

November 13, 2023

RE: 2024 EYCC Funding Updates and Guideline Release

Dear Service Provider,

We are writing to share information about Peel's 2024 funding approach and anticipated timing for releasing your funding agreement, funding guidelines and GovGrants announcements.

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2024 Funding Approach for Child Care Providers in Peel

- In September, the Ministry of Education communicated that the existing CWELCC revenue replacement approach will remain in place for at least the first eight months of 2024.
- To minimize impacts to service providers, Peel will issue funding announcements for the full 2024 calendar year (January to December). When the Ministry confirms the date for the new funding formula, we will make the necessary updates.
- Peel remains committed to working with you to ensure the seamless continuity of fee reductions for families, salary/benefit enhancements for staff, and to support the viability of your programs. We will keep you updated and to continue to engage the sector whenever possible.

Key Updates

EYCC Master Funding Agreement

- Beginning in 2024, we are consolidating our funding agreements into one Master Funding Agreement. This means that you will only need to review and sign one funding agreement to receive your eligible EYCCS funding.
- For reference, a copy of the Master Funding Agreement is attached. Please do not sign this copy. You will receive an email by November 17, 2023 with a link to the contract where you will have the opportunity to provide your signature.
- Please note that processes related to funding allocations and reconciliation reporting will remain largely unchanged. Eligible service providers will continue to receive announcements for applicable programs, with funding allocations available in GovGrants.
- To ensure there are no delays in the receipt of payment during the first week of January 2024, you must **sign your Master Funding Agreement by December 1, 2023**.
- An optional teleconference will be scheduled in November to discuss any questions related to the Master Funding Agreement.

2024 EYCC Funding

To support continuity of funding and stability for providers and staff, Peel will release the following EYCC funding grants to ensure continued payments in early January, 2024 (as applicable):

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- CWELCC Fee Reduction and Workforce Compensation Funding
 - Excludes Minimum Wage Offset that will be released in Winter of 2024
- General Operating Funding (GOF)
 - Excludes one-time top-up you may have received in October 2023
- Base Funding for Licensed Home Child Care (LHCC)
- Wage Enhancement Grant (WEG)/Home Child Care Enhancement Grant (HCCEG)
 - Child care providers will have an opportunity to apply and update their WEG/HCCEG staff data for 2024. We anticipate that the application window will open in December following the release of the 2024 provincial funding guideline. More information about this approach will be shared with you in December.

Peel will release details on Administration, Transition Operating Grant and Minimum Wage Offset in February/March of 2024 after provincial guidelines and funding allocations have been received.

Once we receive further information from the Ministry of Education, we will also be able to confirm if Workforce Innovation Funding will continue in 2024.

Target Timelines

Please refer to the table below for our anticipated timelines*:

2024 EYCCS Funding	GovGrants Announcement	Guidelines Released	Teleconference
General Operating Fund (GOF)	November 24, 2023	November 28, 2023	2024 Funding Teleconference date will be scheduled in early December. Invitations will be sent via email.
LHCC Base Funding	November 24, 2023	November 28, 2023	
CWELCC Fee Reduction and Workforce Compensation Funding- RECE components	November 27, 2023	By December 5, 2023	
Transition Operating Grant, and Administration and operating funding for centres/LHCCs	February/ March 2024. Specific dates will be communicated in January.		
Minimum Wage Offset component of CWELCC Workforce Compensation	A teleconference on the 2024 TOG will be scheduled in the new year.		

*Provided that you signed your EYCCs master agreement on or before December 1, 2023.

If you have questions, email us at: EarlyYearsSystemDivision@peelregion.ca. Thank you for supporting children and families in Peel.

Sincerely,
Early Years and Child Care Services
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