

UPLIFTING FAMILIES AND GIVING EVERY CHILD A GOOD START

ENHANCED MEASURES TO SUPPORT LOWER-INCOME FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS.



KidSTART EXPANDS REACH

SUPPORTING MORE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN.

PILOT: 1,000 CHILDREN

ECDA pilots the KidSTART programme to provide support to children aged 0 to 6 from lower-income families living in 5 SSO* regions (Kreta Ayer, Bukit Merah, Taman Jurong, Boon Lay and Geylang).
* Social Service Office

GROWING TOGETHER

ECDA launches the 'Growing Together with KidSTART' initiative to galvanise community support for KidSTART families among corporations and individuals. KidSTART begins scale-up to 13 SSO regions.

PRIORITY ENROLMENT AT ANCHOR OPERATOR PRESCHOOLS

WHO TAKES PRIORITY?

Children from families with a gross monthly household income of \$3,000 and below, including those supported by KidSTART and the Preschool Outreach Programme, will be accorded higher priority for enrolment into Anchor Operator childcare programmes.

Following this group, children from families with a gross monthly household income between \$3,001 and \$6,000 will also be given priority in enrolment.

2019

6,200 CHILDREN

KidSTART, now operating in 13 SSO regions, to extend support to eligible families in 5 more SSO regions (Jalan Besar, Toa Payoh, Sengkang, Hougang and Serangoon).

NATION-WIDE

KidSTART to be offered to eligible families in all 24 SSO regions. Target to onboard 80% of children from eligible families.

2023

2026



MORE PLACES AND AFFORDABLE EARLY INTERVENTION (EI) SUPPORT

More centres will be set up to offer the **EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMME FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN (EIPIIC)**.

WHERE ARE THESE NEW CENTRES?

- Two EI centres will start operations in Fernvale Woods and Bukit Batok by end-2023.
- This brings the total number of EI centres providing EIPIIC to 23.
- Plans to build more centres are underway.

More places will be offered under the **ENHANCED PILOT FOR PRIVATE INTERVENTION PROVIDERS (PPIP)**. This gives more choices for children who require medium to high levels of EI support.

HOW MANY PLACES WILL BE ADDED?

- The number of PPIP places will be tripled, from 400 currently to 1,200.



To ensure that the PPIP programme is affordable for families, a **CAP ON OUT-OF-POCKET (OOP) EXPENSES** (i.e., amount paid after subsidies) will be implemented from 1 July 2023.

OOP expenses differ according to the families' monthly household income, intervention hours and the PPIP centre that the child is enrolled in.

This table (right) shows OOP expenses for a family with a child attending a PPIP centre with a median fee[^] of \$1,620 (including 8% GST).

Monthly Household Per Capita Income	Current Median OOP Expenses After Subsidies*	Maximum OOP Expenses from 1 July 2023*
\$0 – \$1,000	\$280	\$11
\$1,001 – \$1,400	\$336	\$76
\$1,401 – \$1,800	\$392	\$119
\$1,801 – \$2,300	\$448	\$194
\$2,301 – \$2,800	\$560	\$324
\$2,801 – \$3,500	\$728	\$410
\$3,501 – \$4,600	\$896	\$508
More than \$4,600	\$1,120	\$659

[^] PPIP fees currently range from \$900 to \$2,100 (before subsidies). The amounts reflected are for intervention hours of 8 to 11 hours a week.

* Includes 8% GST, rounded to nearest dollar (2023).

Currently being piloted in seven preschools, ECDA plans to expand the **INCLUSIVE SUPPORT PROGRAMME (InSP)** to more preschools from 2026.

WHO IS IT FOR?

- InSP caters to children aged 3 to 6 who require medium levels of EI support.
- By integrating both early childhood education and EI in a preschool setting, InSP seeks to provide a more inclusive learning experience for both typically developing children and children with developmental needs.

WHAT ARE THE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EIPIIC AND PPIP?

- Both are Government-funded programmes offering similar services for children requiring medium to high levels of EI support.
- EIPIIC is provided by social service agencies, while PPIP is provided by private operators.
- Both are delivered by a team of professionals, which includes EI educators, therapists, psychologists and social workers.
- Under both services, children typically receive 5 to 12 hours of intervention, conducted over 2 to 3 sessions every week.