

# Provincial Policy and Funding Changes

## Monitoring for Local Community Impacts

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# Community Services

## Provincial Ministries

### Children's Services

- Ministry of Education

### Homelessness Services

- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

### Seniors' Services

- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Long-Term Care

### Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities

- Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

# Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities



**Earnings Exemptions**

**Transition Child Benefit**



**Overpayment Recovery Rates**

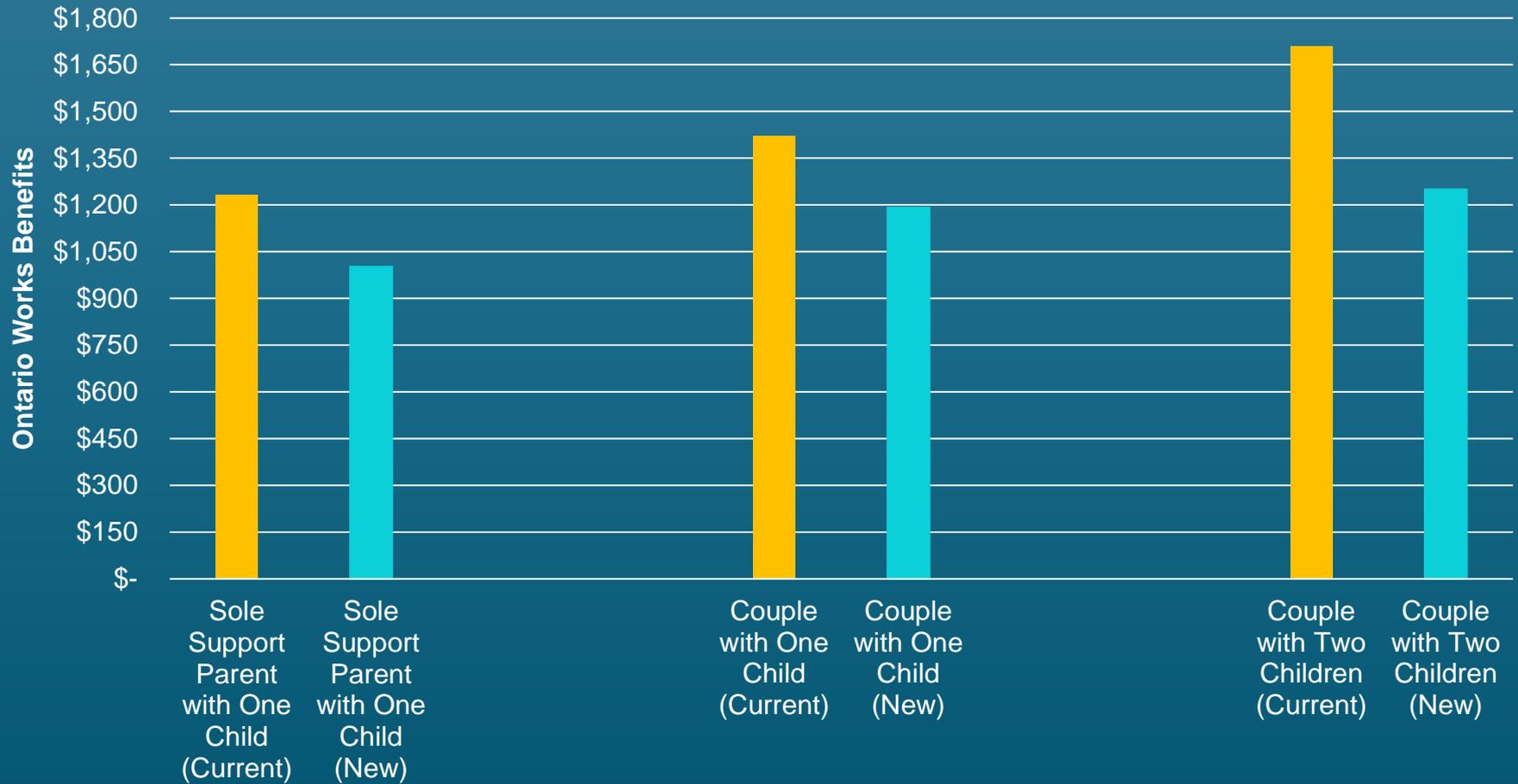


**ODSP Eligibility**



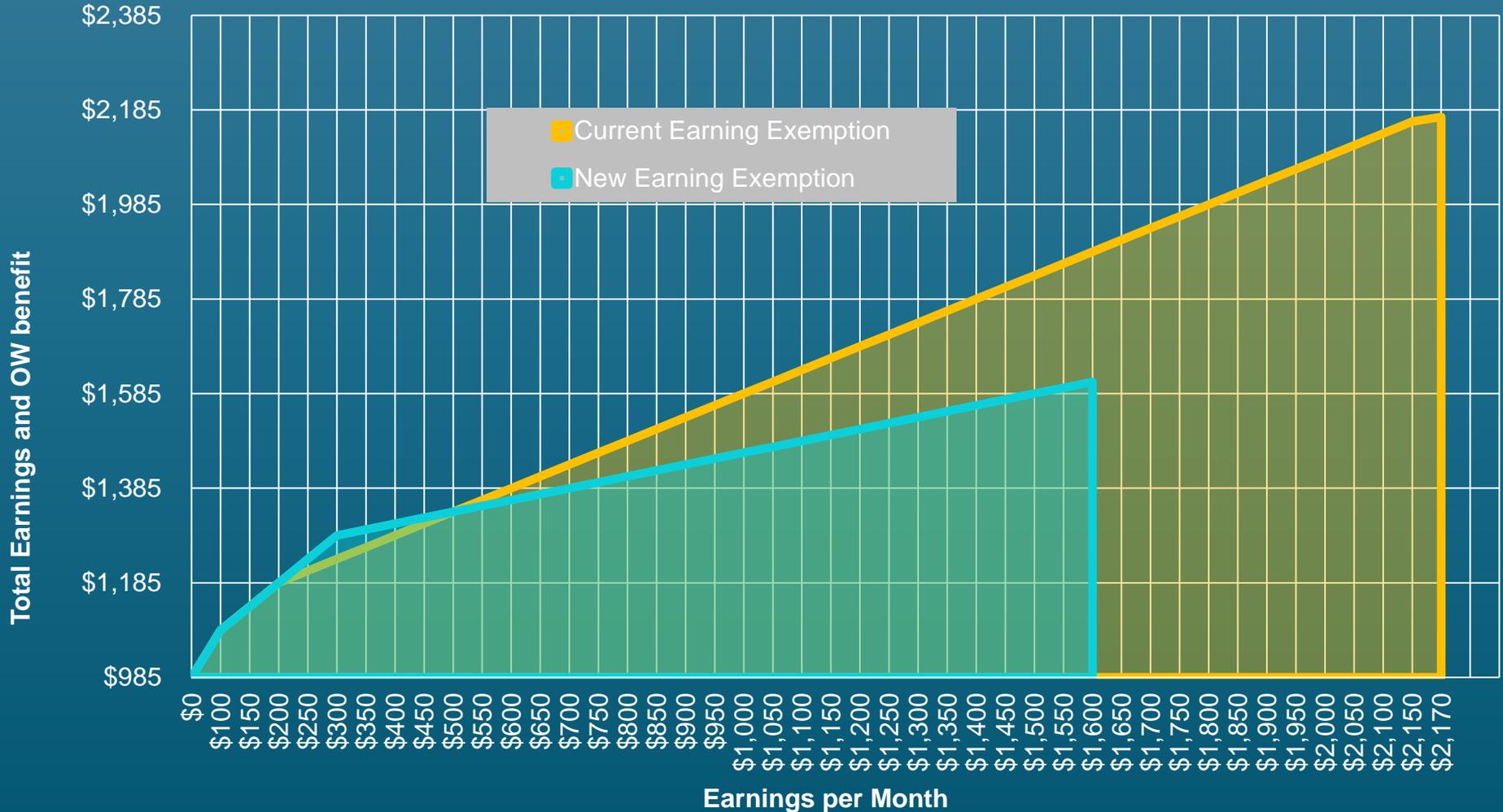
**Employment Services Transformation**

# Impact of the Transition Child Benefit on Families



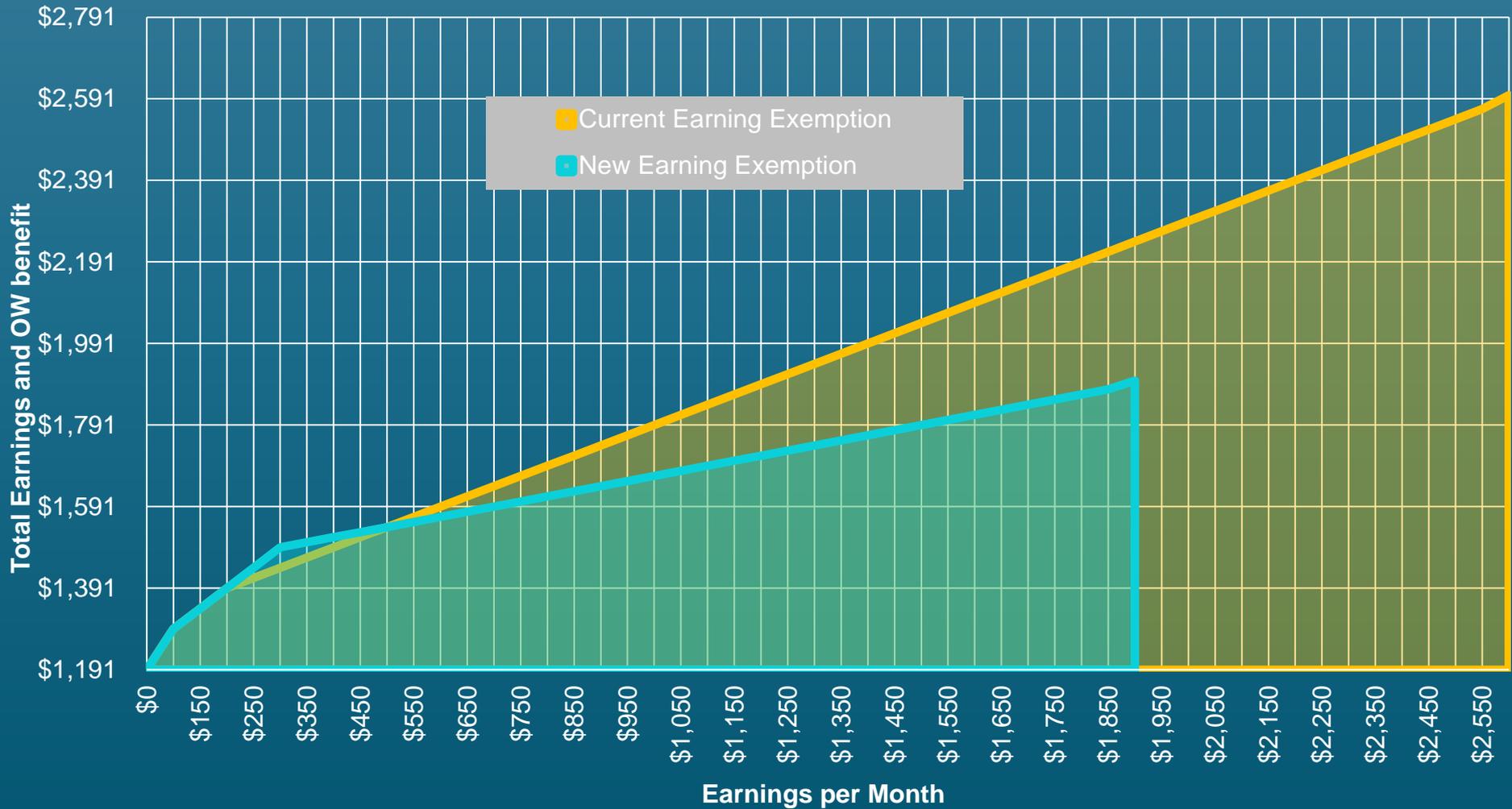
# Earning Exemptions

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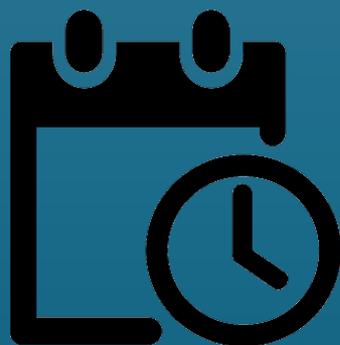


# Earning Exemptions

## Total Income of Couple with One Child on Ontario Works



# Overpayment Recovery Rates



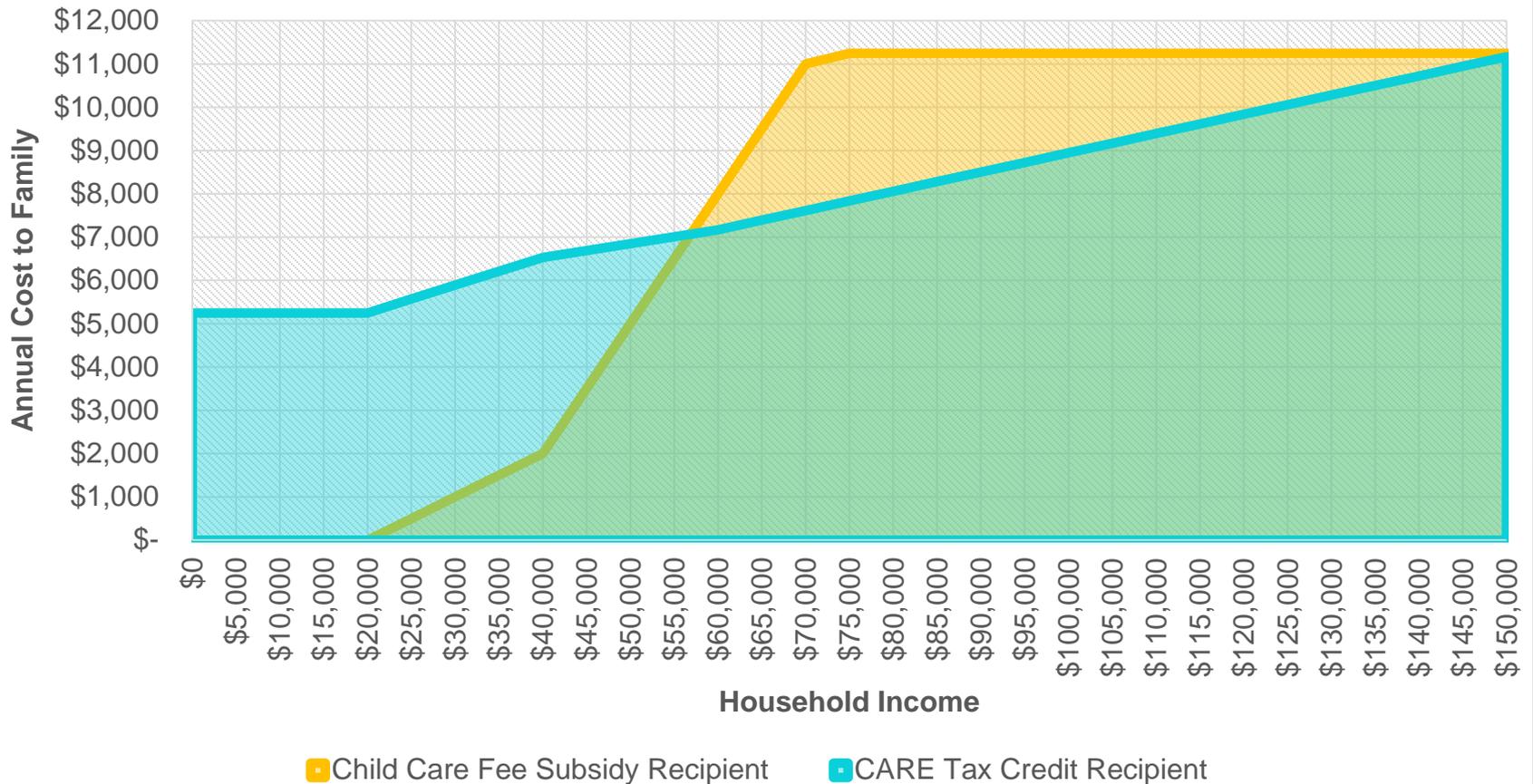
**5% to 10%**

# Children's Services

- April 2019
  - Initial reduction of \$1.25M to operating budget
- June 2019
  - Amended funding that resulted in 0.2% increase (\$65,000) and deferred \$1.25M reduction to 2020
- Anticipating a provincial announcement related to a **new funding formula (cost-share model)** and **child care plan**

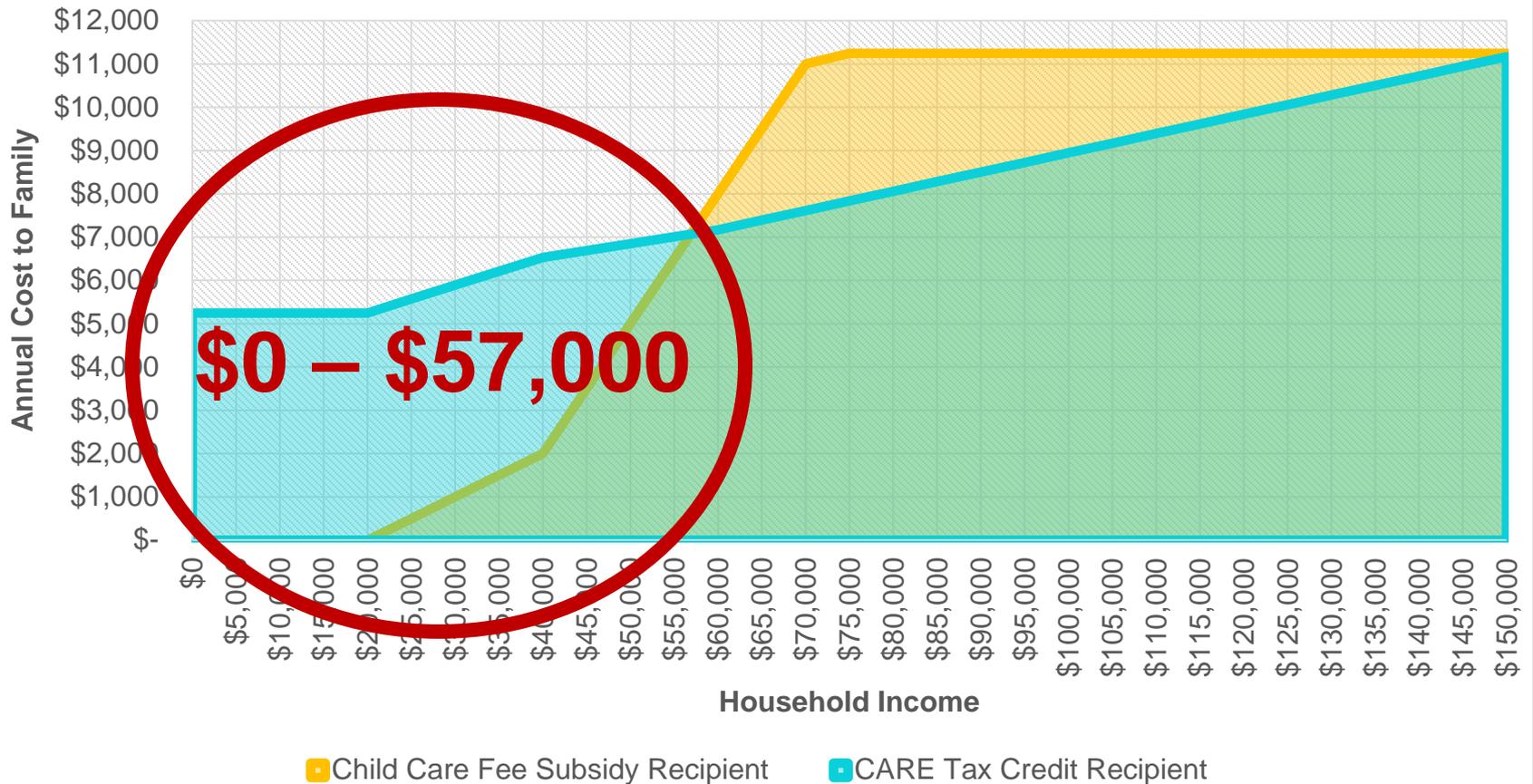
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# Seniors' Services

- May 2019
  - Received 1% increase in operating funding, decrease in level of care funding, resulting in an overall increase of \$197,000 (0.4%) to operating budget
- July 2019
  - Deferred cancellation of Structural Compliance Program – results in additional \$66,000



 **2.3%** to resident accommodation co-pay rates



**Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program**

# Homelessness Services

- April 2019
  - Maintained CHPI funding allocation at 2018 levels, despite previously committed increase of an additional \$0.3M.

Homelessness Services continues to be **underfunded** compared to other Service Managers in Ontario.



# Continued Monitoring



Staff commit to monitoring the impacts of provincial policy and funding changes on the populations who access Community Services, and possible subsequent impacts to emergency social services (e.g. emergency shelter system), non-profit and charitable organizations (e.g. local food banks) who also support the needs of low-income families.