



# Child care in the Adult Migrant English Program

Do you need child care to be able to attend the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) classes? When you are in an AMEP class, free child care is available for your children who are under school age.

Your AMEP service provider will try to arrange child care that is within 30 minutes of your home or AMEP class. This may not always be possible. AMEP service providers will do their best to find the closest child care facility for you.

AMEP service providers will arrange child care that coincides with the start of your AMEP course. They will also try to secure child care for the days you are in class. Sometimes this may not be possible as child care places are usually limited and are in high demand. Sometimes, places may not be available immediately or you may be offered partial child care placements while you wait for additional days to become available.

Free child care is only provided while you attend an AMEP class. It is not available for activities that are outside of your AMEP class times. When you are not attending an AMEP class, or if you have finished your tuition, you must make your own child care arrangements. If your child or children will not be attending care for any amount of time, it is important that you notify your AMEP service provider. This is so that any bookings made on behalf of your children can be adjusted.

If you miss a lot of AMEP classes, the service provider may cancel your child care placement. If you return to AMEP, you will have access to free child care again, but there may be a wait for a child care placement to become available again.

When assessing your child care needs, your AMEP service provider may offer you a range of options so you can begin your study as soon as possible. For example, you may be asked to:

- study at a community centre with an on-site child care facility
- travel further than you may like
- study with a volunteer tutor or via distance learning until a child care place is available.

If a child care arrangement does not meet your needs, you should discuss this with your AMEP service provider.

For more information about child care please speak with your AMEP service provider.