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Memorandum To: Chiefs of First Nations with Child Care & Child and Family
Program Agreements
First Nations Administrators
Transfer Payment Agency Administrators

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Subject: **2021-22 First Nations Child Care and/or Child and Family
Program Amending Agreement Package**

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and commitment to child care and early years programs, and for continuing to adapt to support Ontario's children and families.

I am pleased to provide you with the 2021-22 child care and/or child and family program amending agreement package. This package includes:

- 2021-22 revised schedules for your First Nation (Schedules B-D); and
- 2021-22 Ontario Child Care and Child and Family Programs Business Practice, Service and Funding Guideline ("guideline") – Amended January 2022.

Please refer to the applicable sections of the guideline for details on each of the specific funding lines noted in the Budget Schedule of your 2021-22 service agreement.

Ministry Updates

A. Funding Guidelines

Any changes to the funding guideline are highlighted in the summary of guideline changes on page five (5) of the amended *2021-22 Ontario Child Care and Child and Family Programs Business Practice, Service and Funding Guideline*.

B. Canada-Ontario Early Childhood Workforce Agreement

The Child Care and Early Years Workforce Funding supports the retention and recruitment of a high-quality child care and early years workforce, with the objectives of sustaining the workforce, enhancing access to professional development, growing the number of qualified staff, and attracting an increasingly diverse workforce. In 2021-22, First Nations will be receiving one-time Child Care and Early Years Workforce Funding. This funding has been provided through the Canada-Ontario Early Childhood Workforce Agreement with the federal government and will also be provided to First Nations in 2022-23.

A new section to support the Child Care and Early Years Workforce Funding for First Nations is included in the amended 2021-22 guideline in section 6. In addition, Schedule D of your Service Agreement also includes your allocation for this funding. The guidelines and allocations are consistent with the information previously shared by the ministry.

Please review section six (6) for the funding parameters, reporting and expenditure requirements for this funding. First Nations may use up to 10% of their allocation for administration purposes to support the implementation of this funding.

C. Five-Year Service Agreements

As you are aware, in March 2021, the ministry transitioned First Nations partners to five-year service agreements in an effort to reduce administrative burden and to simplify and modernize the service agreement process. As such, partners are not required to sign off on the revised schedules.

2021-22 Cash Flow

Monthly cash flow in 2021-22 will be updated to reflect your new 2021-22 allocation, which will include the new workforce funding. Please refer to Schedule E of your original service agreement for further details on payments. Where First Nations have not signed back their five-year agreement, workforce funding will only be provided once the signed agreement has been received and processed by the ministry.

Please contact your Early Years Advisor directly if you have any questions or concerns regarding this memorandum and the enclosed materials. For questions regarding your 2021-22 cash flow or financial reporting, please contact your Financial Analyst. A contact list and other information on funding are available on the [Financial Analysis and Accountability Branch website](#).

Thank you once again for your ongoing partnership.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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