

May 10, 2022

Re: Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement (CWELCC)

Dear Parents,

The federal and provincial governments recently signed the [Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care agreement](#) (CWELCC) with a goal to make child care more affordable for families.

What does this mean for my family?

If you have a child under 6 years in licensed child care and the centre chooses to participate in the agreement, you may receive a 25% child care fee reduction as of April 1. An additional 25% fee reduction is also set to occur by the end of 2022.

All child care providers that wish to participate in the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care program will need to apply to the City of Windsor before September 1, 2022. If your licensed child care provider decides to participate and is approved, they will let you know when you can receive your refund. If your provider decides not to participate, they must let you know.

When will child care fees be reduced, and retroactive payments be issued?

The City of Windsor is currently creating an application process to make it easy for your licensed child care provider to apply to a part of the agreement. While this process may take a few months, if you are eligible a refund retroactive to April 1, 2022 will be issued.

As this is a new funding program for the child care sector, we will require time to develop the new processes required to support this plan. We ask for your patience during this process.

How is Windsor- Essex County preparing for the rollout of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement?

The City of Windsor as the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager for Children's Services for Windsor and County of Essex, is committed to creating an increasingly integrated, high quality, affordable child care and early learning system which meets the needs of the children and families in our community. We have been working diligently with our provincial and federal governments to develop and implement a plan that will benefit our community.

We will continue to work collaboratively with our partnering agencies and commit to keeping you up-to-date as more information and details of the plan become available. To learn more about the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Program visit

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/canada-ontario-early-years-and-child-care-agreement>.

We encourage you to continue to keep open communication with your child care providers for any questions you may have relative to the child care provider's intention to apply to participate in the CWELCC agreement.

This is an exciting opportunity as we embark on the next phase in supporting an affordable, accessible, inclusive and responsive child care system in our community. Increasing access to affordable licensed child care creates opportunities for positive early years experiences, providing a strong foundation for life long learning.

Best Regards,



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