
Child Care Fee Assistance - Verification of Income

The definition of income, when calculating the Parental Contribution amount for child care, is the "adjusted income" found on the most recently issued Federal Notice of Assessment (NOA).

Clients must file an income tax return annually to apply for and be eligible for Child Care Fee Assistance. Parents applying for Child Care Fee Assistance must provide a copy of their previous year's NOA and the Child Care Tax Benefit summary.

The following is an outline of how the Parental Contribution is determined:

- Income up to \$20,000.00 - Daily Parental Contribution of \$3.00
- Income from \$20,000.00 to \$40,000.00 - 10% of total income
- Income above \$40,000.00 - 30% of total income

Assessments for eligibility of fee assistance occur through interviews Monday through Friday, during regular business hours. There are five Social Services Offices located in Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood, Midland and Orillia. Clients are given directions to their local office at the time that the assessment is scheduled.

Eligible families must place their children within a licensed childcare facility with whom the County of Simcoe holds a Purchase of Service Agreement, or an Extended Early Learning Program provided through your school board. There are currently over 100 child care programs in Simcoe County.

Licensed childcare centres are governed by the Day Nurseries Act and are regularly inspected by the Ministry. Additionally, the County of Simcoe conducts annual quality assurance checklists to ensure that the County of Simcoe policies are also being met. Extended day Early Learning Programs are governed by the Ministry of Education.

To find out about child care programs in your area contact the Children's Services Department, check your Yellow Pages or visit your local Early Years Centre for information. To find out about Extended Early Learning Program, please contact your child's school board.