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| **Parent Acknowledgment and Consent Letter** **City of Hamilton Child Care Affordability Plan****September to December, 2020** |

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| Child Care Name: |

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 PLEASE PRINT (name of parent/guardian) | acknowledge understanding that: |
| 1. The funding for the Child Care Affordability Plan is the result of contributions by the City of Hamilton and the Ontario Provincial Government.
2. The funding is only available for children 0-4 years of age occupying an infant, toddler or preschool space.
3. My child care rate will be reduced by $10.00 per day for each child enrolled under 4 years of age occupying an infant, toddler or preschool space up to December 31, 2020.
4. The last day of the initiative is December 31, 2020 at which time the $10.00 per day fee reduction will end.
5. I/we consent to the exchange of information between the City of Hamilton, the child care service provider for the sole purpose of determining or verifying the administration of the Child Care Affordability Plan.
6. I/We authorize consent for the above child care operator to provide the City of Hamilton my child(ren)’s monthly attendance for the sole purpose of determining or verifying the administration of the Child Care Affordability Plan.
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| **Name of Eligible Child(ren)** |
| Last Name | First Name | Centre’s Daily Rate | Reduced Daily Rate |
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| By signing this letter, I/we confirm understanding of the above conditions of the City of Hamilton’s child care affordability plan and give consent for the City of Hamilton to collect information regarding the attendance for the above children. Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature of Supervisor/designate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Print name of Supervisor/designate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**Child Care Affordability Plan**

**Parent/Guardian Memo**

Affordability of our child care system continues to be a priority for the City of Hamilton. We know that many families are facing increased financial pressures due to the pandemic. As a result, we are pleased to announce that the City of Hamilton’s Affordability Plan initiative, funded by the Province of Ontario, has been extended until December 31, 2020, at which time the fee reduction will end.

The Child Care Affordability Plan is an initiative of the City of Hamilton, funded by the Province of Ontario, to reduce the cost of child care for families who access licensed centre-based child care for children 0-4 years occupying an infant, toddler or preschool space.

The Child Care Affordability Plan is intended to:

* Support families to access quality child care in Hamilton
* Make licensed child care more affordable to families

The City of Hamilton will issue funding to eligible licensed centre based child care centres in the city to reduce the child care fees charged to families.

Families enrolled with an eligible child care centre will see a $10 per day reduction in their child care fees. This reduction will apply to all children in the family under 4 years of age occupying an infant, toddler or preschool space. To be eligible child care centres must operate a minimum of 9 hours per day and have a contract with the City of Hamilton.

**Families should be aware that the final day for the reduction in child care fees is December 31, 2020.**

Should you have any questions with regards to the Child Care Affordability Plan you may contact the City of Hamilton by phone at 905-546-2424 ext. 5126 or by email at ccss@hamilton.ca.