

Child care and early learning updates e-newsletter

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Welcome to The Regional Municipality of Durham's child care and early learning updates e-newsletter. These e-newsletters provide licensed child care operators in Durham Region with updated information related to child care.

This edition includes the following topics:

- Temporary Program Assistant (TPA) update
- Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) directed growth: enrolment and expansion update and frequently asked questions
- Remaining Spring Mobile ID and Benefits Access Hubs

Temporary Program Assistant (TPA) update

The Region is actively reviewing and approving requests in accordance with the new TPA guidelines and process. Decisions continue to be made based on demonstrated need as outlined in submitted applications, alignment with Ministry direction, and available funding.

As a reminder, promoting inclusion with additional staffing within CWELCC-eligible programs remains an eligible CWELCC expense. Operators may consider inclusion-related supports within their CWELCC allocations, in alignment with Ministry guidelines and expectations for class-wide, inclusive approaches.

For CWELCC ineligible school-age programs, TPA funding is intended as a short-term, temporary support and is not designed to provide long-term solutions for adding ongoing additional staff to programs. Where programs experience consistent staffing needs above the ratio, operators may wish to reflect on their overall business and staffing models and determine appropriate approaches within their operational budgets. As these costs are not CWELCC eligible, operators are responsible for determining how they are addressed within their programs, including any considerations related to parent fees. Programs are also encouraged to continue engaging with Special Needs Resourcing (SNR) services, which remain available to support inclusion through consultation, coaching and capacity building for all age groups at no cost to families.

We appreciate continued collaboration as we implement these Ministry-aligned changes and remain committed to supporting inclusive practice within the parameters of the current funding framework.

Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) directed growth: enrolment and expansion update and frequently asked questions

Service providers and families are encouraged to visit the [Child Care and Early Years page](#) on the Regional website for a spring update on CWELCC enrolment and expansion opportunities, as well as a newly added frequently asked questions section on directed growth and expanding the CWELCC system.

Remaining Spring Mobile ID and Benefits Access Hubs

The Region of Durham is continuing to offer [Mobile ID and Benefits Access Hubs](#) this spring. The hubs will help clients and residents living with low income to:

- Open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) and apply for the Canada Learning Bond (CLB).
- Access Social Insurance Numbers (SINs), birth certificates, and other forms of ID.
- Get their taxes filed for free.
- Sign up for the Canadian Dental Care Plan.
- Learn about other income-boosting benefits that they may be eligible for.

The remaining spring hubs are:

- Clarington Library, Museums and Archives, 163 Church Street, Bowmanville: May 6, 1 to 6 p.m.
- Whitby Public Library, 405 Dundas Street West, Whitby: May 14, 1 to 6 p.m.

Visit Durham Region's [Mobile Benefits Hubs](#) page to learn more information on hub event details.