

More information about the Affordability Grant (as at Feb.9 2025)

The Government of Alberta and the Federal Government implemented a program in 2021 to decrease the up-front payable amounts by families for children attending childcare. The program operates between 2021 and 2026. This is called the Affordability Grant. Learn more at <https://www.alberta.ca/federal-provincial-child-care-agreement.aspx> . Under this program, the government pays a portion of your childcare fees directly to the childcare centre, and you pay the remainder. You do not need to qualify for this Grant.

Although the Affordability Grant program decreases the up-front costs payable by families, the program challenges the quality of childcare that is able to be provided by centres due to government restrictions on purchases, hiring, and funding rates. Childcare centres are required to complete a significant amount of ongoing administration work in order to participate, decreasing the staff and funding available to care for children. AHM is an active lobbyist for increased pay to early childhood educators, and a return to valuing high quality care in Alberta instead of the lowest price.

Aspen Hill Montessori currently participates in the Affordability Grant and Childcare Subsidy through Mar. 21 2026. **With each year of agreement renewal, the funding programs change.** There is always the potential at each point of renewal that AHM will choose to return to a privately-funded organization. More information will be provided to current families as it is known. We encourage all families to stay abreast of current events through major media.

More information about Childcare Subsidy (as at Feb. 9 2025)

The Province no longer offers a subsidy program to low income families as of March 31 2025. Applications for subsidy are no longer being processed.

The information in this summary is to assist parents considering AHM only, and should not be considered the only resource on the new programs. We encourage parents new to our program to research programs that best meet their family's needs as well as budget with the above information considered.

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