

January 24, 2023

RE: 2023 CWELCC Funding and Next Steps

Dear Child Care Provider,

We are writing to share the following updates about the 2023 CWELCC program in Peel as well as upcoming key timelines.

Please note we are currently updating the 2023 CWELCC Guideline to include more information on the CWELCC Transition Operating Grant (TOG) and Workforce Compensation Funding (WCF). The updated guideline will be released **mid February**. Your payments for the TOG and WCF will begin **March 1, 2023**.

2023 CWELCC Transition Operating Grant (TOG):

Child care providers participating in CWELCC will receive the TOG which includes:

- **Inflationary amount** – to support inflationary expenses and other changes to costs such as rent/lease, food, staff salaries and benefits, payments to home child care providers, administration. This funding must be spent on the proportion of the eligible expenses that supports children aged 0-5 years for programs in Peel.
- **Operating amount** – to support expenses for child care programs with children aged 0-12 years and includes an:
 - Administration amount – this is existing administration funding that supports EYCCS programs such as General Operating Funding (GOF), LHCC Base Funding, Wage Enhancement Grant/Home Child Care Enhancement Grant (WEG/HCCCEG), Workforce Innovation Funding (WIF).
 - Additional amount – which will be flexible to support implementation of CWELCC, reporting and audit requirements, special purpose expenses, and other changing costs.

On **February 16**, we will be holding a teleconference to answer your questions about the TOG.

2023 CWELCC Workforce Compensation Funding (WCF):

Child care providers participating in CWELCC will also receive funding to meet the provincial RECE wage increase and wage floor requirements and to offset the wage increases associated with Ontario's increased minimum wage for eligible staff.

Please note, participating providers **no longer** need to consider General Operating Funding when determining staff eligibility for the CWELCC Workforce Compensation. This means more staff will see wage increases in 2023.

On **February 23**, we will be holding a teleconference to answer your questions about the WCF.

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2023 CWELCC Expansion Strategy:

On December 19, 2022, the ministry released CWELCC expansion targets for centre based child care and licensed home child care. Peel's targets include expansion of any sites who wish to be part of the CWELCC program. These targets are not solely tied to start up funding.

This means new child care sites/agencies with an application date in the Child Care Licensing System (CCLS) after January 1, 2023 or providers planning to expand are not guaranteed approval into the 2023 CWELCC program. We will share more information on our CWELCC Expansion Strategy at a teleconference on **February 16**.

Please note:

- If you have a child care licence in CCLS with an application date prior to January 1, 2023, you will be eligible to apply for the 2023 CWELCC program. We will reach out directly to the providers who meet this eligibility criteria.

2023 Key Timelines:

January 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CWELCC Fee Reduction payments began
Mid February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Region to release an updated 2023 CWELCC Guideline with details on the TOG and WCF
February 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Region to hold teleconference on the CWELCC TOG and Expansion Strategy. Please refer to your email for teleconference details on how to participate via Microsoft Teams.
February 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Region to hold teleconference on the WCF. Please refer to your email for teleconference details on how to participate via Microsoft Teams.
March 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TOG and WCF payments begin

Thank you for your continued support to children and families in Peel. If you have questions, please email us at: EarlyYearsSystemDivision@peelregion.ca.

Sincerely,

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