



Operating Grant

What is the Operational Funding?

The Operational Funding is an ongoing funding designed to support designated early learning facilities.

Operational Funding is designed to support the operators to deliver higher quality services while maintaining the Low Fee Policy and offset the costs associated with the designation program such as meeting designation ongoing requirements.

- All designated facilities will be eligible to receive an operational grant of **\$2.50 per enrolled preschool space per day**
- New Brunswick Early Learning Centres will receive an operational grant of **\$10.00 per enrolled infant space per day**
- New Brunswick Early Learning Homes will receive an operational grant of **\$2.50 per enrolled infant space per day**

Who will benefit?

Designated New Brunswick Early Learning Centres and Early Learning Homes will have funding available to improve the quality of services they provide to families and to contribute to the sustainability of quality preschool services.

Parents and children will benefit from the investments made by designated centres to improve quality, accessibility and affordability in their facility.

Why is it being done?

As part of the New Brunswick Child Care Review Task Force Report, it was determined that administrators and operators agreed that improvement in the quality of childcare services is paramount; however, this requires substantial investment. Given that designated early learning childcare facilities must meet additional quality requirements, funding will be made available to offset associated costs. The Operational Funding will allow facilities to support their quality improvement plan. This additional funding will allow operators to offset the costs of these additional requirements in order to continue to improve quality services to families who benefit from the services provided by designated early learning facilities.

Administrators and operators also stated that infants are a difficult age group to serve as the costs are high due to the low staff-to-child ratio legislated by the government. Part of the funding will help Early Learning Centres to offer and maintain infant spaces.

For information

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