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To: All Licensed Child Care and Home Child Care Providers in Peel Region

Subject: 2018 Fee Stabilization Support Funding

The Region of Peel is pleased to share the 2018 Fee Stabilization Support (FSS) Funding application, guideline and supporting resources which will be posted on the Region's website in the coming days. The attached guideline provides an overview of the eligibility criteria, key dates and funding details for FSS.

Fee Stabilization Support (FSS) funding is intended to help offset the increases in child care fees associated with bringing staff up to the new minimum wage rate of $14 per hour effective January 1, 2018. Eligible providers may apply for FSS funding for all positions within a licensed child care program/agency earning less than $14 per hour (excluding Wage Enhancement) as of December 31, 2017.

Application Window

The FSS application window will open on **February 8, 2018** and close on **March 16, 2018.** Eligible providers must submit a completed application by March 16, 2018 in order to receive FSS funding. An exception will be made for new centres that open before July 1, 2018.

Information Sessions

The Region will be holding FSS Information Sessions for providers to support the implementation of this new program. These sessions will be held via teleconference and will provide an opportunity for providers to receive support with the FSS application process. An in-person support session is also available.

Information on the teleconference and in-person support sessions is set out below. Registration is open and providers are encouraged to participate in one of these sessions. Please use the FSS Registration Link to sign up for a session:

Teleconference Sessions:

Date	Time	Teleconference Details
February 15th	2:30pm - 3:30pm	1. Dial the conference number **905-791-5043** 2. Enter the conference **ID 17100** 3. Enter the participant access **code 427315** Canadian long distance callers can call 1-877-560-1022 and then enter the codes. Users will hear a beep whenever someone enters or leaves the conference.
February 16th	2:30pm - 3:30pm	
February 27th	11:30am - 12:30pm	

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In Person Session:

Date	Time	Location
March 1st	1:00pm – 3:00pm	7120 Hurontario Street, Mississauga Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, Room 2-422

Key Information

Providers in receipt of FSS funding must be able to demonstrate a percentage of child care fees avoided in 2018 (actual or projected) as a result of FSS funding, as compared to December 31, 2017.

The Region recognizes that provider requirements related to fee avoidance, parent reimbursement, reduced fees and/or parent communication, etc. will differ based on individual provider approaches to rate increases in 2018. Please refer to the attached Guideline for more information about fee avoidance.

If you require additional information or support please contact your Early Years Specialist or EarlyYearsSystemDivision@peelregion.ca.

We value and appreciate the input we have received from providers on this new funding and we will continue to engage providers to ensure a smooth implementation of this program in our system.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and dedication to supporting children and families in Peel Region. We look forward to continued collaboration with your agency.

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