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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

in response to the release of

CWELCC COST-BASED FUNDING APPROACH AND GUIDELINE

NON-CWELCC Enrolled Programs

Responses provide our current understanding of details related to the question posed and may be subject to updates and/or revisions if/when additional information is provided.

ROUTINE FUNDING FOR NON-CWELCC ENROLLED PROGRAMS

Q:1. Our school age program is not eligible for CWELCC, will we lose go , weg and subsidy under the new agreement, allocated to our school age program?

A:1. As part of the new funding approach, starting 2025, Simcoe County will receive a Local Priorities Funding Allocation to support child care programs for children 6 – 12 years of age which will encompass the General Operating Grant, Wage Enhancement Grant (WEG)/Home Child Care Enhancement Grant (HCCEG), CWELCC Wage Enhancements, including those under the Workforce Strategy as well as funding for fee subsidy, special needs resourcing and capacity building. We will share more details around this funding as they become available.

Q: 2. Without additional funding we will not be able to offer adequate wages for our staff. What are our options?



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A: 2. Under the new Cost-Based Funding Approach, licensees not participating in CWELCC may continue to run their operations under the existing provincial licensing and regulatory framework. Revenue from parent fees, fundraising and other funding sources can be used to offset operational expenses including staff wages.

Q: 3. Are we really not getting any more subsidized families? Confirmation that the county will be ending all funding as of 2025.

A: 3. Under the new Cost-Based Funding Approach, licensees not participating in CWELCC may continue to run their operations under the existing provincial licensing and regulatory framework. Starting in 2025, the age 0-5 portion of the routine child care funding is being integrated into Cost-Based Funding under CWELCC to ensure the success of that system. Non-participating licensees delivering child care to children aged 0-5 will no longer be eligible for provincial child care funding that they may have had access to previously, unless it relates to fee subsidy. Existing fee subsidy agreements may continue to be funded until the benefitting child ages-out of the program or leaves the licensee. Families newly qualifying for fee subsidy must be placed with child care licensees participating in CWELCC or licensees with programs servicing exclusively children age 6 – 12.

Q: 4 With the rescinding of funding to support subsidised families enrolled in private centres, and the withdrawal of wage enhancement grants to educators who are employed with said centres, am I right to assume that there will no longer be the need of a contract between us for 2025?

A: 4 At this time, we do not have all of the details pertaining to the local priorities funding which we understand may support Non-CWELCC licensees. We will continue to provide information as it becomes available. As per the Contractual Agreement (legal text) between your agency and the County of Simcoe,



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licensees may terminate the agreement by providing sixty (60) days written notice to the County of Simcoe.

Q: 5 After reconciling funding given for 2024, as a private centre, will it then be our choice to either continue serving subsidised families, without the benefit of WEG and GOG or to decline their enrolments with us (prior to the student aging out of our program) and replace those families with full fee-paying families?

A: 5 Starting in 2025, as the age 0-5 portion of the routine funding is being integrated into cost-based funding under CWELCC to ensure the success of that system, routine child care funding will be discontinued to all Non-CWELCC licensees. In order to continue to support children and families, existing fee subsidy agreements may continue to be funded until the benefitting child ages out of the program or leaves the licensee. If a licensee chooses to terminate families who are in receipt of fee subsidy, they must provide a minimum of ten (10) days written notice to all families, however it is strongly encouraged that licensees provide as much notice as possible.

FUTURE CWELCC ENROLMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Q: 1. Will there be more opportunities to sign on to CWELCC?

A: 1. The County of Simcoe continues to implement CWELCC Directed Growth applications. For more information on how to apply, please review the information on our website. [Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Directed Growth - Simcoe County](#)

Q: 2 When do we find out if we are eligible to apply? We emailed as directed and it said they don't take anyone onto the approved list until November, so does that mean we won't even know if we can apply until after November?



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A: 2 The next opportunity for a licensee to apply for the prequalified list opens on November 1, 2024, with a submission deadline of November 15, 2024. For more information, please visit our website. [Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Directed Growth - Simcoe County](#)