

2024 Licensed Home Child Care (LHCC) Base Funding

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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This Q&A document reflects information on the LHCC 2024 Base Funding approach given the implementation of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) program.

Refer to the [2024 LHCC Base Funding Guideline](#) for more information.

If you have additional questions, please email: EarlyYearsSystemDivision@peelregion.ca or contact your Early Years Specialist (EYS).

1. How was the 2024 Base Funding allocation calculated?

Please refer to Appendix D of the [2024 LHCC Base Funding Guideline](#) for information on how your Base Funding allocation was calculated.

2. Who is eligible for the FROG now that there is CWELCC fee reduction program?

- Due to the CWELCC fee reduction program, we have streamlined the fee reduction programs in home child care.
 - Full-fee families with **children 6 to 12 years**, who are not eligible to receive the CWELCC fee reduction will continue to have their market fees reduced by \$6.00 per day.
 - Full-fee families with **children 0 to 5 years** are not eligible for the FROG because their fees are reduced through the CWELCC program.
- You must share the 2024 Parent Notice with all families so that they understand who is eligible.

3. How can I support payments to providers if there is no more Historical Funding?

- In 2023, we merged Historical Funding with Staff Wages and Benefits (SWB) allocation. You will find this combined allocation under the SWB budget line in GovGrants component.
- If you used Historical Funding to enhance payments to providers, you should continue to do so in 2024 using your SWB.
- The Payment to Provider component allocation is to be used to support home providers.

4. What if I need funding adjustment during the year but there is no in-year report?

- In 2023, we removed the requirement to submit the in-year report.
- In 2024, we are not requiring an in-year report. Instead, agencies that need additional funding for the FROG and Payment to Provider components must submit funding request by July 31, 2024 to EarlyYearsSystemDivision@peelregion.ca. You may be required to provide additional documentation and updated data to support your request.
- Refer to the Reporting section of the 2024 LHCC Base Funding Guideline.

5. Why was Workforce Innovation Funding (WIF) discontinued for 2024?

- On November 30, 2023 the Ministry of Education communicated to us that the Canada-Ontario Early Childhood Workforce Agreement has expired.
- This means that support for the recruitment and retention of the early childhood workforce provided through the agreement, including WIF, has ended.

6. Can we use any remaining funding from WIF that was allocated for 2023 for program planning or professional development?

- No, 2023 funding must be spent by December 31, 2023. Any unspent WIF will be recovered.
- We are committed to supporting our early years and child care workforce. We are looking at what is possible for us to support for 2024, and we will provide an update in the new year.