

# Memo

To: Breckenridge Town Council Members  
From: Corrie Burr  
Date: January 24, 2023 Town Council Meeting  
Subject: January 4, 2023 Child Care Advisory Meeting Report/Minutes

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The Child Care Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on January 4, 2023. Committee members present: Greta Shackelford, Scott Perlow, Leslie Davis, Britton Fossett, Johanna Gibbs, Diana Morain, Jay Homola and Jay Beckerman. Staff from the Town of Breckenridge included Laurie Best, Julia Puester, Mark Truckey, and Corrie Burr.

## **Calculation Review**

The Committee reviewed comparison data for the change in the tuition assistance calculation for this current tuition year (September 2022-August 2023). Staff presented information on how families fared with the change to the sliding scale (report attached). Overall families are receiving more funds than they would have with the previous calculation. There were 3 families over the 150% AMI previous max threshold that would not have been included in the program prior to this year. At the next committee meeting, we will dig further into a few family examples since the center fees increased at the same time the program parameters changed. The overall expectation of the increase on grants appears to be around \$90,000 for the year. The CIRCLE grant that Town received to cover the increase in funds is \$100,000. With the addition of new families through the year, we expect to use all grant funds.

## **Future of the Committee**

The Committee addressed the need and goals of this group as the tuition assistance program goes to a County-wide solution. This year is a transition year for the program and the Committee feels it is important to remain status quo for 2023, but to review the goals of the program to address needs in the future. We will continue to meet every other month and cancel a scheduled meeting if it is deemed not necessary. Johanna offered to meet with Town staff to review the goals of the program along with potential added buckets the Committee could address or consider.

Adjourned at 11:40 a.m.  
Staff will be available at the Town Council meeting for questions.



**Child Care  
Tuition Assistance  
Calculation  
Change for  
2022/2023**

## HOW DID THE CALCULATION CHANGE EFFECT TUITION ASSISTANCE?

In 2022, we changed the calculation of tuition assistance to be a sliding scale based on income...meaning those with a lower income would receive the most assistance from the program. In addition, we raised the AMI to 180% to provide some assistance to families paying more than 20% of their income toward childcare. The program had been focused on keeping child care expenses to 13-16%. With the new scale, families pay between 5-19% of their income toward child care.

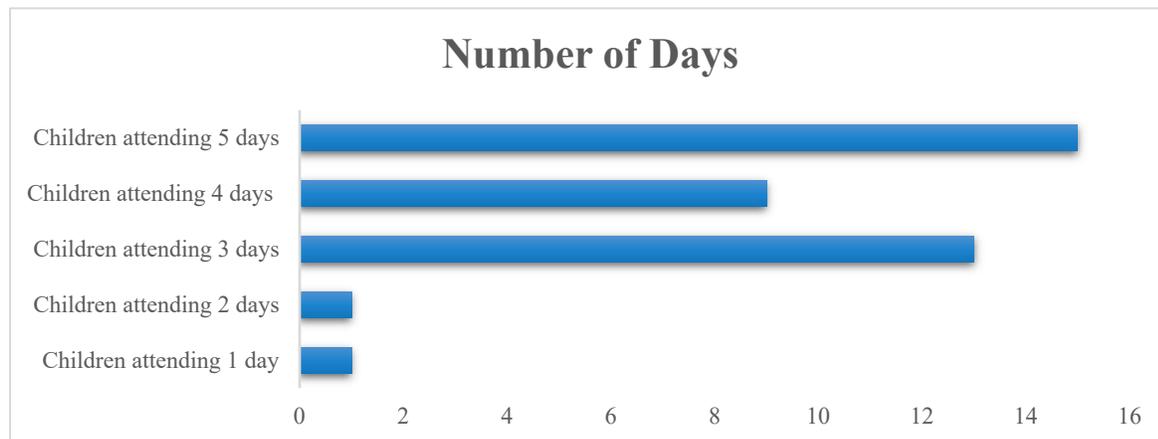
1 Child in Care		Days per week				
		1	2	3	4	5
0-120% AMI	LI	5%	6.50%	8.00%	9.50%	11.00%
121-150% AMI	MI	7%	8.50%	10.00%	11.50%	13.00%
151-180% AMI	HI	10%	11.50%	13.00%	14.50%	16.00%

2 Child in Care		Days per week combined for 2 kids									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0-120% AMI	LI	5.00%	6.00%	6.75%	7.50%	8.25%	9.00%	9.75%	10.50%	11.25%	12.00%
121-150% AMI	MI	7.00%	9.00%	9.88%	10.75%	11.63%	12.50%	13.38%	14.25%	15.13%	16.00%
151-180% AMI	HI	10.00%	12.00%	12.88%	13.75%	14.63%	15.50%	16.38%	17.25%	18.13%	19.00%

## WHAT WE ARE SEEING WITH THE CURRENT APPLICATIONS

- For 2022/2023 we have 35 approved applications, 4 recently submitted and in review and 3 in the final stages of review. Last year we had 53 approved families.
- The average family income is \$117,849 with a median income of \$124,605.
- The average family AMI is 118%.



2% of children are attending 1-2 days  
 34% of children are attending 3 days  
 23% of children are attending 4 days  
 39% of children are attending 5 days

## ANALYSIS OF NEW FORMULA

Family Income	Family Annual Difference
\$40,000	\$1,716.00
\$73,800	\$2,496.00
\$77,784	\$987.92
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\$78,876	\$1,560.00
\$82,548	\$520.08
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\$92,592	\$4,680.00
\$93,040	\$3,120.00
\$96,953	\$4,524.00
\$99,996	\$4,524.00
\$100,578	\$5,148.00
\$102,000	\$3,743.96
\$104,272	\$3,120.12
\$108,000	\$4,160.04
\$110,175	\$3,380.04
\$114,504	\$4,160.00
\$117,996	\$3,900.00
\$120,359	\$1,663.92
\$124,605	\$2,287.92
\$124,608	\$2,280.00
\$125,000	\$4,160.08
\$127,000	\$1,820.04
\$130,992	\$624.00
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\$131,000	\$4,783.96
\$131,945	\$1,716.00
\$133,245	\$1,716.00
\$135,207	\$780.00
\$135,600	\$3,120.00
\$137,110	\$1,560.08
\$144,000	-\$2,860.00
\$144,800	\$2,080.08
\$148,500	-\$779.88
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\$162,744	\$2,340.00
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\$171,852	\$8,840.04
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- Overall families saw an average increase of grant funds of \$2,570.
- 2 families saw a decrease in assistance due to higher income and therefore a higher % of income paid to child care.
- 3 families were over 150% AMI and would not have qualified for the program in prior years.
- Families highlighted in BLUE have 2 kids in care.

