

Table 1

Current Child Care and Early Years Service System in York Region and Additions Expected with the New Program

Regional Children's Services Programs	Before Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care	After Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care
EarlyON	The Region manages four agencies operating EarlyON Child and Family Centres, which provide free programs to parents, caregivers and their children from birth to six years old. EarlyON programs are located in permanent centres and mobile sites (such as libraries, community centres, parks and schools)	Program continues to be delivered
Infant Child and Development	Infant Child and Development Services is directly operated by the Region and supports families of children who have been diagnosed with or are at risk of having a developmental delay and who do not attend licensed child care. The program focuses on working with parents and caregivers to support their child (zero to six years old) in daily routines	Program continues to be delivered
Children's Community Programs	The Region manages a range of programs that benefit children from families with low and moderate income to participate in recreational and other programs to support socialization and growth, such as After School Programs in social housing communities and the Positive Leisure Activities for Youth (PLAY)	Program continues to be delivered

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Child Care
Contract
Management

York Region manages Provincial funding for child care operators through a Child Care Services Agreement. Funding is provided to help child care operators to cover operational costs and keep child care fees more affordable

York Region currently has purchase of service agreements with 92% of approximately 300 for profit and not-for-profit child care operators

Contract management of child care service agreements

Existing Provincial funding for child care operators will continue

Child care operators choosing to participate in the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system by September 1, 2022 must enter into a new purchase of service agreement with the Region to receive CWELCC benefits

A steering committee has been established and work is underway with internal partners on implementation planning

CWELCC funding will be in addition to the funds already received through purchase of service by most operators and will include:

- Compensation for Parent Fee Reduction
- Compensation for wage supplements for Registered Early Childhood Educators and Supervisors

The contract management role will be expanded to include:

- Develop a registration process for child care operators to opt into the CWELCC
- Confirm that each operator meets the requirements of CWELCC

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- Establish a process for tracking and reporting registration to the Ministry of Education
- Calculate funding for each child care operator to enable the 25% reduction in fees for parents in spring 2022, the second 25% reduction to be given to parents before the end of December 2022, based on each child care operators unique costs, size and structure
- Calculate funding to be provided for staff compensation based on Provincial guidelines
- Prepare new contracts and administer funding to operators
- Increased accountability to work with child care operators to determine eligible expenses under CWELCC guidelines
- Enhanced verification of audited financial statements to ensure funding provided is used for the purposes intended
- Undertake audits on a random sample of child care operators in receipt of CWELCC funding on an annual basis

Child Care Fee Subsidy

Child Care Fee Subsidy is an income eligibility program that reduces the amount of money that families must pay licensed child care for full-day, or

Program Continues

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	before and after school care for their child(ren) under the age of 13	Reduced parent fees in the CWELCC system only apply to children aged zero to five years. Regional staff will need to ensure parent contributions are appropriate based on CWELCC reductions
Inclusion Support Services	Inclusion Support Services is directly operated by the Region and supports children from birth to age 13 with special needs who attend licensed child care or licensed before and after school programs	<p>Increasing accessibility of licensed child care for children with special needs is one of the Provincial goals of the CWELCC system however, details have not yet been provided</p> <p>Increased demand for Inclusion Support Services is expected as child care becomes more affordable and more children including those with special needs are able to attend</p>
Service System Management	As service system manager, York Region is responsible for planning, overseeing and managing the system of services for children aged zero to 12 years as described by <i>The Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014</i>	<p>The CWELCC system, and the Region's expanded role as service system manager, has been incorporated into <i>The Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014</i></p> <p>As part of CWELCC, the Region will be required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and communicate new processes and policies related to all aspects of the CWELCC system to child care operators • Manage the child care system to achieve CWELCC program goals within funding provided by the Province • Work with the Province to introduce reforms to support the needs of diverse and underserved populations, including low-

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income, francophone, Indigenous, Black, other racialized and newcomer communities

- Oversee data collection and analysis for the York Region early years and child care service system
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