



November 7th, 2022

**NOTICE TO FAMILIES: CANADA-WIDE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE
AGREEMENT (CWELCC)**

Dear Fun on the Run Families,

We hope you continue to be safe and well.

We are writing to you today because we would like to share that **Fun on the Run has decided to opt-in to participate in the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system.**

Through the 2021 Budget, the Government of Canada committed to investing in a national child care system with all provinces and territories, as well as Indigenous organizations. As part of this agreement, Ontario will receive \$13.2 billion dollars over six years, beginning in 2022.

Funding under the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system will be used to build and leverage the success of Ontario's existing early learning and child care system by increasing quality, access, affordability, flexibility, and inclusivity in early learning and child care.

This will be accomplished by: reducing market rates for eligible children by 25% (to a minimum of \$12 per day), retroactive to April 1st, 2022, building to a 50% reduction in average market rates for eligible children starting January 1st, 2023, and reaching an average of \$10 a day child care fees for eligible children by September 2025 for licensees enrolled in the CWELCC system.

Therefore, families will receive a refund for the fees overpaid. Families can expect this refund on or before December 23rd, 2022. As more information becomes readily available to us, families will be notified.

Please be patient with us during this time as we learn to navigate these new changes. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards,

Fun on the Run

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR CWELCC

1. How do I know if my child(ren) qualify for the CWELCC?

All children under the age of six (6) or who have turned six (6) up until June 30, 2022 in the Regional Municipality of York (York Region) are eligible for the CWELCC system.

2. What fee reduction funding will be applied to eligible families?

Fee reduction funding is focused on reducing parent fees for families with eligible children in licensed child care. A graduated approach to fee reductions will begin in Spring 2022 as follows:

- A fee reduction of up to 25% (to a minimum of \$12 per day) retroactive to April 1st, 2022
- A 50% fee reduction on average by January 2023
- \$10 per day average child care fees by 2026

Funding under the CWELCC system is intended to support children under the age of six (6), with some exception for children with birthdays early in the year who are six (6) years of age.

3. How and when will I receive my refund of fees?

Families will receive their applicable refunds via their accounts on or before December 23rd, 2022.

4. What type of care is eligible for the CWELCC?

The type of care eligible for the CWELCC includes:

- Full Day Child Care (Infant, Toddler and Preschooler programs)
- Before and After School Program (children under the age of 6 years old)
- Full Day Camps (P.A. Days, Winter Break Camp, March Break Camp and Summer Camp)

5. If my child(ren) are eligible, what happens to my monthly payment withdrawals commencing in January 2023?

Starting in January 2023, families with eligible children will be notified of their fee changes prior to being withdrawn from their accounts. On the first (1st) of every month, their new reduced monthly fees will be withdrawn.

6. If I receive York Region Child Care Assistance Fee and have a parent contribution, will my fees be affected?

Families accessing the York Region Child Care Assistance Fee program, please contact your York Region Case Worker for any information in regards to fee contribution changes.