

## Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative – Key Facts for Parents

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- Government has committed to making [child care more affordable for families](#) in all areas of the province.
- To help achieve this goal, effective April 2018, licensed infant/toddler and/or 3-5 years care child care providers will be invited to participate in the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative, and pass savings on to parents through reduced monthly fees.
- Parents do not have to enroll or apply in order to receive this benefit; rather, your licensed child care provider must choose to “opt-in” and be approved into this voluntary initiative in order to pass the savings on to you.
- Parents with children enrolled at participating licensed group or home-based facilities may be eligible for monthly reductions in their parent fees by:
  - \$350/month/space for group infant/toddler care;
  - \$200/month/space for family infant/toddler care;
  - \$100/month/space for group 3-5 year care; and
  - \$60/month/space for family 3-5 year care.
- A list of participating providers will be posted at: [www.gov.bc.ca/childcareoperatingfunding](http://www.gov.bc.ca/childcareoperatingfunding) in April 2018 and parents will be able to see if their provider has been approved to participate, and what fee reductions they should expect to receive.
- While all participating providers will be required to reduce their fees, some providers may receive approval for pre-planned, reasonable parent fee increases during the duration of the contract (up to March 31, 2019).
- In addition, providers faced with extraordinary circumstances may be able to increase their parent fees above the planned and approved increases under certain circumstances, with prior written Ministry approval.
- **For more information on the increased CCOF rates and the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative, please visit:** [www.gov.bc.ca/childcareoperatingfunding](http://www.gov.bc.ca/childcareoperatingfunding).

