

## Child Care Subsidy

- The County of Lambton's Children Services Department provides eligible parents/legal guardians with help for their child care costs, under the Provincial Day Nurseries Act and the County's Childcare Policy.
- The County purchases child care spaces/services from agencies throughout Lambton County.
- The Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services licenses child care agencies within the County of Lambton.
- Families can view information about agencies' programs, hours of operation, most recent licenses, and more at [www.ontario.ca](http://www.ontario.ca).



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*Helping  
Parents/Guardians  
with the Cost  
of Child Care*



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This brochure is designed to help answer frequently asked questions about the County of Lambton's Child Care Subsidy Program.

## Who Can Qualify for Child Care Subsidy?

- Children whose parents/legal guardians (living in Lambton County) are employed, attending school or in a job-oriented training program
- Children who would benefit from child care that are at risk or in need of social interaction as assessed by a recognized referral agency

## Approval for Child Care Subsidy

Approval for child care subsidy is based on approved activities according to:

- work hours
- school schedule
- special needs requirements
- an Ontario Works activity as determined by a Caseworker



*In licensed child care settings, children gain age appropriate school readiness skills, through play.*

## How Have the Child Care Subsidy Rules Changed?

Effective January 1, 2007, income testing was introduced in the Province of Ontario. To apply for subsidy, applicants must file an income tax return.

Recent immigrants to Canada may still apply for child care subsidy, but will need to provide income tax information when filing their first tax return.

### Documents Required

- Income verification – pay stubs, Ontario Works stub, school verification
- Canada Child Tax Benefit
- Most recent Income Tax Notice Assessment

### What Can I Expect To Pay?

Subsidy is based on net family income. Try the online estimator at [www.lambtononline.ca/fee\\_subsidies](http://www.lambtononline.ca/fee_subsidies) to determine approximate cost per family.

Net Family Income	Approximate Cost per Family
\$20,000	\$0.00 per day
\$30,000	\$4.00 per day
\$40,000	\$8.00 per day
\$50,000	\$19.00 per day
\$60,000	\$31.00 per day
\$70,000	\$42.00 per day

## Parents Responsibilities

*(Before Child Care Subsidy)*

- Chose a location – contact the agency to determine compatibility of meeting your child's needs
- Contact the subsidy office – schedule and attend a meeting with the Child Care Case Worker
- Provide the required documentation
- Complete the application
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for paying the full cost of care until the approved subsidy start date is confirmed

*(After Child Care Subsidy is approved)*

At the time of application, parents will be informed of a number of rights and responsibilities. Some of those responsibilities include:

- Parents must renew the child care subsidy arrangements before they expire.
- Parents must give child care agencies two weeks notice before withdrawing their child from care.
- Children are permitted to have 20 absent days per year. More than 20 days of absences will result in the parent being charged the full fee by the child care agency.