

From our analysis of these SSAH statistics sent to PFPF - fall 2020:

1. As of March 2020, the average amount of SSAH funding for a family is \$2720 per year. At the present minimum wage this provides $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of worker support to a child per day, or $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours per week.

In 1995, the average amount of SSAH funding was \$5000 per year. At the minimum wage of the day this provided 2 hours of worker support per child per day.

While the government recently announced more funding for more children for 2020/21, the increase still amounts to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of support per child per day.

So, we conclude that families today are getting 4 times less support than they were in 1995! Please, seeing that it is possible to receive over \$10,000 of SSAH per year, we urge families to apply for exactly what support their child requires to achieve a good life.

2. The waiting lists for SSAH keep growing longer. At the end of 2019/2020 there were 11,100 eligible children – many of whom had been waiting years for support - but the government announced that only 4700 more children would receive SSAH this fiscal year. The government knew they were leaving 6400 eligible children waiting for SSAH. Others had been approved but were waiting for increases and thousands more will apply this year. By the end of March 2021, government data shows there will be around 12,000 eligible children waiting for SSAH support.

Passport info

We will be requesting statistics on the Passport Program. Our concern is that while 52,000 Ontario adults receive this funding, the basic \$5000 per year provides less than 1 hour of worker support a day at the current minimum wage. This does not provide for a good life in community.