



Low-Fee Policy

What is the Low-Fee Policy?

Facilities receiving the New Brunswick Early Learning Centre designation will be eligible for ongoing funding to increase quality and sustainability of their services. A key element to the low-fee policy is to ensure that parents can afford the child care they need to contribute to the economy of the province.

There are on-going funding envelopes to help support quality, affordability, accessibility and sustainability of higher quality early learning and child care services. This funding is available to operators and parents of designated New Brunswick Early Learning Centres:

1. Infant Operating Grants
2. Quality Grants
3. Market Fee Threshold
4. Designated Centre – Parent Subsidy

Who will benefit?

Designated New Brunswick Early Learning Centres will benefit from the funding to support the viability of centres and to help them create and maintain child care spaces while improving the quality of all preschool spaces.

Parents of children attending designated centres will benefit from an improved parent subsidy. The parents will also benefit from predictable child care fees that are controlled through the Market Fee Threshold policy. Parents will benefit from predictable child care fees that are controlled through the Market Fee Threshold policy.

Children attending a designated centre will benefit from receiving higher quality early learning and child care services.

Why is it being done?

As part of the New Brunswick Child Care Task Force Report, operators expressed concern over ongoing sustainability and viability of their services. The ongoing operational funding to designated centres, contributes to the sustainability of quality services for facilities, affordability and accessibility of spaces for parents, and improved quality for children.

Furthermore, parents have consistently commented on the rising costs of child care and how these were inhibitors for some families' workforce participation.



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