



Hamilton

Before and After School (BASP) Affordability Grant:

In August 2023, the City of Hamilton announced it will be piloting a grant to improve affordability for families and caregivers using before and after school licensed centre-based child care.

The purpose of this grant is to support equitable and affordable child care access across the system by reducing the before and after school market rate charged to families and caregivers to \$15/day for school aged children (ages 6 to 12 years). This will directly reduce the cost for families and caregivers who are currently paying market rates to access before and after school care.

Originally the pilot was set to end on June 28, 2024, however we are happy to announce the City is extending these affordability supports to families and caregivers until **December 31, 2024**.

As a reminder:

- Current BASP Market Rates are to remain capped at \$25/day
- The affordability grant calculation remains based on operating capacity and adjusted by the fee subsidy spaces as follows:

(Current Operator Market Rate - \$15 Parent Fee) X (operating capacity - fee subsidy spaces) X # of school days in the month

- Payment will continue to be issued through the monthly OCCMS Record of Attendance process
- School Aged Full Day spaces remain out of scope for this funding initiative
- Parents will be required to review and sign a Parent Acknowledgment Letter (provided with this communication)

If you have any questions around the BASP Affordability Grant, please reach out to the Child Care System support team at ccss@hamilton.ca to have your questions answered.