

# CHILDREN & CHILDREARING SUPPORT MAP

CHILDREN'S FUTURE STRATEGY  
(The Cabinet Decision in Dec. 2023)

From Apr. 2023  
420,000 yen ▶ 500,000 yen

**Lump-sum allowance for childbirth and childcare**

From Oct. 2024

★ **Expand child allowance**  
See ② on the reverse side

Support for parents to take childcare leave within a certain period of time after childbirth

★ **Raising childcare leave benefit rate**  
Equivalent to 100% of net wages  
From FY'25 (scheduled)

Secure 300,000 units over the next 10 years for childrearing households

Can move into public housing on a priority basis/Utilizing private housing stock

**Housing support**



Benefits worth 10% of wages during reduced working hours

Reduce Flat 35 loan interest rate  
From Feb. 2024

From FY'25

★ **Benefits for reduced working hours**  
See ③ on the reverse side

Revise the standard number of nursery teachers assigned; improve their wages

Housing support for childrearing in a spacious home

**Promote male childcare leave**  
See ③ on the reverse side

**Incentives for childcare leave for SMEs**  
From Jan. 2024

★ **Self-employed persons, freelancers, etc. will be exempted from paying National Pension contributions during childcare period.**  
From FY'26 (scheduled)

**Postpartum care**  
See ① on the reverse side

Eliminate income cap  
Amount increased to 30,000 yen for the 3rd and subsequent children

**Expand childrearing allowance**  
See ④ on the reverse side

Expanding

**"Accompanying consultation support" starts**

Offer counseling on any concerns

★ **Also provide financial support worth 100,000 yen**

Accompanying support & household financial support cover childrearing period!

**Childbirth**

**Pregnancy**

Create "ibasho" (places where one feels comfortable, safe and accepted) for children and young people  
See ⑤ on the reverse side

**Expand after-school children's clubs**

**Enroll in elementary school**

**Time-off for sick/injured childcare**

**Strengthen support for children with disabilities, etc. in the community**  
See ⑤ on the reverse side

★ **Connecting All Children to Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) System**  
See ① on the reverse side

To be implemented nationwide from FY'26



**Ease the burden of medical expenses, etc.**  
3.6 trillion yen

Extended to cover high school age children

**Enroll in lower/upper secondary school**

★ **Extend child allowance**  
See ② on the reverse side

From Oct. 2024

**Learning support for single-parent children, etc.**  
See ④ on the reverse side

**Enroll in university**

Make tuition fees, etc. free for households with multiple children

**Extend support for tuition fee reduction/exemption for universities, etc.**  
See ⑥ on the reverse side

From FY'24 and FY'25

Introduce to master's course students

From autumn 2024

**Deferred payment system for tuition fees**

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Japan's childrearing support level will rise to approx. 16% (as a % of GDP), one of the highest among OECD countries.

★ Measures with a "star mark" are those implemented using the "Child and Child-rearing Support Contribution" collected from businesses and all generations.

Details of each measure are available from the QR code (official CFA website)



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For people with the following concerns



I have no knowledge about weaning food.



This is my first time giving birth and I'm very anxious.



I want to make friends and play with them.

To help bring more smiles to children and childrearing

## Enhance Childrearing Support

- Provide seamless childrearing support with the "Accompanying consultation support (also financial support worth ¥100,000), postpartum care and "Connecting All Children to Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) System" to raise children with peace of mind
- Support the growth of each and every child

We have a place to consult and feel safe.



I can raise my first child without worry!



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For people with the following concerns



I'm struggling to make ends meet.



I want to go on to higher education, but I'm not sure if it's financially feasible for my family.

To enable single-parent /poverty-facing children to realize their future dreams

## Enhance learning/life support

- Provide multifaceted support, including expansion of child rearing allowance, enhancement of employment support, etc. for single parents, and expand learning support for single-parent children, etc.

Thanks to skill development my household finances have stabilized.



I'm going for higher education!



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For people with the following concerns



Raising children costs money.

To provide financial support to childrearing households

## Child Allowance

- E.g. Eliminate income cap on child allowance; extend allowance period until high school age; substantially increase the amount for the third and subsequent children (¥30,000 per child); strengthen housing support; expand employment insurance coverage; and exemption from paying National Pension contribution
- Support all aspects of childrearing household finances

With a Flat 35 loan, the financial burden is lighter and more secure.



Even freelancers can secure net wages during childcare leave.



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For people with the following concerns



I have nowhere to go.



I am concerned about my child's growth.

For children, young people and children with disabilities

## Strengthen community support systems

- Establish a system that provides professional support promptly and reliably from "awareness" at various opportunities and locations
- Further enhance a system that enables nursery centers, etc. to accept children with disabilities/medical care
- Promote the creation of "ibasho" (places where one feels comfortable, safe and accepted) for children and young people

I was able to find ibasho!



I was able to contribute to the support of children!



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For people with the following concerns



I've never seen anyone taking childcare leave at my company.



My husband always comes home late from work even though I work too.



I'm fed up with raising a child alone.

To help make paternity leave a social norm!

## Support "Co-childrearing"

- Raise childcare leave benefit rate for cases where both parents take childcare leave within a certain period of time after childbirth (equivalent to 100% of net wages)
- Make it easier to take childcare leave and to choose reduced working hours
- Make it easier to take time-off for sick/injured childcare; applicable to class closings, entrance ceremonies, etc.!

Childcare leave is available even at SMEs!



Dad, can you come to the entrance ceremony?



We can live in peace of mind even during childcare leave.

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For people with the following concerns



When my kids enter university, will I be able to pay their tuition fees?

No worries about university tuition fees

## Ease burden of higher education fees

- E.g. The eligibility has been expanded to include households with multiple children (those with three or more dependent children) and students of science, engineering, and agriculture (from FY'24); University tuition fees, etc. borne by households with three or more children will be reduced to two or less (from FY'25).
- More children can take on the challenge of going on to universities, etc.

You've grown up so much!



I was able to study for the entrance exam without worry.