



MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO

EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE



Child Care Stipend Program- Wildfire Evacuation

Program Description

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) can provide urgent support to families with children aged 0-12 years due to wildfire evacuation. To be eligible for the program, families **MUST** have evacuated due to wildfires. Early Learning and Child Care Family Supports Administrators will work with families to obtain applicable documentation when necessary.

The stipend amount is provided on a **per-family** basis. The maximum amount available at any time is \$150 per week per family. The stipend will be offered for a maximum of four weeks, or until the evacuation alert ends and the family returns to their permanent residence, whichever comes first.

Eligibility

- Children must be between the ages of 0 and 12 years.
- The parent/guardian, or child, must be an MNO citizen eligible for direct support.
- The family must reside permanently in the province of Ontario.
- The family was required to evacuate due to the threat of forest fires from their permanent residence.

Application Process

The application to this program is available by email, phone, or text. Support is available daily between 7:00 am CDT and 9:00 pm CDT. All voicemails, texts and emails will be responded to within two hours. Applications will be accepted up to 30 days after the evacuation ends.

Email: elccsupport@metisnation.org

Phone/text: 807-627-7349

When families apply, they will be required to provide:

- Contact information (email and phone number)
- Where the family was evacuated from and where they are located
- The number of children between the ages of 0 and 12 years.

After the initial application, the Family Support Team will work with the family to obtain the



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following documents. If documents are unavailable, the Family Support team will work with the family to access other acceptable documentation.

- Proof of MNO citizenship.
- Proof of age for all children 12 years and under.
- Proof of permanent address (such as a driver's license).
- Banking information.

The Family Support Team will make every attempt to provide a weekly stipend, provided the family provides weekly updates to their assigned Family Support Administrator.