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Fall CWELCC funding updates

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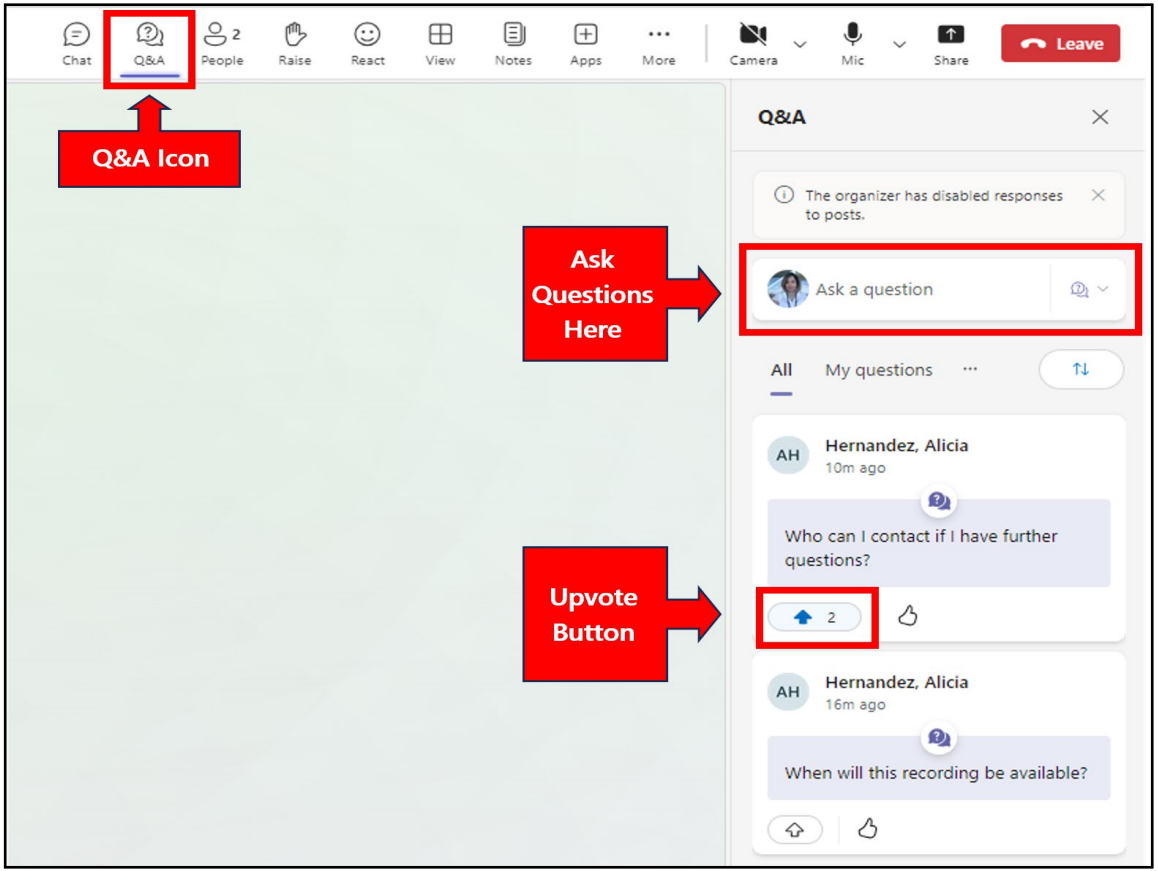
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Agenda

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.
- Services included in your base fees.

These requirements apply at the agency-level.

Refer to Section 6 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 6.1B 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 9 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 10 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.
- 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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