



## **FAQs – Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) System**

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

**ANSWER:** The Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) System will support Ontario families to achieve **an average** fee of \$10 per day for children **under the age of six** (or turning six before June 30, 2025) by March 2026 through phased reductions.

In transitioning to \$10 per day average fees by the end of 2025-2026, families with children under the age of six (or turning six before June 30, 2025) registered in PLASP programs will see **child care base fees capped at \$22 per day, effective January 1, 2025.**

**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 turns six during the current school year, **and is registered in a PLASP School Age Program**, they are no longer eligible (for CWELCC) **beginning the month after their sixth birthday**. For example, if your child is registered in a PLASP School age program and turns six on April 6, beginning May 1, you will be charged the full School Age Program fee.

**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**.

