

# Integrated Child Care Programme

## 1. What are the fees for ICCP?

The fees vary from centre to centre and depend on the programme that your child is enrolled in. You may apply for subsidies through the centre upon your child's enrolment.

The government's Enhanced Infant and Child Care Subsidy offers subsidies for Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents. This subsidy differs for working and non-working mothers. You may also tap on the Baby Bonus scheme to offset the ICCP fees.

If you need further financial assistance, you should discuss it with the centre during your child's screening. You may also approach your nearest Family Service Centre or Social Service Office (SSO) to apply for financial aid.

## 2. How soon can my child be enrolled in an ICCP centre?

The centres will enrol your child as and when they have a vacancy in the class that is appropriate to his/her age and functioning level.

If there is no vacancy, your child may be placed on the wait list. There is no exact time frame within which children on the wait list will be enrolled. If a centre is full, a vacancy will arise only when there is a withdrawal from the centre.

Besides the ICCP, a similar programme that parents may consider is the Intervention Cum Educational (ICE) Programme run by Presbyterian Community Services (PCS), which is offered in their six ICCP centres. PCS may recommend you to consider their ICE Programme if your child is found to be suitable to benefit from it.

## 3. Will my child be placed in a class according to age?

Your child will be placed in a class that is appropriate to his/her age and functional level, as assessed by the centre.

## 4. Are the teachers trained?

At least one teacher at the centre would have received training in special needs to provide the extra guidance and help needed.

However, such teachers are not professional Special Education teachers.

## 5. What if my child is almost 6 or older than 6? Should he/she go for or remain under ICCP or proceed to Primary 1?

This depends on the recommendation of your child's paediatrician. If the paediatrician recommends that your child's primary school education be deferred, please inform your assigned SG Enable staff or the ICCP centre directly to request for extension of his/her stay in the programme. Extension of the programme will be subject to the centre's discretion.

## 6. Besides the ICCP, are there any other alternatives that I can consider?

If you are not able to wait for a vacancy at a particular ICCP centre, you may explore non-ICCP childcare centres near your home. Enrolment would be at the centres' discretion.

For the full listing of childcare centres, please visit the ECDA Child Care Link website.