

Stay-at-Home Subsidy

La Coccinelle is participating in the Alberta governments *Stay-at-Home Subsidy Program*. Under this program, eligible parents can receive up to \$100 per month (up to a maximum of \$1200 per year) for each preschool age child who is enrolled in our pre-school. Information on the subsidy program is available in the classroom.

NOTE: The allowable combined family income for this subsidy is very high - in the neighborhood of \$75 000 gross - and it can even go higher depending upon the number of children you have. Do not automatically assume you cannot qualify. Our best advice is to apply if you think you may qualify. (Here is a link to the [Estimator Tool](https://www.childcaresubsidy.gov.ab.ca/ccs/ccs_public.nsf/Estimator?OpenForm) which can help you determine if you may qualify. https://www.childcaresubsidy.gov.ab.ca/ccs/ccs_public.nsf/Estimator?OpenForm)

To be eligible:

- at least one parent stays at home to care for preschool age children and does not work or go to school **for more than 20 hours per week**;
- family's combined gross monthly income and family structure qualify (see the [Estimator Tool](#))
- children are of preschool age (**six years and under**) and not yet attending Grade 1;
- **the preschool children are registered in an approved early childhood development program**; and
- funding is not being provided through the child care subsidy or kin child care funding programs.

Parents must apply and qualify for the Stay-at-Home Subsidy Program through the Child Care Subsidy Office. **In order to apply for the Stay-at-Home Parent Subsidy, parents may be asked to furnish a brief letter from La Coccinelle confirming their child's enrollment. Please let the teacher know if you require this letter.**

At the end of each month, La Coccinelle will submit a confirmation of attendance for each subsidized child to the Child Care Subsidy Office. Payment by the government will then be made on behalf of eligible parents directly to La Coccinelle.

Due to the non-profit status of La Coccinelle, it is impossible to defer monthly program fees until subsidy payments are received from the government (which may take from 3-8 weeks). Therefore, La Coccinelle requires that all eligible families pay the full program fees upfront each month in the usual manner. La Coccinelle will issue reimbursements to eligible families. As we are new to the program, we will issue reimbursements this year at the end of June. Next year, we plan to issue reimbursements regularly throughout the preschool year.

Interested parents are encouraged to contact the Child Care Subsidy Office of the Calgary and Area Child and Family Services Authority for information on the application process and eligibility criteria. Here is the link <http://child.alberta.ca/home/721.cfm>

Application forms are available online at: <http://child.alberta.ca/home/713.cfm>, or by contacting the Child and Family Services Authority's Child Care Subsidy Office at:

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Please contact the Chair if you have any additional questions about this program