Region of Peel
working with you

Human Services

10 Peel Centre Dr.
Suite B
PO Box 2136, STN B
Brampton, ON
L6T 0E3
EarlyYearsSystem
Division@peelregion.ca
tel: 905-791-1585

peelregion.ca

Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) Funding Guideline

Effective: January 1, 2023

Intended for Licensed Child Care Centre-Based Providers Participating in Peel's CWELCC Program

Early Years and Child Care Services
Released: December 7, 2022

Region of Peel
working with you

Table of Contents

SECTION 1: OVERVIEW 3
Key Dates 3
SECTION 2: SERVICE PROVIDER ELIGIBILITY 4
SECTION 3: FUNDING CONDITIONS 4
SECTION 4: 2023 CWELCC FEE REDUCTION PROGRAM 5
Eligible Children 5
Reduce and Maintain your Base Fees 6
Fee Reductions for Eligible Families in Receipt of Subsidy 6
Families with Eligible Children in Before/After School/Nursery School Programs 6
SECTION 5: CWELCC WORKFORCE COMPENSATION FUNDING (WCF) 7
SECTION 6: COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS & STAFF 7
SECTION 7: 2023 TRANSITION OPERATING GRANT 7
SECTION 8: ALTERNATE CAPACITY 7
SECTION 9: PROGRAM CLOSURES 8
SECTION 10: SALES & ACQUISITIONS OF CHILD CARE BUSINESSES 8
SECTION 11: REPORTING AND RECONCILIATION 9
Reporting 9
Reconciliation Report 9
Key Performance Indicators: 10
SECTION 11: AUDIT AND RECOVERIES 11
Audit 11
Recoveries 11
SECTION 12: APPEAL PROCESS 11
SECTION 13: CONTACT US 11
APPENDICES 12
Appendix 1: Key Terms 12
Appendix 2: 2023 CWELCC Funding Allocation Methodology 12
CWELCC Fee Reduction Funding Allocation Methodology 12
CWELCC Workforce Compensation Funding (WCF) Allocation Methodology 12
Funding Requests 13
Appendix 3: Examples of Base Fees/Non-Base Fees 13

SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

On March 28, 2022, the federal and provincial governments signed the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement (CWELCC) which will reduce parent fees to make child care more affordable and improve staff compensation to ensure families have access to high-quality licensed child care.

This guideline contains information for service providers ("providers") who are approved by the Region of Peel ("Peel") to participate in the CWELCC program. Funding available to providers is comprised of three main components:

Fee Reduction Funding – You must use this funding to reduce your approved base fees by 52.75% to a minimum daily rate of $12. The fee reduction comes into effect January 1, 2023.

Workforce Compensation Funding – You must use this funding to meet the provincial annual wage increase and wage floor requirements and to offset the wage increases for non-RECE staff associated with Ontario's increased minimum wage. We will share details about this funding in January 2023.

Transition Operating Grant – You must use this funding to support you with the cost of inflation and implementing the CWELCC. We will share more information about this funding in January 2023.

Please review this guideline with your CWELCC Agreement to understand the funding requirements and your obligations for 2023. We will post additional resources on our website.

Key Dates

KEY DATES	
December 8, 2022	• We will release the 2023 CWELCC Funding Agreement and GovGrant announcement to participating providers.
December 12, 2022	• Deadline for you to sign your 2023 CWELCC Funding Agreement to receive a CWELCC payment in January 2023.
January 1, 2023	• You must reduce your approved base fees by 52.75% to a minimum of $12/day. • You must implement the RECE Annual Wage Increase and pay eligible RECE staff at least the 2023 wage floor.
March 31, 2024	• Deadline for you to submit the 2023 CWELCC Funding Reconciliation Template. We will share this template in fall 2023.
4 Months After End of Agency Fiscal Year	• Deadline for you to submit your Audited Financial Statements (AFS)

See Appendix 1 for Key Terms.

SECTION 2: SERVICE PROVIDER ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the 2023 CWELCC Funding you must:

1. Be approved by Peel to participate and opted-in to the program by November 1, 2022.
2. Have a signed 2023 CWELCC Funding Agreement.
3. Be a licensed child care provider in Peel Region; and comply with all legislative and regulatory requirements under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* (CCEYA).

In addition to the above, to qualify for the Workforce Compensation Funding (WCF) you must:

4. Have a signed 2023 Wage Enhancement Grant (WEG) agreement.
5. Have at least one staff who meets the eligibility criteria for any of the WCF components.

You do not need to apply for the CWELCC program annually. The terms of the Agreement and opting-in will automatically be rolled over into the next year unless you or Peel provides a notice of termination. Annual agreements will be executed in GovGrants.

SECTION 3: FUNDING CONDITIONS

You must use your 2023 CWELCC Funding as per this Guideline:

1. Beginning January 1, 2023:
    a. Reduce your approved base fee by 52.75%.
        - Market fees (base fees and non-base fees) are capped at the amount charged on March 27, 2022, for eligible children (unless a fee increase was previously communicated to families on or before March 27, 2022).
        - If you were licensed after March 27, 2022, the cap on the base fee would be based on the regional maximums set out in the CCEYA for eligible children. We will work with you to establish an appropriate base fee.

    b. Reduce your registration fee by 52.75%.
        - Registration fees are capped at the amount charged on March 27, 2022, for eligible children.

    c. Meet the CWELCC wage requirements (O. Reg. 137/15, s 77.3 (3))
2. Use your CWELCC funding to support child care operations licensed under the *Child Care and Early Years Act* (CCEYA) in Peel only. If you provide services under the *Education Act*, you cannot use your funds to support expenses for the unlicensed portion of your business.
3. You must maintain your existing fee (pre-CWELCC provincial agreement on March 27, 2022) as per O. Reg. 137/15 under the CCEYA for licensed spaces for children ages 0-5 (e.g., a licensed infant space must remain an infant space) until you notify the Region and your families that you are not participating in the CWELCC.
4. You must maintain existing (pre-CWELCC provincial agreement on March 27, 2022) licensed spaces for eligible children. Any revisions or use of alternate capacity must be reported to the Region through the Reconciliation process to determine whether this may result in a funding adjustment or recovery.
5. Comply with all CWELCC programs/policies, financial, contract, and/or system planning data reporting requirements as per this Guideline on or before the assigned timeline. This includes the Region's Deadline Compliance Policy.

6. Complete the Ministry of Education's *Annual Licensed Child Care Operations Survey.* Providers who do not complete this survey will have their CWELCC funding put on hold.
7. Provide Audited Financial Statements. Please see the "Reporting and Reconciliation Requirements" Section for more details.
8. Complete/participate in any evaluations, surveys and other information requested by the Region. This may include in-person visits, staff, and voluntary parent surveys, focus group sessions and other opportunities to provide feedback on the CWELCC program.
9. Failure to comply with service provider requirements, and/or reporting requirements, may result in the recovery of CWELCC funding or your agency being ineligible for this funding.
10. If you choose to end your existing CWELCC Agreement or not renew your CWELCC agreement, you must:
    a. Provide the Region and Ministry with notice as per your CWELCC Agreement; and
    b. Communicate this decision to your families and staff **at least 30 calendar days** before your effective termination date. This requirement will also apply if the Region terminates your CWELCC Agreement.

SECTION 4: 2023 CWELCC FEE REDUCTION PROGRAM

Your CWELCC funding is intended to support your agency's fee reduction for families. Participating in the CWELCC program should not result in a loss of your agency's revenue. You must use your 2023 CWELCC Funding to reduce your fees as set out in the funding conditions above. See Appendix 2 for information about how your fee reduction funding allocation is determined.

Eligible Children

All children who are under 6 years old and enrolled in a participating licensed child care program (full-day or part-day) are eligible for the fee reduction. Please refer to the table below for more information:

Age group child is enrolled in…	Child eligibility for CWELCC
✓ Infant ✓ Toddler ✓ Preschool ✓ Kindergarten or a Family Age Group	All children under 6 years old are eligible. If the child turns 6 years old between January 1 and June 30, they are eligible until June 30 of that year. • For example, if a child turns 6 on April 15, the child would be eligible to receive the refund until June 30. Starting July 1, the child would no longer be eligible. If the child turns 6 years old between July 1 and December 31, they are eligible until the end of the month they turn 6 years old. • For example, if a child turns 6 on October 5, the child would be eligible to receive the fee reduction until October 31. Starting November 1, the child would no longer be eligible.

Age group child is enrolled in…	Child eligibility for CWELCC
✓ School Age (centre-based programs only)	Child is eligible until the end of the month they turn 6 years old. For example: • if the child turns 6 on April 15, they would be eligible until April 30. • if the child turns 6 on October 12, they would be eligible until October 31.
× **Camp program not licensed under the CCEYA**	Child would not be eligible for CWELCC.

Reduce and Maintain your Base Fees

- Beginning January 1, 2023, you must reduce your approved base fees by 52.75% (but not less than a fee of $12 per day) for eligible children. Your approved base fee is your market rate, less any non-base items, outlined in the letter the Region issued to you as part of the Region's EOI process.
    - You may have a variety of fees to meet the needs of families such as part day, full day, part time, full time, before, after, before and after, etc. The fee reduction must be applied to all base fees for eligible children but must not be less than a fee of $12 per day.
- Maintain your reduced base fees until December 31, 2023, until you must reduce it again in 2024.
- Revise and post your updated fee schedule for your base fees and non-base fees to inform parents about the reduced rates through your regular communication channels, such as email, letter, parent board in your centre. Your fee schedule must include what is included in the services and the portion of the fees covered by the Region.
- Make your fee schedule publicly available in your Parent Handbook and on your parent board in your centre. It is also recommended that you post your fee schedule on your program's website.

As a reminder, registration fees and fee deposits collected in 2023 must also be reduced by 52.75%.

See Appendix 3 for a list of examples of base fees and non-base fees.

Fee Reductions for Eligible Families in Receipt of Subsidy

Families in receipt of subsidy with children enrolled in participating programs will receive a 50% fee reduction on their parent contribution paid for eligible children, even if their contribution is less than $12/day.

We will determine the reduced parent contribution for each eligible child and will share this information with you in a consolidated report in December 2022. Families in receipt of subsidy with children enrolled in participating programs will receive a 52.75% reduction on registration fees paid for eligible children from January 1 to December 31, 2023.

Families with Eligible Children in Before/After School/Nursery School Programs

You must reduce your approved base fees by 52.75%, but to a fee of no lower than $12/day for eligible children in participating programs that offer before, after school or nursery school programs.

Programs that offer parents different options (i.e., before school only, after school only, before and after school, and full day) would have different fees to reduce and would need to apply the rules to each fee:

Service	Approved Base Fee	Reduced Fee - After Enrolling in CWELCC
Before School Care Only	$12	$12 (stays the same)
After School Care Only	$14	$12 (as 52.75% is less than $12)
Before + After School Care	$24	$12 (52.75% is less than $12)
Full Day	$50	$23.63 (52.75% reduction applied)
Nursery School Program	$14	$12 (as 52.75% is less than $12)

SECTION 5: CWELCC WORKFORCE COMPENSATION FUNDING (WCF)

Details on the WCF will be available in January 2023.

SECTION 6: COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS & STAFF

Participating providers must:

Timeline	You must…
By December 31, 2022	• Clearly communicate to families your revised 2023 fee schedule, the portion offset by the Region (CWELCC fee reduction), and their effective date (January 1, 2023).

SECTION 7: 2023 TRANSITION OPERATING GRANT

You will receive a Transition Operating Grant (TOG) to support you with cost of inflation and implementing the CWELCC. We will share details with you in January 2023.

SECTION 8: ALTERNATE CAPACITY

You can use alternate capacity currently identified on your licence. **For example:** a room licensed as a toddler room may switch to a preschool room for a certain period. This means that if you are using a preschool alternate capacity:

- Parents must be charged a preschool rate during that time;
- Children should be reported under the preschool age group; and
- Associated fee reduction should be based on the preschool fees.

As part of our Reconciliation process, you must report the use of alternate capacity. If you change from your licensed capacity to your alternate capacity (or vice-versa), you will need to report the months where alternate capacity was utilized, and the number of children impacted. You will need to ensure that the appropriate refund is provided based on whether your licensed capacity or alternate capacity was used. **For example**:

Month	Licensed Capacity Used (# of children impacted)	Approved Base Rate	Fee Reduction Supported
June	Toddler – 10	$50	$26.38
July	Preschool – 12	$40	$21.10
August	Preschool – 12	$40	$21.10
September	Toddler – 10	$50	$26.38

SECTION 9: PROGRAM CLOSURES

Providers participating in the CWELCC program may not exceed two consecutive weeks of closure, and not more than four weeks of closure within a calendar year where families are charged full fees.

If your program does not charge fees for the closure period, the days of closure do not need to be counted in the limits noted above. For example, if you typically collect fees during the two-week winter break, you can use CWELCC funding to reduce those fees. If you close in the summer, and do not collect fees during this time, you **cannot** use CWELCC funding during that closure period and these weeks do not count towards your annual 4-week closure limit.

Families are eligible for the 52.75% fee reduction if they paid fees for closed days such as statutory holidays, non-statutory holidays, program closures due to inclement weather or unionized labour disruption. Where fees are collected from families for service closure days, the Region expectation is that staff are paid for those days.

All PD days* and non-statutory holidays/closures **will count** towards your program closures up to a maximum of 2 consecutive weeks and 4 weeks in a calendar year. *Exception: If you close to attend a professional learning day(s) hosted by the Region of Peel, these PD days will not count towards your program closures.

For closures due to events outside a licensee's control (i.e., natural disaster/weather event, pandemic, school board strike) the days of closure are not counted toward the two consecutive weeks or four total weeks of closure condition. Statutory holidays **do not** count towards your program closures.

Important! As per the CCEYA, you **must** disclose in your Parent Handbook the times when the services are offered, the holidays observed, the base fee and any non-base fees that may be charged, and whether or not your agency is enrolled in the CWELCC program.

SECTION 10: SALES & ACQUISITIONS OF CHILD CARE BUSINESSES

Participating providers in the CWELCC program are permitted to sell their business. Please refer to Section 4 "Service Provider Responsibilities" of the Region's Early Years and Child Care Service Provider Handbook for specific requirements relating to change in ownership and requirements to provide notice to families and the Region.

If you sell your business, the new owner will be required to apply to enroll in the CWELCC program. Once enrolled, the new owner must set fees at or below the Region's base fees set out under the CCEYA. Both the seller and buyer are encouraged to obtain their own financial/legal advice regarding impacts of the CWELCC program. For a shares transfer, the new operator remains enrolled in the

existing CWELCC program agreement with the Region and must maintain the previous operator's existing base fee.

SECTION 11: REPORTING AND RECONCILIATION

Reporting

To ensure 2023 CWELCC Funding was used for its intended purpose, you must:

A. Keep and Provide Supporting Documentation

- You must keep the following documents on file for **seven (7) years** and provide them upon request.
- This includes detailed attendance records, staff payroll records, T4 statements, proof of communication to staff, bank statements, cancelled checks, pre- and post- WCF paystubs, staff schedules and time sheets, receipts, and paid invoices (benefits), etc.

B. Keep a copy of your CWELCC Funding Agreement

You must keep an electronic or hard copy of your 2023 CWELCC Funding Agreement with the Region at your child care centre (or each of your child care site(s) for multi-site agencies) and make it available to the Ministry of Education upon request.

C. Requirement to Submit Information on Time

Non-compliance occurs if you do not submit the required information/documents/reporting in the time or manner prescribed in this Guideline, your 2023 CWELCC Funding Agreement, and/or as requested by the Region. Refer to the Region's Hold Policy and Deadline Compliance Policy to learn more about actions the Region will take if requested information/documentation/reporting is not submitted by communicated deadlines.

D. Audited Financial Statements (AFS) and Financial Annual Information Return (FAIR):

You must provide the following no later than **four months after your Agency's fiscal year-end.** For example, if your fiscal year end is March 31, you must provide your audited financial statements and other required documents by July 31 of the same year.

- audited financial statements
- consolidated schedules of revenue and expenditures with a breakdown of eligible portions of child care sites and home child care in Peel including any accompanying auditor notes
- management letter (if applicable); and,
- completed Region of Peel FAIR template (that the Region will provide at a later date).

Additional reporting requirements may be implemented on a case-by-case basis.

Reconciliation Report

You must submit your completed 2023 CWELCC Reporting Reconciliation Template through GovGrants by **March 31, 2024**, unless the Region instructs you to do so earlier. This template will be provided in the Fall of 2023 and will collect:

a) Actual expenditures to support fee reduction (excluding expenses related to the mandated 52.75%

fee reductions to parental contributions for families in receipt of fee subsidy)

b) Actual expenditures to support reductions of registration fees (note: registration fees are eligible for the 52.75% reduction, but will not be included as part of Provider's approved base fees, as it is being considered as a one-time cost to families)
c) Actual expenditures to support the Workforce Compensation Funding components. More details will be available in January 2023
d) Actual expenditures related to the Transition Operating Grant. More details will be available in January 2023

Note: eligible expenditures are only for the proportion of eligible children in care. For example, if there are 20 children in care and only 15 are eligible for CWELCC, then only 52.75% of the expenses associated with the 15 children can be supported.

Key Performance Indicators:

You must report the following information through your Reconciliation Template:

- Number of **unique** children served through fee reductions (excluding fee subsidy children). Each child is only to be counted once in the calendar year.

For example: If 10 children started in January and stayed until December; and another 4 children started in September and stayed until December, you would report the total number of unique children as follows:

Month	# of New Children Served
January	**10**
February	**n/a**
March	**n/a**
April	**n/a**
May	**n/a**
June	**n/a**
July	**n/a**
Aug	**n/a**
Sept	**4**
Oct	**n/a**
Nov	**n/a**
Dec	**n/a**

Total: 14

Note: even if one of the 14 children left in June and returned in October, you would still only count this child once. Providers should make best efforts to avoid double counting where possible.

- Number of full-fee children enrolled since January 1 to December 31, 2023 for **each month** by:
  - Age group (i.e., infant, toddler, preschool, etc.)
  - Enrolment type (e.g., full-time, part-time, part-week)
  - Enrolment days per week (e.g., 1 – 5 days)
- Program closure dates where parent fees are not charged, as per your Parent Handbook
- Program closure dates where parent fees are charged, as per your Parent Handbook
- KPIs related to the Workforce Compensation funding will be shared in late January 2023.

Region of Peel
working with you

SECTION 11: AUDIT AND RECOVERIES

Audit

We may contact you to complete an audit/review of your 2023 CWELCC Funding to confirm that the funding was used for its intended purpose. At any time, we may request:

- Receipts, paid invoices, quotes, proof of purchase and any other documentation to assess revenues and expenses claimed.
- Proof of payments to staff. This includes copies of staff payroll registers, T4's, paystubs, staff schedules, timesheets including number of hours worked.
- Bank statements, cancelled cheques, bank reconciliation statements including outstanding cheques.
- Proof of communication to staff.

The Region or its agents may conduct site visits to confirm that funding was used for the approved purpose(s) as described in this Guideline and any other written communication from the Region. As mentioned above, as part of both the Provincial and the Regional funding verification processes, Providers must keep all original documentation for a minimum of 7 years.

Recoveries

You must repay the Region all or part of your 2023 CWELCC Funding if you:

- Do not meet the eligibility criteria at any point during the funding period.
- Do not spend all or part of your funding.
- Do not use the funds as per the O. Reg. 137/15, your 2023 CWELCC Funding Agreement or this Guideline.
- Do not provide supporting documentation for expenses claimed upon the Region's request.
- Fail to comply/ participate in an audit process.
- Cease/close operating your business.

If we determine that you are not in compliance, you must return all or part of your CWELCC amount through our recovery process. You must pay the amount owed to maintain ongoing eligibility for CWELCC funding.

SECTION 12: APPEAL PROCESS

If you would like to dispute a decision related to your participation in the CWELCC program, you have the right to appeal. Providers must make an appeal in writing via email to EarlyYearsSystemDivision@peelregion.ca.

All appeals will be handled in a fair and equitable manner by following the guidelines, dispute resolution process outlined in the CWELCC service agreement and legislation determined by the Ministry of Education, alongside the policies and practices determined by the Region of Peel. Providers will be notified of a decision on an appeal within 14 calendar days.

SECTION 13: CONTACT US

Please email EarlyYearsSystemDivision@peelregion.ca for any questions.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Key Terms

- **Base Fees:** The fee that families must pay for a child to receive child care that meets the requirements under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* (CCEYA).
- **Base Hourly Wage:** Hourly rate paid to the position by the agency excluding any funding subsidies and previous year WEG. If the position is paid an annual salary, use an online salary calculator to convert to hourly rate.
- **Expression of Interest (EOI):** the Region's process for Providers to learn more about the CWELCC program, and what it will mean for their business before making an official decision to opt-in.
- **Non-Base Fees:** Any fee for optional items or optional services, in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the licensee and parent.
- **Opt-In:** Providers who provide formal notice to the Region in writing that they will participate in the CWELCC program after the Region's EOI process is complete.
- **Opt-Out:** Providers who do not wish to participate in the Region's CWELCC program, who complete the 'CWELCC Opt-Out Form' and indicate in the Ministry's Child Care Licensing System (CCLS) that they are not going to enroll in the CWELCC program.
- **Program Staff:** Staff employed in a position that supports child care ratio requirements as outlined in the CCEYA and the O. Reg. 137/15. Program staff may be RECE or not RECE depending on whether they meet the definition below.
- **RECE Supervisor:** A RECE who is in a supervisor position as indicated on the license.
- **Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE):** A member in good standing of the College of Early Childhood Educators (CECE) as outlined on the Early Childhood Educators Act, 2007. Review this link to learn more about the use of the title.
- **Wage Floor:** The minimum that a service provider participating in the CWELCC program must pay (per hour) eligible RECE staff.
- **Statutory Benefits:** The benefits that you must provide to your staff by the law such as: up to 2 weeks of vacation days, 9 statutory holidays, Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Employment Insurance (EI), Employer Health Tax (EHT) if applicable, Workforce Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) if applicable, etc.

Appendix 2: 2023 CWELCC Funding Allocation Methodology

CWELCC Fee Reduction Funding Allocation Methodology

The Region has calculated the 2023 CWELCC funding allocations to support the 52.75% fee reduction to eligible families using licensing capacity and the approved base fee rates included in your approval letter and submitted through the EOI template.

CWELCC Workforce Compensation Funding (WCF) Allocation Methodology

To minimize administrative burden for service providers, we will use the data you provided on your 2022 WEG application to determine your 2023 WCF eligibility and allocation. Details on the allocation methodology will be available in late January 2023.

Region of Peel
working with you

Funding Requests

If you think your agency requires additional CWELCC fee reduction and/or workforce compensation funding, please email the Region at EarlyYearsSystemDivision@peelregion.ca to request a budget adjustment. No provider should experience a shortfall in funding.

Appendix 3: Examples of Base Fees/Non-Base Fees

COLUMN A: BASE FEE *Include mandatory fees that parents would pay*	**COLUMN B: NON-BASE FEE** *OPTIONAL items/services not supported under CWELCC*
✓ Play materials, equipment, and furnishings such as cots, cribs, bedding	• Late pick up fees for child care provided beyond operational hours outlined in the parent handbook
✓ Supervision by adult during operational hours	• Optional transportation where a separate fee is charged.
✓ Lease/occupancy costs	• Optional field trips where a separate fee is charged
✓ Food / catering costs **Note:** under the CCEYA if a child receives care for six hours or more, Providers are to ensure the food offered to the child includes 2 snacks in addition to any meals provided	• Not Sufficient Funds (NSF) fees in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the parent and licensee
✓ Development and implementation of individualized plans (medical, special needs, anaphylaxis)	• Diapers, sunscreen (if optional)
✓ Any other mandatory cost the parent is required to pay to support the operation of the child care program (e.g., administration costs such as fee deposits)	• Uniforms
✓ Any programs or services that are included as part of the core day programming and is included as part of the regular child care fee paid by families.	• Any other **optional items/services** where an additional fee is charged in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the parent and provider (e.g., optional classes such French, music, yoga, etc.)
REGISTRATION FEES: Registration Fees are frozen at March 27, 2022 levels. For 2023, the Region will support a 52.75% fee reduction to eligible families who must pay a registration fee for eligible children. Both full fee families and families eligible for fee subsidy are eligible to receive the reduction in registration fees. For example, if your registration fee is $100, providers must collect $47.25 from families and can claim the remaining $52.75 through CWELCC.	
DEPOSIT FEES: Participating providers must reduce their fee deposit by 52.75% for eligible children (i.e., children under 6 years of age). Service Providers cannot claim the remaining 47.25% from CWELCC as an upfront deposit, as the deposit collected from families must be applied against the reduced fee when the family leaves child care. For example, if the regular fee deposit is $1000 (equivalent to 2 weeks of care), it must be reduced to $472.50 in 2023. When the family gives notice that they are leaving, the deposit of $472.50 can be applied to their last two weeks of care. At that time, providers can claim the CWELCC portion of the fee for the last two weeks.	