

August 15, 2024

RE: Provincial release of the new CWELCC child care funding approach

Dear child care provider,

Today, you received a memo from the Ministry of Education about changes to the CWELCC funding approach and the new \$22/day parent fee cap that will take place as of January 1, 2025.

Over the next few months, we will support you and help you understand the new CWELCC funding approach and how it impacts your organization.

While the Ministry released its cost-based funding approach, we are still waiting on the provincial policy for 2025. The Province has told us that they will release this information in Fall.

Our ask:

We understand this change is important to your organization and we need time to get it right. We ask that you:

- Give us time to review the information, assess its impacts and follow up with the Ministry on any questions we may have.
- Review the Ministry's webinar at https://vimeo.com/user/224327029/folder/21786437. The provincial webinar provides a high-level walk-through of the new approach through case examples.
- Attend Peel's teleconferences. We will set up a series of teleconferences to hear from you, walk you through the changes and inform our policy and implementation approach.

Save the date! Our first teleconference will take place on August 22 (centres) and August 23 (LHCC). Meeting details are included in today's email.

We will go over the Ministry's memo and answer the following questions:

- ✓ What are the key changes?
- ✓ What are Peel's plan and timelines to provide the sector with the supports you need.

We are committed to keeping you updated and 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.

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What you can do in the interim:

To deliver the supports you need, we need to hear from you. Please review the documents and <u>webinar</u> shared by the Province and send your questions to <u>EarlyYearsSystemDivision@peelregion.ca</u> with the subject line "New CWELCC cost-based funding approach." We will aim to answer your questions at our teleconferences.

If we cannot answer, we will forward your questions to the province to get further clarification. Please be aware that sometimes this process takes time. We are committed to keeping you updated and sharing information as soon as it is available.

As always, we appreciate your dedication and continued collaboration on supporting the early years and child care programs in Peel.

Sincerely,

Early Years and Child Care Services

Region of Peel

