

## More information about the Affordability Grant (as at Jan. 2025)

The Government of Alberta and the Federal Government implemented a trial program in 2021 to decrease the up-front payable amounts by families for children attending childcare. The program was intended to operate 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 has come to hinder the quality of childcare that is able to be provided by centres due to government restrictions on purchases, hiring, and funding freezes. Childcare centres are also required to complete a significant amount of ongoing administration work in order to participate, decreasing the staff and funding available to care for children.

Aspen Hill Montessori currently participates in the Affordability Grant and Childcare Subsidy. **With the upcoming changes to the Federal government, there is a strong chance that the funding programs available will change.** 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 Jan. 2025)

The Province currently operates a childcare subsidy program at certain daycare centres for families whose total income is less than a designated threshold. At this time AHM accepts children on subsidy. Learn more about the current program here: <https://www.alberta.ca/child-care-subsidy.aspx> Your subsidy amount scales down the more money that you earn. These threshold and limits are subject to change. Children must attend more than a designated number of hours each month to receive subsidy payments. Parents are required to apply for this program directly with the Province.

If you qualify for subsidy, please let us know during your Pre-Application Interview so that we can advise on how to change your subsidy registration to AHM.

*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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