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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Chiefs of First Nations with Child Care Agreements  
First Nations Administrators

**FROM:** Julia Danos  
Director, Programs and Service Integration Branch  
Early Years and Child Care Division  
Ministry of Education

Maxx-Philippe Hollott  
Director, Financial Accountability and Data Analysis Branch  
Early Years and Child Care Division  
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**DATE:** February 13, 2018

**SUBJECT:** **2017-18 Child Care and Child and Family Program  
Service Agreement Amendment Package**

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We are pleased to provide you with your 2017-18 child care and child and family program service agreement amendment package. This package includes:

- 2017-18 Child Care and Child and Family Program Amending Agreement
- Updated 2017-18 Ontario Child Care Business Practice, Service and Funding Guideline (“guideline”)
- Other relevant supporting documents (where applicable), including:
  - Health and Safety approval letter
  - Statement of Attestation and Conformity – Ministry of Education – 2017-18 Health & Safety Funding

*Please refer to the applicable sections of the guideline for details on each of your specific funding lines noted in the budget schedule of your 2017-18 amending agreement.*

## Ministry Updates

### A. Child and Family Programs

Further to the memorandum sent in December 2017, where applicable, the amending agreement includes new or additional funding for child and family programs supported through *The Journey Together*.

### B. 2017-18 Health and Safety

For First Nations whose requests for health and safety funding were recently approved, the amending agreement includes a program description schedule and the approved amount of funding in the budget schedule. Where applicable, please refer to the enclosed letter specific to health and safety approvals for more information.

### C. Fee Stabilization Support

The Ministry of Education recognizes that increasing operating pressures may lead to increases in parental fees. As announced on October 26, 2017, to support improving wages for the licensed child care workforce, affordability for families, and to address potential fee increases, the ministry will provide First Nations with incremental funding for the first quarter of 2018, to support those staff who were earning under \$14 an hour as of December 31, 2017. For First Nations with licensed child care, the new investment is indicated on the budget schedule. Please refer to the program description schedule and guidelines for more details.

The signed 2017-18 agreement must be submitted to the ministry by **February 28, 2018**. For your convenience, First Nations have the choice of submitting their signed service agreement by **email** to: [tpa.edu.earlylearning@ontario.ca](mailto:tpa.edu.earlylearning@ontario.ca), or alternatively by regular mail. Should you choose to submit your signed agreement by regular mail, please send two original signed copies to:

Julia Danos, Director  
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The ministry will email a scanned signed copy or mail a hard copy of the completed agreement back to you for your records.

Please contact your Early Years Advisor directly if you have any questions or concerns regarding this memorandum and the enclosed materials. For questions regarding 2017-18 cash flow or financial reporting, please contact your Financial Analyst. A contact list and other information on funding are available on the [Ministry's website](#).

Thank you once again for your ongoing partnership and commitment to serving children and families.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by:***

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