



Connections Nature Play

As a Licensed program, families may apply for two subsidy programs:

Affordability Grant and Child Care Subsidy

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Affordability Grant (AG)

Child care operators apply on behalf of families whose child meets the 'hours attended' requirement. Funds are paid directly to child care operators, reducing monthly fees for families.

- A child who attends 50-99 hours per month qualifies for the Part Time Affordability Grant of \$225 per month.
- A child who attends 100+ hours per month qualifies for the Full Time Affordability Grant of \$450 per month.

Because Connections Nature Play currently runs 3 days per week, the Full Time AG does not apply. We are open to expanding days and hours if interest warrants it. Please reach out if this is of interest!

Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

Because the Child Care Subsidy is based on income, families must apply for this program. The amount of subsidy rate is calculated first by income, then pro-rated from the full time subsidy (of 100 hours per month) by the number of hours the child actually attended each month. A child enrolled for 60hrs/month could receive up to 60% of the full time subsidy, depending on the number of hours they actually attended (Ex. 50% rate if child attends only 50hrs).

[Click Here to apply for Child Care Subsidy*](#)

IMPORTANT: Please notify us once you have applied for CCS so we can calculate your monthly portion.

**application processing takes time. Please apply as soon as you are able!*

Subsidy Rates for Different Attendance Options...

Connections Nature Play Attendance Options	Hours Attended Per Month (Note that subsidy amounts are based on hours attended , not hours enrolled) (ex. 20hrs = 20% of 100 full time hours)	Connections Nature Play Monthly Rate	Affordability Grant	Child Care Subsidy (Full time subsidy rate for family w/ income under \$119,999 is \$266)	Monthly Parent Portion
Core Hours 1 day per week	20 hours per month	\$225	n/a	\$53 (20% of \$266)	\$172/month (\$43/day)
Core Hours 2 days per week	40 hours per month	\$450	n/a	\$106 (40% of \$266)	\$344/month (\$43/day)
Core Hours 3 days per week	60 hours per month	\$675	\$225	\$159 (60% of \$266)	\$291/month (\$25/day)
Extended Hours 1 day per week	30 hours per month	\$275	n/a	\$79 (30% of \$266)	\$196/month (\$49/day)
Extended Hours 2 days per week	60 hours per month	\$550	\$225	\$159 (60% of \$266)	\$166/month (\$21/day)
Extended Hours 3 days per week	90 hours per month	\$825	\$225	\$239 (90% of \$266)	\$361/month (\$30/day)

[Click Here for the Online Child Care Subsidy Estimator](#)

Call 403-498-6321 if you would like to speak with us about your family's options regarding enrollment and subsidies.

Note: Info current as of December 20, 2023. Subsidy amounts are changing in 2024. CCS subsidy rates are dependent on both family income and hours attended, so actual subsidy rate will differ for each family, and will differ each month based on hours attended. All figures rounded.