

December 11, 2023

RE: 2024 EYCC Funding Updates

Dear Service Provider,

We recently received the 2024 provincial guidelines and funding allocations. While we are still reviewing the documents and its impacts to our early years and child care programs, we are writing share some key updates to Peel's 2024 funding approach, previously communicated to you on November 14, 2024.

Key Updates

- **Ontario Child Care Workforce Strategy**
 - On November 16, 2023, the Ministry released an early years and child care workforce strategy.
 - The strategy includes support for compensation, professional development, innovation and other programs and initiatives that are planned for 2024.
 - The ministry has communicated that they are working on the implementation of the Workforce Strategy and will be communicating further details in the coming months. We will share more information with you once available.

- **CWELCC Workforce Compensation Funding (WCF):**
 - Your 2024 WCF funding allocation supports:
 - An additional \$1/hour for eligible RECE earning less than \$25/hour. This means that eligible RECEs will earn a total of \$2/hour in WCF (\$1/hour for 2023 and \$1/hour for 2024)
 - Increased wage floor of \$20/hour for RECEs program staff and \$22/hour for RECE Supervisors and home visitors.
 - Information about the Minimum Wage Offset component of the WCF will be released in early 2024.

- **Workforce Innovation Funding (WIF) - Discontinued:**
 - The province communicated that the Canada Ontario Early Childhood Agreement (WFA) that supported the recruitment and retention of the early childhood workforce has expired. Supports provided through the agreement have come to an end.
 - Peel is committed to supporting our early years and child care workforce. Once the WIF evaluation is completed, we will assess our ability to support the highest impact activities within our existing budget.

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For information about 2024 funding for General Operating Fund (GOF), Licensed Home Child Care (LHCC) Base Funding and WEG, please refer to the guideline packages you received on December 5, 2024 for details.

Provider Information Sessions

We will be hosting a teleconference on the 2024 funding approach on December 13, 2023. Please refer to your email for teleconference details on how to participate via Microsoft Teams. Information about funding to support program administration, cost escalation, and viability will be shared in 2024.

If you have questions, email us at: EarlyYearsSystemDivision@peelregion.ca.

Thank you for supporting children and families in Peel.

Sincerely,
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