



ELIGIBILITY FOR CARE

WHAT IS DIFFERENT?

A big change is the age of children allowed to participate in all program types. According to the Care for Newcomer Children Requirements (CNCR), children may receive care when they are six months of age or over with no upper age limit, which means both infants AND school age children can receive care.

In addition, the language describing eligibility in the CNCR is more general. You now have the ability to take children from all CIC funded programs. What remains the same is the requirement that parents must remain on site while their child is participating in the CNC program.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The lowering of the age when children can receive care is significant, because it means that more parents can benefit from child care support.

The absence of an upper age limit gives ISOs and CIC added flexibility when developing programs. Plus, the use of more general language to describe eligibility means that ISOs can better utilize one CNC program to care for children whose parents attend all of their CIC funded programs.

Letting parents know they cannot leave the site while their children are in care is essential to the legal operation of a program.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Determine the ages of care that will support the needs of the families you care for.
- Determine if your program has the space and staffing necessary to provide the ages of care you are considering.
- When meeting the requirement for parent eligibility (1-2b), you will have to confirm which programs are eligible to participate in CNC support with your CIC officer.
- Ensure you understand the importance of parents remaining on site and communicate this to everyone in your organization. This is essential to the legal operation of a program.
- Ensure that all parents fully understand that they must remain on site while their child is in care.

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REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL ISO RESPONSIBILITIES

1-1 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE IMMIGRANT SERVING ORGANIZATION

- a. When providing a program of Care for Newcomer Children (CNC), the ISO takes responsibility for the following:
 3. Establishing written procedures appropriate to the type of care being offered for
 - A. Monitoring whether each child receiving CNC has parent who is eligible for CIC-funded CNC using services at the same site; and
 - B. Taking action when a parent is not compliant with the requirement to remain at the sites.
 7. Ensuring that staff are informed of, and follow, all required policies and procedures relevant to their responsibilities.
 11. Ensuring that the following conditions of participation are being met:
 - A. A child receiving CNC is six (6) months of age or over.
 - B. A parent of a child receiving CNC is eligible for CNC support.
 - C. A parent of a child receiving CNC is at the same site as his or her child at all times, except a school-age child who is permitted to participate in a field trip in accordance with provincial/territorial child care licensing legislation and policies.

