



## Media release

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### Child care refund to families

In partnership with the Provincial and Federal Governments and the Ministry of Education, the City of Peterborough is making licensed child care more affordable for families.

In an effort to support parents with the high cost of licensed child care, Peterborough Children's Services is providing a one-time refund for child care fees is available to families in the City and County of Peterborough:

- who used licensed infant and/or toddler care (ages 0-2.5, being charged the infant/toddler rate) between January 1 to September 30, 2018; and
- who used licensed centre-based or home-based care in the City or County of Peterborough; and
- who paid full-fees; or
- who received a partial fee subsidy.

This funding will be provided to eligible licensed child care operators who will refund child care fees to families at a rate of \$10 per day for full-day care and \$8 per day for part-day care used between January 1, 2018 and September 30, 2018. Eligible families could receive a refund of up to \$1,950.

Affordability of child care is a significant concern for families in Peterborough. "This is an exciting opportunity for families in Peterborough, as it is the first time child care costs have been refunded system-wide," said Sandra Robinson, Program Manager of Children's Services, City of Peterborough. "It is part of our continued commitment to target affordability needs for all families using licensed child care in Peterborough."

Peterborough is currently examining child care affordability as part of the broad-based engagement with parents, caregivers, service providers and community partners in preparation for the Child Care and Early Years 5 Year Plan, due to be released in 2019.

Families are encouraged to contact their licensed child care provider for more details.

This information is also available on the City of Peterborough website at [www.peterborough.ca](http://www.peterborough.ca).

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