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WHY CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO A CHILD'S OUT-OF-HOME CARE?

- Because the law* says that the parents of a child placed in one of the residential facilities maintained by a youth centre or by the health and social services system are required to contribute financially to their child's out-of-home care (mainly room and board).
- Because the father and mother both remain responsible for their child placed in care, under the Civil Code of Québec.
- Parents may also be asked by their child's social worker to volunteer to pay for certain other needs, such as clothing and leisure activities.

The youth centre pays the remaining costs and provides the necessary professional services.



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* Youth Protection Act and the Health Services and Social Services Act.

Youth: Our Greatest Asset

Parents' Financial Contribution for Their Child's Placement in Care

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WHAT WILL YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION BE?

The contribution rate depends on the child's age and is indexed on January 1 each year (**see box**). A contribution is required for each child in care. However, if this is the first placement in a given year, no contribution is required for the first 30 days of care.

Parents are initially charged a fixed maximum rate. However, some parents may be entitled to a reduced contribution. To benefit from this reduction, **parents must apply for it**. Their contribution is then evaluated and determined on the basis of the following criteria:

- **Annual income**
- **Number of dependent children**
- **Loss of tax benefits for their child in care**

Parents must re-apply every 12 months to continue to be eligible for this reduction. If they fail to do so, the parents will again be charged the maximum rate.

If you believe that you are entitled to a reduction, you should apply for it immediately so that you can pay the reduced rate from the beginning of the second month of your child's placement, if applicable.

If parents' income changes significantly during the year, they may apply to have their contribution reviewed.

Parents' financial contribution for their child's placement

RATES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2011

Monthly contribution	Age
\$375.40	0 – 4 years
\$432.60	5 – 11 years
\$542.60	12 – 15 years
\$585.20	16 – 17 years

Notes :

- 1 Rates are indexed yearly on January 1.
- 2 You may be eligible for a reduction. Please contact the caseworker assigned to you at your point of service.

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR TAX BENEFITS WHEN YOUR CHILD IS PLACED IN CARE?

Federal Measures:

You will stop receiving the federal child-tax benefit at the beginning of the second month of your child's placement in care. As soon as the placement ends, you will receive the form "**Canada Child Tax Benefit Application**," which you must complete to regain your right to receive this tax benefit. The Child Disability Benefit may also be withdrawn.

Provincial Measures:

You will continue to receive the refundable tax credit for child assistance (which replaced the various provincial family allowances in January 2005) for your child in care, provided that you pay your monthly contribution. If you do not, you will lose this tax credit and you might be required to reimburse it retroactively to the Régie des rentes du Québec.

Your refunds for the provincial and federal sales tax credits (PST and GST) may also be affected.

EXAMPLE

A child is placed in care on September 27. The parents' financial contribution will apply as of October 28. The parents will lose their tax benefits as of October 1.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR CHILD SPENDS TIME AT HOME WITH YOU OR IS HOSPITALIZED?

You are entitled to monthly reductions:

- When a child stays with the father and/or mother for seven consecutive hours in a given day.
- When a child is hospitalized or has run away.

These reductions will be credited to your next monthly bill.

WHAT HAPPENS EACH MONTH?

- Each month, the CJL sends the father and the mother a statement with the contribution owing and the credits granted.
- Payment is due when the bill is received.
- Interest may be applied to overdue accounts.

TO REACH THE DIVISION HANDLING PARENTS' CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE CJL

A team of four people is in charge of collecting parents' contributions. Feel free to contact them for any information about your financial contribution for your child's care. Call the person below at your point of service:

Points of service :

Sainte-Agathe and Mont-Laurier
Telephone: 450 436-1170, ext. 2335
Toll-free: 1 800 648-9028

Deux-Montagnes and Lachute
Telephone: 450 436-1170, ext. 2348
Toll-free: 1 800 648-9028

Sainte-Thérèse
Telephone: 450 436-1170
Toll-free: 1 800 648-9028

Saint-Jérôme
Telephone: 450 436-1170, ext. 2336
Toll-free: 1 800 648-9028

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH A DECISION MADE BY THE YOUTH CENTRE WITH REGARD TO YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION?

If you are not satisfied with the way the Centre jeunesse des Laurentides is applying the legal provisions** concerning your financial contribution for your child's care, we suggest that you start by talking with the person in charge of collecting your contributions at your point of service or to that person's immediate supervisor. In many cases, this first step is all it takes for both parties to clarify and correct the situation.

If you are still dissatisfied, you may file a complaint with the local service quality and complaints commissioner:

Local Service Quality and Complaints Commissioner
Telephone: 450 436-1170, ext. 2272
Toll-free: 1 800 648-9028

** Sections 512 to 520 of the Act respecting Health Services and Social Services, and sections 346 to 357.2 of the Regulation respecting the application of that Act.