

What Can I Do To Help?

We encourage you to consider writing to your local MLA,

The Minister of Children and Family Services, Searle Turton, and The Premier Danielle Smith to

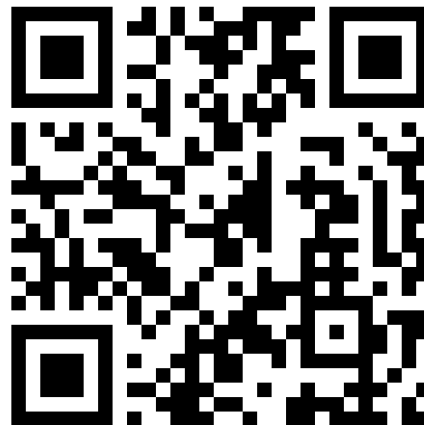
express your concerns and share your experiences.

Your voice matters and together, we can contribute to sustainable outcomes.



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WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER

Affordable Child Care...

BUT AT WHAT COST?



Insight about the
2024/2025
Affordability
Grant Agreement



Fostering Choice and Access to Affordable Childcare for Alberta Parents

- Operators signed the affordability agreement to ensure access to financial support for all families.
- We acknowledge the financial challenges that many of our families are currently navigating.
- We are committed to the well-being of our families.
- We are dedicated to providing high-quality childcare services.



Impact on Programs

Cash Flow

The Affordability Grant payments disbursed by the government are delayed, taking 40 to 45 days to reach daycare operators. As these amounts increase, operators find themselves struggling to meet timely financial obligations, compelling them to rely on expensive financing to cover essential costs.

Inflation

Childcare providers have experienced financial losses over the past two years, primarily attributed to fee caps that have failed to keep pace with the inflation rate. The existing cap, fees have increased by 9%, significantly lags behind the Bank of Canada's calculated amount of 15.2%, jeopardizing the financial viability of childcare businesses striving to align with inflation rates for sustainable, quality operation.

Administrative Burden

The administrative burden imposed by the program, is an average cost of \$20-30 per child per month.

Operators no longer have Operational Control

Impact on Families

Staffing

We may be unable to maintain extra educators for coverage .

When an educator is unable to work, childcare may not be available.

Reduced Operational Hours

We may need to adjust our operational hours in response to employee availability, to optimize our resources and to maintain the quality of childcare services.

Supplies & Programming

Adjustments of supplies and extra programming may be implemented to effectively manage our budget. Be assured, we remain committed to upholding the quality of our services to the best of our ability.

