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Update on the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System ("CWELCC") in Oxford County

Oxford County Human Services continues to work in partnership with the Ministry of Education and our Child Care Providers to implement the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System.

The Ministry of Education released several regulatory amendments to O. Reg. 137/15 on August 17th, 2022. The one that will impact families is as follows:

*The September 1, 2022 deadline to notify parents and staff about a licensee's intent to enrol in CWELCC has been updated to **November 1, 2022**.*

This means that child care center will have longer to make informed decisions about enrolment in the CWELCC program.

Although the deadline has been changed, families who qualify for a rebate will still have the rebate retroactive to April 1, 2022.

Oxford County Human Services will continue enrolling our child care providers based on the following processing schedule:

1. Once a provider has submitted the CWELCC application, Oxford County will confirm eligibility within 10 calendar days.
2. Once the approval is in place, Oxford County and the provider will sign the CWELCC agreement. This will be completed within 20 calendar days of eligibility being confirmed.
3. Finally, within 20 calendar days of entering into the agreement, the provider will:
 - a. Receive funds from Oxford County;
 - b. Begin charging lower fees (decrease of 25%); and
 - c. Will issue credits/refunds.

We are committed to supporting the implementation of the CWELCC System in Oxford County with a focus on increasing affordability for parents and ensuring the delivery of high-quality child care, and will continue to share any updates with you as they come available.

Sincerely,



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