**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**Newcomer Employment Hub – Child Care Project**

**BACKGROUND**

The Manitoba government, in partnership with The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, is making fully subsidized child care spaces available to newcomers who are taking part in the [Newcomer Employment Hub](https://winnipeg-chamber.com/neh/)

The Newcomer Employment Hub is an innovative online job tool offered by The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce that creates quality job matches between newcomer jobseekers and Manitoba employers. The free online platform uses advanced technology to create quality, long-lasting connections between employers and newcomer jobseekers in Manitoba.

**CHILD CARE PROJECT**

The child care project will provide guaranteed infant and preschool child care spaces dedicated to Newcomer Employment Hub participants who are attending employment training, seeking employment, or are newly employed.

Fully subsidized child care spaces will be available to families for up to 12 months. This will reduce barriers such as access and affordability, giving newcomer participants time to establish themselves in their jobs or focus on employment-related training without having to manage the burden of searching and paying for child care.

Under the Phase 1, a total of 32 guaranteed child care spaces were dedicated to the project in the following three Winnipeg child care centres:
Freight House IRCOM location

Freight House Ross location

Little Voyageurs Learning Centre

Phase 2 will support an additional 36 fully subsidized child care spaces for newcomers taking part in the Newcomer Employment Hub. This Expression of Interest is to seek licensed, non-profit child care centres interested in participating in Phase 2 of the project.

**WHAT SUPPORT WILL YOU RECEIVE?**

Costs

Grant funding will support the full subsidization of the child care spaces and cover the [maximum daily fee](https://www.gov.mb.ca/education/childcare/families/childcare_fees.html) portion of revenue regardless of utilization.

The grant funding may also include start-up, capital, and operating costs, as outlined by Child Care Regulations, to support the development of **new** child care spaces dedicated for newcomers who are taking part in the Newcomer Employment Hub.

Onboarding

The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce will provide training to help integrate selected child care centres to the child care project. Training includes information on the Newcomer Employment Hub and on the child care application process.

Selected centres will be advised of the expectations related to the guaranteed spaces, such as space allocation, timeframes, and reporting requirements.

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Criteria for selection includes licenced non-profit child care centres and their centre location (i.e. community with a high newcomer population), licensing compliance history, experience working with newcomer families and newcomer service agencies, and staff training on working with newcomers.

If you are interested in participating in the Newcomer Employment Hub – Child Care Project, please submit an expression of interest indicating:

* Centre name, identification number, and location address
* Community service area (i.e. region, area, and neighbourhood)
* Contact name, title, phone number, email address
* Child Care Coordinator
* Proposed number and type (infant or preschool only) of child care spaces and the estimated date of availability of these spaces
* Rationale for participating in the child care project.Please include information on the following:
	+ prior experience with and/or training on working with newcomer families;
	+ affiliation or partnership with newcomer service agencies;
	+ centre’s ability to develop and implement programming that supports diversity and inclusion; and
	+ description of the community and families you serve (e.g. community demographics, proportion of newcomer families currently attending the program and on the waitlist); and
	+ expected impact on families and the community

Please send your expression of interest to:

Newcomer Employment Hub – Child Care Project

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**Deadline: March 1, 2023**

Early Learning and Child Care will contact selected centres to confirm their acceptance before March 31, 2023.