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MPCCA Priority Registration Policy Families with Barriers

Overview

The Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association is committed to providing quality, affordable and accessible programs to families facing barriers in our community.

Aims

To prioritize 1 space per program for families who fall into one of the below groups.

Policy

To better serve the demand for childcare in our community, we require families who receive these spaces to use these spaces as intended.

- **Full time spaces:** children must attend to the full terms of the contract. Should the child continuously attend for less than 75% for reasons other than illness, we will re-evaluate the need for a full-time space.
- **Part time spaces:** children must attend to the full terms of the contract. Should the child continuously attend for less than 75% for reasons other than illness, we will re-evaluate the need for a part time space.

**Please note that all policies of care are effective regardless of prioritized space.
Ex) empty space policy, temporary contract dates and others.**

Eligibility Criteria

1. **Families living on low incomes:** Family's identified as low income by the following standards:

Family Size	2 ppl	3 ppl	4 ppl	5 ppl	6 ppl	7 ppl
Families combined Net Income Line 23600 of income tax return	\$59,064	\$72,338	\$83,530	\$93,389	\$102,302	\$110,500

2. **Children with Extra Support Needs/Children with Exceptionalities:** Child has been identified with support needs or received a diagnosis from a medical professional, specialist or by BC Centre for Ability to require them to have 1-1 support in childcare for them to remain safe and to thrive in care.
3. **Single Parent/Guardian Families:** Parents/Guardians who have a child(ren) who reside in their home 70% of the time and hold primary (70%) financial responsibility for them.



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4. Young Parent Families:

- Be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident of Canada, a Conventional refugee or a person in need of protection
- Be under the age of 25
- Have a child that was born on or before the parent's 20th birthday
- Be participating in an education program for the purpose of completing Grade 12 or can prove evidence of low income, enrollment in a gov't employment program, gov't assistance.

5. Indigenous Families: In acknowledgment and respect of reconciliation and the unseeded lands on which we live and work on we offer priority to Indigenous Families.

6. Families referred to us by a Social Worker with applicable barrier information

7. Other Barriers - Based on the non-exhaustive list of families facing barriers below: families with a parent who has a disability, refugee, families fleeing domestic violence and other under-represented groups.

Registration/Waitlist Process:

The intake process for each of our programs is different. Below each program's process is outlined to better clarify how we will manage the prioritization.

In all cases, if a family falls into 1 or more of the above eligibility categories and we have a space open for a family facing barriers, they will be highlighted as "priority" for the space and moved to the top of that list. Should there be more than one priority ranked family we will conduct a random draw, using a digital lottery tool and it will randomly select one of the prioritized children.

****Please Note: Eligible barrier families who currently attend an MPCCA Childcare Program will be prioritized above those who do not have a child/sibling currently enrolled in one of our childcare programs.**

Proof of Barriers:

As part of the application and decision-making process, MPCCA Childcare may ask for some or all of the following documentation:

- Proof of Family Income (covering certain dates)
- Income Tax Notice of Assessment
- Affordable Childcare Benefit Information
- Medical or Specialist diagnosis or requirement of extra support
- Custody Agreement or Evidence of sole care of a child
- Proof of sole income
- Contact information and documentation or communication from a Social Worker, healthcare Professional, Specialist, BC Centre for Ability
- Proof of enrollment in gov't employment programs or educational courses ex) GED
- Indigenous Heritage ex) letter indicating indigenous heritage.
- Proof of being a parent with a disability



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- Proof of refugee or status in Canada
- Proof of other barrier not listed above (*to be considered at the discretion of MPCCA*)
- Photo identification
- Birth Certificates
- Documentation relating to a parent/guardian's inability to work or study.

Program Specific Processes and Protocols:

3 Corners Spaces:

Each space posted has specific parameters for care ex) Age of Child, Permanent or Temporary Contract space, Part or Full Time etc. To be considered the child must fit within the parameters of the space posted.

- Families will fill out the waitlist application form
- If we have a space open for a "prioritized family facing barriers", we will prioritize applicants that meet one or more of the above eligibility criteria.
- Eligible groups will be prioritized. If there is more than one family they will be put into a digital lottery draw and randomly selected.
 - Should a child be selected with extra support needs, we will then meet with family to discuss child's needs and support to ensure we can provide a safe environment for that child in the program with appropriate staffing for their needs.
- After we fill this space, we delete this list. Families must apply again for all other spaces that come up as parameters for care are always different.
- All policies of care are effective regardless of prioritized space. Ex) empty space policy, temporary contract dates and others.

Our House Preschool:

During annual registration 1 space will be reserved, in each class, for families who meet 1 or more of the eligibility criteria above. Children must meet the age requirements for the class to be considered for a priority space.

- Families will fill out the barrier application form
- Eligible groups will be prioritized. If there is more than one family they will be put into a digital lottery draw and randomly selected.
 - Should a child be selected with extra support needs, we will then meet with family to discuss the child's needs and support to ensure we can provide a safe environment for that child in the program with appropriate staffing for their needs.

Out of School Care Program:

1 space in each program (when space permits) will be reserved for families who meet 1 or more of the eligibility criteria above. Children must meet the age requirements for the space to be considered.

- Families will fill out the application form
- Eligible groups will be prioritized. If there is more than one family they will be put into a digital lottery draw and randomly selected.



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- Should a child be selected with extra support needs, we will then meet with family to discuss child's needs and support to ensure we can provide a safe environment for that child in the program with appropriate staffing for their needs.

In some instances, decisions may need to be taken to the Board for approval, in which case there may be a delay in processing your application.

For further information or questions, please contact Israt Jahan– Childcare Administrator
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