

Child care and early learning updates e-newsletter

August 18, 2022

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:

- Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system update
 - CWELCC updates as of August 17, 2022
 - Special Needs Resourcing Survey – last call

Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system update

Current status

On August 17, 2022, the Ministry of Education provided an update to the Canada-wide Early Learning Child Care (CWELCC) enrolment process including an updated guideline document.

This information was sent to all licensees by the Ministry of Education.

The updated guidelines provide adjusted timelines and implementation processes.

We are providing some of the key details below, with additional information to be shared as it comes available. Please be sure to carefully review the information provided to you by the Ministry of Education.

CWELCC updates as of August 17, 2022

The deadline for licensees to opt into CWELCC has been extended by two months. The September 1 deadline has now been changed to November 1. As of August 29, all applications to CWELCC will be processed within 10 days of application. Upon confirmation of eligibility, the agreement for CWELCC funding will be executed within 30 days.

A draft copy of the CWELCC system service agreement will be made available to service providers by August 29.

Licensees will be provided with updated CWELCC policies as soon as they are revised.

New timelines for licensees upon enrolment into CWELCC

- Nov. 1, 2022 – Notify parents of licensee's intent to enroll in CWELCC
- 20 calendar days to reduce fees by 25%

New timeline upon receiving funds from the Region of Durham

- Issue rebates to parents within 20 calendar days of receiving the funds. Rebates can be provided in the form of a credit (providing the child continues to receive care at the centre) or by issuing a rebate via e-transfer or cheque.

Should you have any questions please email: childcareoperators@durham.ca

Special needs resourcing (SNR) survey

If you have not already done so, please complete the special needs resourcing (SNR) survey before August 19, 2022.

The survey is intended for completion by child care site supervisors, home visitors, or recreation program supervisors. Please consider reaching out to your staff for input on this survey. We value all input and feedback.

Please click the link below to be redirected to the survey monkey website to complete the [Durham Region SNR Services Survey](#).

SNR services in Durham Region support children with special needs under 13 years of age who are enrolled in licensed child care settings, in camp programs (age four years and up), and in children's recreation programs (age four years and up).

Licensed child care agencies, camps and recreation programs who have a service agreement for fee subsidy and/or wage enhancement funding have the option of accessing SNR services. Agencies are required to agree to the terms of service as outlined in the special needs resourcing services – service description schedule (schedule G) included with operator contracts.

To support service system planning that meets the needs of the early learning and child care sector, we ask that you take a moment to complete the SNR survey. We appreciate your input and your time. If you have additional information you would like to share about SNR services, please feel free to contact Julie Gaskin, Manager Early Learning at Julie.Gaskin@durham.ca