

# FEDERAL EXPENDITURES TO SUPPORT EARLY CHILDHOOD

Policy	Program Name	Department	Annual Expenditure	Description
Transfers to provinces/territories	Canada Social Transfer	Finance	\$1.45 billion	Support for children's programs
	Multilateral ELCC Framework	Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)	\$399.3 million	Transfers to provinces and territories for early learning and child care
	Safe Restart Program		\$625 million	One time funding for COVID-19 mitigation
	Workforce Recruitment and Retention Strategy		\$420 million	Grants and bursaries for students studying early childhood education
Income transfers to individuals	Canada Learning Bond	ESDC	\$194 million	Supports access to post-secondary education for children from low-income families
	Canada Education Savings Grant		\$980.5 million	Payments to Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) to encourage parents to save for their children's post-secondary education
	Canada Benefit		\$27.6 billion	Payments to families to offset the cost of raising children. Pays maximum of \$6,765 per year for children < 6 years old. \$5,708 for children 6 to 17 years old
Tax measures	Child Care Expense Deduction	Finance	\$1.135 billion	Parents may claim up to \$8,000 per child for children <7 years. \$5,000 per child for children aged 7 to 16 years. For disabled, dependent children of any age who qualify for the disability tax credit, the amount to claim for that child is \$11,000
	Exemption from GST for Child Care		\$175 million	Child care services are exempt from GST charges
	Credit for Child Care Spaces		\$5 million	For business to create new child care spaces to a maximum credit of \$10,000 per space
	Teacher and Early Childhood Educator School Supply Tax Credit		\$5 million	Teachers and early childhood educators may claim a 15% refundable tax credit based on an amount of up to \$1,000 in expenditures made in a taxation year for eligible supplies
Capacity building	ELCC Innovation Program	ESDC	\$10 million	\$10 million annually to practitioners and academics to identify and promote innovative practices
	Federal Secretariat ELCC		\$4.3 million	Support capacity building within the government and engage stakeholders to provide child care policy analysis
Community grants	Children's Special Allowance	ESDC	\$361.0 million	Payments to child welfare agencies. Monthly amount of a child < 6 years is \$541.33 and for a child 6 to 17 years is \$456.75

Minor amounts support child care for military and refugee families and federal prisoners. Report on Federal Tax Expenditures - Concepts, Estimates and Evaluations 2021. Retrieved from: <https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/services/publications/federal-tax-expenditures/2021/>. Fall Economic Statement 2020. Retrieved from <https://www.budget.gc.ca/fes-eea/2020/report-rapport/chap3-en.html>