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Fall CWELCC funding updates

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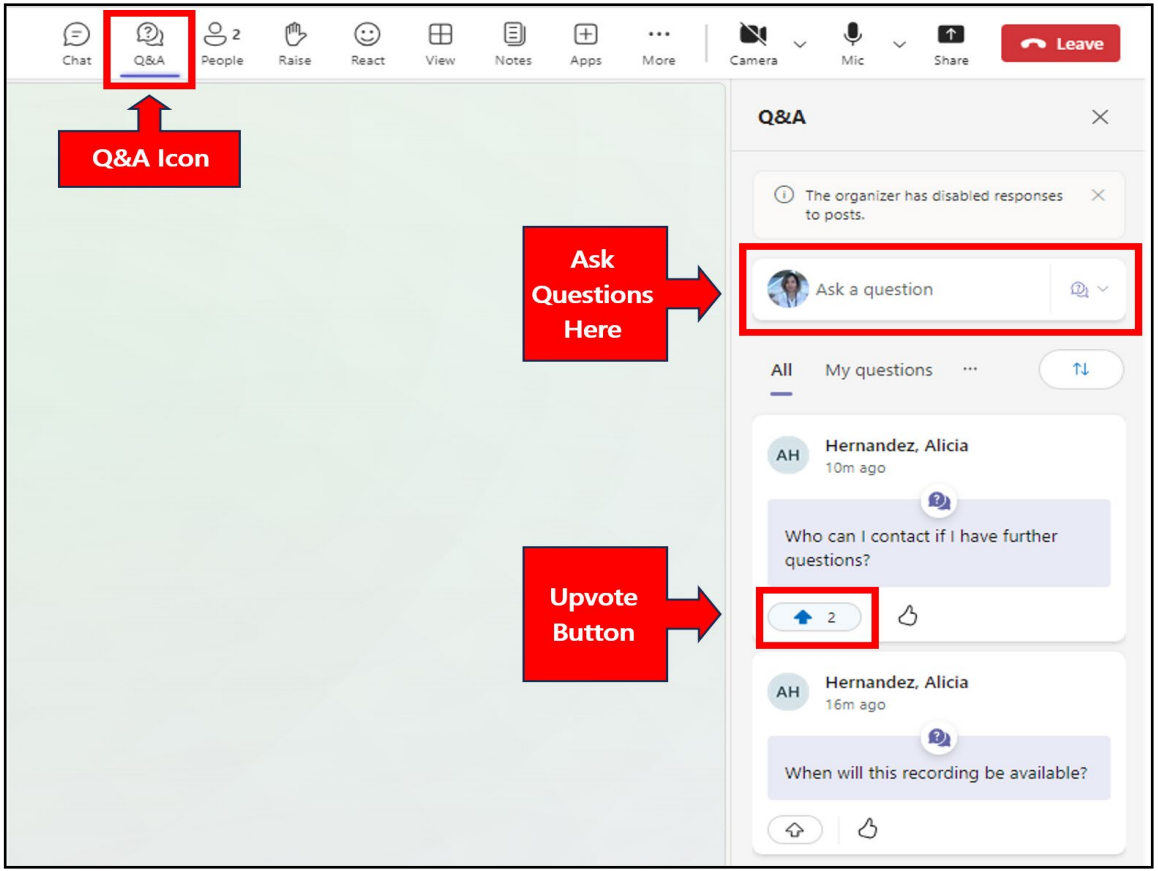
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Agenda

1. Overview of key changes in the CWELCC funding Guideline
2. Reminder of regulatory amendments under the CCEYA
3. Question and answer session
4. Wrap Up – Next Steps

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Overview of key changes in the CWELCC funding guideline

CWELCC guideline update

What's NEW in Version 2?

- ✓ New **rolling top-up** funding approach
- ✓ Clearer OTEF eligibility, documentation and application requirements
- ✓ Clearer **service stability** requirements
- ✓ Clarification of **funding and operational requirements**
- ✓ Reduced duplication and improved consistency across the guideline



Rolling top-up funding

Guideline update:

- ✓ Added the new rolling top-up funding; replacing the former legacy top-up
- ✓ Appendix 2 now outlines how the rolling top-up is calculated and when providers can appeal.
  - Appeals are limited to calculation errors, program data errors, or new/corrected financial information for 2025.

We anticipate that most eligible providers will receive their 2026 rolling top-up adjustment by October.

- Once the adjustment is issued, your 2026 allocation is final unless your service levels change.

Refer to Section 2 and Appendix 2 of the 2026 CWELCC Guideline for more information



Maintaining service levels for families

We **clarified** the existing requirement to keep the same service levels that were in place when you enrolled in CWELCC, including:

- Hours of operation.
- Number of days.
- Licensed spaces.
- Services included in your base fees.

Refer to Section 7 of the 2026 CWELCC guideline for details.

Maximum # of planned paid closure days

- **Clarified** that the up-to-20 planned paid closure days is a **maximum limit.**
- Clarified how part-day closures count towards the maximum.
- Introduced a process to requests changes to closure days.

Refer to Sections 7.1C and 7.1 D of the 2026 CWELCC guideline for details.



Other service level updates

- You must notify us if you have **unplanned closures that last for more than 5 days** as soon as you know.
- Clarified that funding for **CWELCC eligible children enrolled in primary or junior school-age rooms is capped at 25%** of your licensed capacity of the room.

Refer to Sections 7.1A and 7.3 of the 2026 CWELCC guideline for details.



One-time emergency funding (OTEF)

- Updated OTEF eligibility requirements:
  - Must comply with financial reporting deadline
  - Must operate a CWELCC eligible room or home.
- Added an **October 1, 2026** application deadline.
- Included a list of documents required for major capital requests.
- Included a reminder to refer to the Accounting and Note Disclosure guideline on how to report major capital expenses funded by OTEF in your audited financial statements.



Refer to sections 2.4 and 11 of the 2026 CWELCC guideline for more information



Budget management

Provided additional guidance regarding budget management and financial shortfalls.

As a reminder, you should:

- Update your budget regularly against actual expenses to catch changes early and give you time to adjust
- Where possible, avoid incurring costs that cannot be supported by your funding allocation or base fee revenue
- As you plan your annual operation budget, set aside a contingency where possible to manage unexpected costs
- Report data changes accurately and promptly so we can adjust your allocations as needed

Refer to Section 3.4 of the 2026 CWELCC guideline for details.



Accountability & reporting

Clarified that you must report all base fee revenue, regardless of payment method – including cash payments

As a reminder:

- Ensure all expenses are attributable, appropriate and reasonable to the delivery of child care
- Retain all supporting documentation for expenses reported in your FAIR
- Engage your auditors early, as late reporting affects your funding

Refer to Section 12 of the 2026 CWELCC guideline for details.

Other key changes

- Clarified that capital expenditures and out-of-province travel expenses are **ineligible expenses** of cost-based funding.
- Added the requirement to the legal right to use your operating space for the calendar year to minimize disruptions for families.
- Added a requirement to notify us if your **vacancy rate** exceeds 5% and work with your EYS to address the issue.
- Included the October 1, 2026 increase in **minimum wage** to $17.95/hr.
- Updated **professional learning** mileage rates and expanded professional learning opportunities.



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Regulatory amendments under the CCEYA

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When?	What?
July 1, 2026	• Additional Criminal Code offences are added as disqualifying offences for child care staff/providers • Prohibited practices expanded to include sexual abuse, sexual misconduct and prescribed sexual acts • Medication administration requirements expanded to permit emergency medications for epilepsy, diabetes and other prescribed conditions

Regulatory amendments under the CCEYA

When?	What?
January 1, 2027	• Vehicle impact protection requirements for new centres • Enhanced septic system safety requirements • Hazard identification and mitigation requirements • Measures to prevent unauthorized access to centres • Supervision policies and missing child procedures (including drills) • Acting supervisor designation for emergencies • Staff training on all applicable policies and procedures
July 1, 2027	• Existing centres must comply with new septic system requirements if applicable (unless exempted)

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Wrap-up



Next Steps

- Review the updated CWELCC Guideline
- Connect with your Early Years Specialist if you need support or additional clarification.
- Review and update your operating budget to ensure you are maximizing your allocation on eligible expenses.



Thank You

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