


The Ontario  
Child Benefit  
Helping Ontario's  
children



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Need information on  
the Canada Child Tax  
Benefit?

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More information on the Ontario Child Benefit? You can find out more online at [www.OntarioChildBenefit.ca](http://www.OntarioChildBenefit.ca)

You can also call the Ministry of Children and Youth Services toll-free at:  
1-888-789-4199  
(or 416-325-5666 in Toronto)  
TTY 1-800-387-5559

You can contact the Canada Revenue Agency toll-free beginning July 27, 2007 at 1-800-263-7965.

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[www.OntarioChildBenefit.ca](http://www.OntarioChildBenefit.ca)



The Ontario Child Benefit is a new program launched in the spring of 2007 that will help 1.3 million children across the province. It's a benefit intended to help low-income families with the costs of raising children.

Residents of Ontario with children under 18 years old may qualify for the Ontario Child Benefit. Regular monthly payments will start in July 2008.

A one-time down payment of up to \$250 per child to qualifying families will be issued in 2007. These children must be born on or before July 1, 2007.

## Stepping stones to your Ontario Child Benefit

1. Do you have children under age 18?
2. Are you a resident of Ontario?
3. Have you filed your income tax?
4. Are you registered for the federal Child Tax Benefit?



## Who's eligible?

Families with low incomes across Ontario are eligible if their children are under eighteen years old. You must also be an Ontario resident. It doesn't matter if you are able to work or not. Your marital status doesn't matter either.

## How does the program work?

You don't have to apply for the Ontario Child Benefit but to be considered you do need to file your taxes and be registered for the federal Child Tax Benefit. The income you report on your return will be used to calculate the benefit that you may receive.

Monthly benefits for eligible families will begin in July 2008. If you are a parent with joint custody you will receive a cheque for your portion of the Ontario Child Benefit.

## How much will I receive?

If you qualify, the amount you receive will be determined by the number of children you have and your income as reported on your tax return.

For example, if you have two children and a family income of \$25,000 you could be eligible for a monthly payment in July 2008 of \$330. This would grow to about \$800 in the following year.

When monthly payments begin in July 2008, some current provincial benefits will be consolidated within the Ontario Child Benefit. These include the Ontario Child Care Supplement for Working Families (OCCS), basic Ontario Works benefits for children, and the Back-to-School and Winter Clothing Allowances. As part of the new program, most parents receiving these benefits will receive more than they do now. No one will receive less than they do now.