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TO: Child Care Licensees

FROM: Holly Moran, Assistant Deputy Minister
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DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBJECT: **CWELCC Cost-Based Child Care Funding and Legacy Cost Estimators**

Further to the memo communication of August 15, 2024, we are happy to inform you that the **Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) Cost-Based Child Care Funding Estimator** (an online tool available at <https://ontario.ca/cost-based-child-care-funding-estimator/>) and **Legacy Cost Estimator** (Excel documents attached) are available for all licensees to estimate their cost-based funding allocations for 2025. These “tools” are being provided for general illustrative and informational purposes only.

The tools are only able to provide an estimate of the cost-based funding that a CWELCC-enrolled licensee may receive in 2025. Every licensee’s situation is different and only a Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) or District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) can determine the amount of funding that a licensee may receive.

The tools are not intended to provide specific advice or recommendations in any circumstances. They may not cover aspects of your particular situation and an assessment by a CMSM/DSSAB could produce a result that differs from the estimate provided by the tools. Therefore, for decision-making purposes, a licensee should not rely on the information provided by the tools and should consult with the relevant CMSM/DSSAB.

That said, we do hope these tools provide greater understanding of the shift to cost-based funding.

We recognize that the implementation of the CWELCC system is a significant undertaking and appreciate your commitment as we transition to a new funding approach – one that is sustainable and responsive to child care cost structures to support an affordable child care system and its growth.

We want to reiterate our sincerest appreciation for your continued partnership as we work towards improving and strengthening child care and early years programs and services in Ontario.

Sincerely,

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