

March 5, 2024

Re: 2024 Workforce Innovation Funding (WIF)

Dear Child Care Provider,

We are pleased to share information about 2024 Workforce Innovation Funding (WIF). This funding is for 2024 only and is part of a pilot to support workforce recruitment and retention.

2024 Funding Highlights

At this time, funding is available for:

- Paid Planning Time - provide eligible staff with at least one hour of paid planning time per week between April 1 and December 31, 2024.
- Professional Learning Costs/Paid Professional Learning Time - based on the learning needs of your staff and organization.

Thank you for participating in any WIF evaluation activities. We are currently evaluating the impact of WIF activities and may make enhancements to WIF in 2024 based on the outcome of the evaluation.

We continue to wait for further details on the Ministry of Education's Workforce Strategy announced on November 16, 2023. We will share details once they are available.

Action Required by Service Providers

1. Review the 2024 Workforce Innovation Funding Guideline carefully as it has important information about key changes for 2024 and how to use your funding this year.
2. Use the [WIF Planning Tool](#) to help you budget and track your WIF expenses for 2024.

Key Dates

- February 16, 2024 - WIF award is available under “Workforce Innovation Funding” in GovGrants
- March 6, 2024 - you will receive your first monthly WIF payment.
- April 1, 2024 - you must begin implementing Planning Time requirements.
- December 31, 2024 - deadline to spend all your 2024 WIF.

If you have any questions, please email your EYS or EarlyYearsSystemDivision@peelregion.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and dedication to supporting children, families and staff in Peel.

Sincerely,

Early Years and Child Care Services Division