



Important Rate Information

New rates will be effective February 1st, 2024. We have been able to keep rates consistent since early 2022. However, with minimum wage increases and the daily cost of business going up each year significantly, we must adjust our rate schedule.

The new rates effective February 1st, 2024 will be as follows:

Children age 6 weeks to 1yr 11mo	\$54.00 per day
Children 2 years to 2yrs 11mo	\$45.00 per day
Children 3 years and up	\$39.00 per day

Fees are due the Friday prior to services for private pay clients. If parents prefer to pay monthly or semimonthly, those fees are due in advance. Checks are to be made payable to Bright Start Early Learning Center, and can be paid to the office or placed in the box outside the office on the wall. If there is a change in fees, notification will be given in writing to the parent/guardian.

Late Pick up Fees	<u>\$15.00 per child PLUS \$1.00 per minute per child after 4:30 pm</u>
Returned Check Fee	\$25.00 PLUS the amount of the returned check, payment due within 2 business days of the notice by cash

Project Child clients who are waiting to be approved will be required to pay the private pay rate until we receive an approval letter. Your account will then be adjusted accordingly.

Project Child copays must be paid in full by the 15th of each month. Copays are not adjusted if the child enrolls or withdraws in the middle of the month.

Child care services will be canceled if your account (including copays) falls more than 30 days past due. A payment arrangement can be made with the office staff, but failure to comply with the payment agreement will result in termination of services.

We are closed for 9 holidays during each calendar year and they are posted by the door.

REMINDER: We accept the Child Care Assistance Program and can help you apply. Visit this website to see if you qualify for assistance with your child care payments.

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/applications/ChildCareEligCalc/eligcalc.html>