

**Child Care Operating Funding Program
April 1, 2008- March 31, 2009 Funding Agreement
Questions and Answers**

1. How do I apply for Child Care Operating Funding?

Family and Group Child Care Operating Funding Program application forms and step-by-step instructions for completing the application can be found on the Child Care website at <http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/>. If you do not have access to the website you can request an application package by contacting the Child Care Helpline outside Greater Victoria toll free 1-888-338-6622 in Greater Victoria 250 356-6501.

2. What will the term of my Child Care Operating Funding Program renewal agreement be?

If approved, organizations will enter into a funding agreement with the Province of British Columbia for all or part of the period of April 1st to March 31st of the current fiscal year.

Submitting an application is not an automatic guarantee of funding. Funding is subject to approval and to availability of funds. There is generally a six week turn around time for processing of applications. For example, if your application is received Sept 15th, and if the application is eligible, your funding would start November 1st.

3. What are the Child Care Operating Funding Program rates?

For each child, for the period of April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009, you will receive the following daily funding under the Program:

Group Child Care Providers:

Rate Category	4 hours of less	More than 4 hours
0 to 35 months	\$6.00	\$12.00
3 years to kindergarten	\$2.74	\$5.48
Grade 1 to 12 years	\$1.40	\$2.80
Preschool	\$1.37	\$1.37

Family Child Care Providers:

Rate Category	4 hours of less	More than 4 hours
0 to 35 months	\$1.85	\$3.70
3 years to kindergarten	\$1.41	\$2.82
Grade 1 to 12 years	\$0.73	\$1.46

4. How do I receive my Child Care Operating Funding?

At the end of each month, organizations will be required to submit an enrolment report of child care services provided for each funded facility by no later than the 10th of the following month. Enrolment reports can be submitted online, by fax, or by mail. The payment made to the organization will be based on actual monthly enrolment and the Program's funding rates per enrolled child.

5. Can you tell me what my Child Care Operating Funding Program monthly payments will be?

You will be able to estimate your payment amount by using the CCOF rates effective April 1, 2008 and multiply the rate by the total number of estimated spaces part-time or full-time enrolled for the month.

If you enter your enrolment online using a BCeID, the system will automatically calculate your monthly payment amount.

For More Information:

Please refer to the Child Care Operating Funding Program – *A Guide for Licensed Group or Family Child Care Providers*

If you have any questions about the Child Care Operating Funding Program, please contact the Child Care HelpLine:

- In Greater Victoria at 250 356-6501
- Outside Greater Victoria, Toll-Free at 1 888 338-6622