

FAQs – Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) Agreement

QUESTION: How does the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) Agreement work?

ANSWER: The Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) Agreement will support Ontario families to achieve **an average** fee of \$10 per day for children **under the age of six** by 2025 through phased reductions.

Here is how CWELCC will affect children in PLASP programs under the age of six:

- October 31: New fee schedules will be posted on plasp.com with fee reductions up to 25%.
- November/December 2022: A refund will be issued for eligible children up to 25% of their fees, retroactive to April 1, 2022.

Children under the age of six registered in before school care ONLY, **are not eligible for a fee reduction due to the CWELCC \$12 per day threshold.**

The CWELCC program does not apply to children aged six to 12 years old.

QUESTION: Are subsidy families eligible for CWELCC reductions?

ANSWER: Yes, CWELCC applies to **both** full fee and subsidy families. Families receiving fee subsidies are eligible for the 25% refund and fee reduction on child care fees paid for eligible children.

QUESTION: Why doesn't CWELCC apply to children over the age of six?

ANSWER: The Government of Canada has enacted this program only for children under the age of six.

QUESTION: What if my child is under the age of six and is in a School Age program?

ANSWER: At this time, if your child is under the age of six and in a School Age program, they are eligible for CWELCC. There will be no change in their programs and their fees will be adjusted automatically, according to CWELCC.

QUESTION: What happens when my child turns six?

ANSWER: As per the Ontario Regulation 137/15 under the Child Care and Early Years Act (2014), an “eligible child” under the CWELCC system falls under the following categories:

If your child **turns six between January to June, and is registered in a PLASP Kindergarten program**, they will be eligible (for CWELCC) **until June 30 of the current school year**. For example, if your child is registered in a PLASP Kindergarten program and turns six on April 6, they would still be eligible for the CWELCC rate until June 30.

If your child is **registered in a PLASP School Age program** they will be eligible for the reduced CWELCC rate **until the end of the month that they turn six**. Beginning the month after they turn six, their rate will increase to the PLASP School Age program rate. For example, if your child is registered in a PLASP School Age program and turns six on April 6, they would only be eligible for the CWELCC rate until May 1. On May 1, they will be charged the School Age program rate.

QUESTION: Does CWELCC apply to part-time programs?

ANSWER: Children in our two-day or three-day Early Learning and Child Care Centre programs are eligible. However, children registered in our School Age Flex Part-time Program are not eligible.

QUESTION: Does CWELCC apply to P.A. Day programs?

ANSWER: Yes, CWELCC does apply to P.A. Day programs and holiday programs **for children under the age of six**.

QUESTION: How will I receive my refund?

ANSWER: Your refund will be deposited into the bank account associated with your PLASP account. Please ensure all your personal information shared with PLASP is up-to-date.