

Giving children the best start in life...

Family Start 

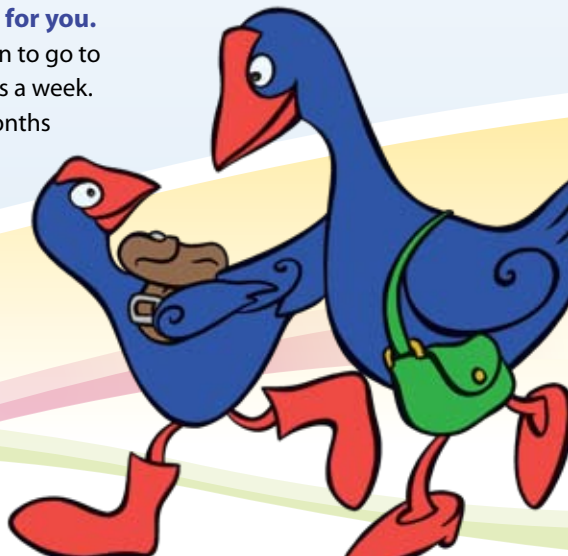
# Give Your Child a Great Start

## FOR YOUR UNDER 3 YEAR OLD:

- Do you want them to be in a great learning environment ?
- To make new friends and have fun?
- Do you want help paying for their childcare fees?
- Are you in the Family Start Programme?

## The Early Learning Payment could be for you.

You can get financial help for your children to go to an early learning centre for up to 20 hours a week. It is available when your child turns 18 months up to 3 years old.





# *How to apply for the Early Learning Payment*

**YOUR FAMILY START WHANAU WORKER WILL HELP YOU  
FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FORM.**

The early learning payment is paid directly to the childcare centre.

If you would like your children to go to a centre for more than 20 hours, you may be able to get a childcare subsidy on top of the early learning payment.

# Finding a centre

IF YOUR CHILDREN AREN'T ALREADY IN A LICENSED CENTRE YOUR WHANAU WORKER CAN HELP YOU.

To help you choose a centre, think about:

What's the transport like – is it easy to get there?

Does your child know other children there?

Will your child enjoy the centre?

Is there space available at the centre you have chosen?

*You can visit different centres before you make a decision.*





## Remember

You need to let the centre and your whanau worker know if there are any changes or your children need to be away for longer than three weeks.

The early learning payment is only for families who are part of Family Start or Early Start.

If you would like more information please contact:

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