

Designated Centre – Parent Subsidy

The Designated Centre – Parent Subsidy is a financial support program provided by the government of New Brunswick for low- and middle-income families to help offset the costs of childcare. The subsidy for children attending a designated facility helps to address the issue of affordable childcare to New Brunswick families.

The Parent Subsidy is based on a sliding scale (between \$37,501 and \$80,000), which considers childcare fees, the number of children under the age of five not attending school, and the total annual gross household income. Families with a total gross annual income of \$37,500 or less will have access to free childcare services for their preschool children aged five and under who are enrolled in a designated New Brunswick Early Learning Facility. Those with multiple preschool children will not pay more than 20% of their gross annual household income on childcare costs while their child is enrolled in a designated facility.

Eligibility

The Parent Subsidy application can be accessed on the [Parent Portal](#) under Childcare Subsidies. Families are eligible if they:

- Have at least one preschool aged child who is not in school and is registered in a designated facility; and
- Are a resident of New Brunswick; and
- Are either working, in a training or education program or have a special circumstance; and
- Their gross annual household income (before deductions) is \$80,000 or less; OR
- Their expenses for childcare services are more than 20% of the gross annual household income (before deductions) for children enrolled in a designated facility.

For more information

If you have questions or want further information on Childcare Subsidies, you may contact the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Monday to Friday between 8:15 am and 4:30 pm, excluding holidays by phone at: 1 833 221-9339 (toll-free) or by e-mail at EECDPortal-PortailEDPE@gnb.ca