ratio that is legislated by government.

This new infant operating grant will allow designated centres to offer and maintain infant spaces and the improved parent subsidy will support parents' capacity to afford infant care.

## For information

1 888 762 8600

