

# The Children's Link Society

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## Supported Child Care



The Supported Child Care Program gives children with special needs an opportunity to be included with their peers in child care settings by providing extra support to child care facilities.

### Eligibility

Licensed or approved child care programs (daycares, school age programs, family child care) who wish to include a child with special needs whose parents are working or in school.

### Getting Started

- Contact the Calgary and Area Child and Family Services regional office, or call our Child Care Information Line at (403) 297-6100 to request information on the Supported Child Care Program.
- Have your child care facility contact the Calgary and Area Child and Family Services office to initiate the program.

### Next Steps

- After a request has been received from a child care facility for the Supported Child Care Program, one of our consultants will arrange a time to visit the facility where the child is or will be enrolled.
- During the visit, the Supported Child Care Consultant and the child care facility staff discuss the facility's eligibility for the program and the type of support required by the facility to meet the needs of the child.

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Note: Support may include professional development of child care staff, consultation on child care programming and inclusion, resource and referral information and/or funding for additional staff.

- The decision to include a child with special needs or to work with the Supported Child Care Program rests with the child care facility.
- Supported Child Care services are offered at no charge to parents or child care facilities.

## **Contact Information**

### **Regional Office**

#### **Calgary and Area Child and Family Services**

##### **Child Care Services Office**

#300 - 1240 Kensington Road NW

Calgary, AB T2N 3P7

Phone (403) 297-6100

Fax (403) 297-7228

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q: What kind of support does my child with a disability receive in a child care program through the Supported Child Care Program?

A: Support may include specialized training for the child care program's staff to help them work with your child, funding for additional staff, resource and referral information, professional development opportunities, and ongoing consultation.

Q: How long will it take to put support in place at the child care facility?

A: This will depend on your child's needs, the availability of funding, and the availability of space in the child care program.

Q: Do I have to pay extra day care fees if the day care centre my child with a disability will attend has been approved for special funding?

A: The goal of the Supported Child Care Program is to offer services for special needs children at no extra cost.

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