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TO: Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) and District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs)

FROM: Holly Moran, Assistant Deputy Minister
Early Years and Child Care Division

DATE: March 31, 2025

SUBJECT: Updates to 2025 Ontario Child Care and Early Years Funding Guidelines

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and commitment as we continue to invest and make strides in our work together to deliver affordable, accessible, inclusive and high-quality child care to Ontario's families.

Further to the memo communication of November 26, 2024, regarding the *Ontario Child Care and Early Years Funding Guidelines* ("the Guidelines"), I am writing with additional updates to support municipal planning for 2025 and beyond, including:

- Results of the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) space target recalibration exercise;
- Information on the Early Learning and Child Care Infrastructure Fund;
- Updated 2025 Allocations;
- Updates to the Guidelines.

Note: for support with questions on funding/service system planning, please find the [Early Years Support Request form](#) here ([link](#)).

Details are provided here in the following sections.

Space Target Recalibration

The recalibration exercise has been completed to best position Ontario to achieve its space creation target of 86,000 net new CWELCC spaces by the end of 2026 and ensure support for more children and families. This was accomplished by providing all CMSMs/DSSABs with

more achievable targets and moving related operating funding to areas where capacity to grow the CWELCC system is demonstrably more acute. The recalibration was based on information received from CMSMs/DSSABs in October 2024. As a result, 16 (out of 47) CMSMs/DSSABs will see increased space creation targets and 27 will see reduced space creation targets, with the remaining 4 CMSMs/DSSABs seeing no change, reflecting a relative on-the-ground capacity for growth.

The recalibration exercise resulted in adjusted auspice targets by CMSM/DSSAB to support Ontario in achieving the overall space creation target of 86,000 spaces while working towards the 70% (or higher) proportion of not-for-profit licensed child care spaces for children aged 0 to 5 by the end of the current CWELCC Agreement. Adjusted auspice targets by CMSM/DSSAB can be found under Appendix A. CMSMs/DSSABs should maintain or exceed their not-for-profit space targets, in alignment with the updated Chapter 2, Division 1 of the Guidelines.

For clarity, maximizing the likelihood of achieving the 86,000 space creation target requires some flexibility to adjust plans. As such, CMSMs/DSSABs will be allowed to shift spaces between setting and age groups, as long as their overall space creation targets are met, and their overall cost-based funding expenditures do not exceed their allocations. For example, CMSMs/DSSABs could shift spaces from community-based into school-based settings (which are typically less expensive than the community-based equivalent) to increase their financial flexibility, which could also allow CMSMs/DSSABs to accommodate younger age groups (which are typically more expensive than spaces for older age groups).

Three space allocation schedules by CMSM/DSSAB are being provided (Appendix A). These schedules reflect the space data (broken down by year, by setting, by auspice and age group distribution) used to make funding and space targets line-up, based on growth capacity information gathered from CMSMs/DSSABs.

- Schedule 1 – Revised CWELCC Space Targets by Setting;
- Schedule 2 – Revised Auspice Targets; and
- Schedule 3 – Assumed age-group distributions used for calculating the cost-based funding (to support CMSMs'/DSSABs' financial planning).

Note that 'Schedule 1 - Revised CWELCC Space Targets by Setting' includes a revised target for 2024. Variances between actual space counts as of December 31, 2024, and the revised 2024 target – where one exists – will be carried forward to 2025 as follows:

- If the revised 2024 space target is greater than the actual CWELCC-enrolled space count as of December 31, 2024, then the difference should be added to the revised 2025 space target (meaning, the CMSM/DSSAB can create more spaces than its revised 2025 space target).

- If the revised 2024 space target is less than the actual CWELCC-enrolled space count as of December 31, 2024, then the difference should be subtracted from the revised 2025 space target (meaning, the CMSM/DSSAB can create less spaces than its revised 2025 space target).

Early Learning and Child Care Infrastructure Fund

In February 2025, Ontario and Canada finalized the 2024-2025 Early Learning and Child Care Infrastructure Fund Action Plan. Ontario is now providing CMSMs/DSSABs with guidance to begin implementation.

The ELCC Infrastructure Fund supports infrastructure projects with a goal of increasing inclusion in child care for underserved communities through the creation of new, licensed child care spaces. The ELCC Infrastructure Fund supports not-for-profit licensed child care centres in alignment with Ontario's Access and Inclusion Framework and will complement the Start-up Grant program (please see the updated Chapter 5 of the Guidelines, which now includes information on ELCC Infrastructure Fund in part 2).

The ELCC Infrastructure Fund envelope of about \$135.1 million for 2025 is being distributed to CMSMs/DSSABs as follows:

- **Base Allocation:** \$70.5 million distributed equally across all CMSMs/DSSABs (a flat amount of \$1,500,000 per CMSM/DSSAB).
- **Proportional Allocation:** \$64.6 million distributed proportionally based on each CMSM's/DSSAB's share of the revised 2025 and 2026 community-based child care space targets.

In July 2025, CMSMs/DSSABs will be required to report to the ministry on the ELCC Infrastructure Fund funding. This report-back may be used to support ministry assessment of local progress and ability to commit funding by December 2025.

Updated 2025 Child Care Allocations

The 2025 Start-up Grants and Cost-Based Funding Allocations, which enable the creation and operation of new spaces, have been updated to ensure the funding is directed to the service areas aligning with recalibrated space targets. CWELCC administration funding allocations have also been updated accordingly. ELCC Infrastructure Fund Allocations are new for 2025.

Please find attached (see Appendix B), which includes:

- the revised 2025 Cost-Based Funding, Start-up Grants, and Administration Allocations, and
- the new 2025 ELCC Infrastructure Fund Allocations.

Guidelines Accessible Online

The updated Guidelines are now available on the Ministry-hosted website ([link](#)). Each chapter of the Guidelines can be accessed individually, along with other documents such as all the Questions and Answers related to Cost-Based Funding and the 2025 Funding Allocations Technical Paper. Going forward, the Guidelines section of the website will be updated to reflect the current versions of all chapters and supporting documents, and older versions will be added to the archive section as they are replaced. We hope this makes it easier to find up-to-date guidance from the Ministry.

The full Guidelines were provided to CMSMs/DSSABs in November 2024. Following that release – with the exception of Chapter 5 to accommodate the introduction of the ELCC Infrastructure Fund – there have been small changes and minor updates that have been incorporated into the chapters. Please see Appendix D for an outline of these changes.

Next Steps:

Transfer Payment Agreement Amendment

To ensure alignment with these updates, Transfer Payment Agreements for 2025 will be amended and shared with CMSMs/DSSABs. These amendments will reflect the latest changes outlined in this memo and updated guidelines. Since this is a recalibration, some CMSMs/DSSABs will see adjusted cash flows to align with their reduced allocations, resulting in cash flow impacts.

Additionally, the 2025 Transfer Payment Agreements noted that allocations for Cost-Based Funding, Administration, and EarlyON included funding from the Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Agreement. As such, allocations beyond March 31, 2025, were partially contingent on the extension of the ELCC Agreement.

We can now confirm that, with the ELCC Agreement extended, related funding for April to December 2025 will proceed as outlined in the Transfer Payment Agreements.

Amended agreements and the corresponding payments based on these updates are expected to follow in the coming months.

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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Appendix A: Schedule 1 - Revised CWELCC Space Targets by Setting

EFIS ID	CMSM/DSSAB	Total spaces				School-based spaces				Community-based spaces			
		3-year total	2024	2025	2026	3-year total	2024	2025	2026	3-year total	2024	2025	2026
	ONTARIO	60,429	28,073	15,367	16,989	10,046	4,274	3,106	2,666	50,383	23,799	12,261	14,323
200	City of Brantford	937	206	195	536	412	83	113	216	525	123	82	320
201	City of Cornwall	227	0	76	151	0	0	0	0	227	0	76	151
202	City of Greater Sudbury	210	164	36	10	113	98	15	0	97	66	21	10
203	City of Hamilton	715	278	331	106	98	0	98	0	617	278	233	106
204	City of Kawartha Lakes	466	104	98	264	44	44	0	0	422	60	98	264
205	City of Kingston	456	236	55	165	122	122	0	0	334	114	55	165
206	City of London	1,779	1,024	629	126	375	23	352	0	1,404	1,001	277	126
207	City of Ottawa	2,147	1,273	276	598	83	83	0	0	2,064	1,190	276	598
208	City of Peterborough	396	130	153	113	26	13	13	0	370	117	140	113
209	City of St. Thomas	335	66	65	204	0	0	0	0	335	66	65	204
210	City of Stratford	461	49	208	204	137	49	88	0	324	0	120	204
211	City of Toronto	12,387	4,528	3,445	4,414	1,321	421	450	450	11,066	4,107	2,995	3,964
212	City of Windsor	1,781	1,089	486	206	581	386	195	0	1,200	703	291	206
213	County of Bruce	400	343	11	46	0	0	0	0	400	343	11	46
214	County of Dufferin	368	298	48	22	44	44	0	0	324	254	48	22
215	County of Grey	515	52	220	243	195	10	29	156	320	42	191	87
216	County of Hastings	494	236	185	73	122	98	24	0	372	138	161	73
217	County of Huron	264	21	80	163	0	0	0	0	264	21	80	163
218	County of Lambton	678	243	171	264	186	88	49	49	492	155	122	215
219	County of Lanark	170	43	27	100	0	0	0	0	170	43	27	100
220	County of Lennox & Addington	226	94	50	82	13	13	0	0	213	81	50	82
221	County of Northumberland	235	137	34	64	49	0	0	49	186	137	34	15

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		3-year total	2024	2025	2026	3-year total	2024	2025	2026	3-year total	2024	2025	2026
222	County of Oxford	445	130	184	131	176	0	88	88	269	130	96	43
223	County of Renfrew	490	490	0	0	162	162	0	0	328	328	0	0
224	County of Simcoe	3,698	802	1,918	978	303	127	49	127	3,395	675	1,869	851
225	County of Wellington	1,209	522	289	398	128	64	0	64	1,081	458	289	334
226	District Municipality of Muskoka	311	136	25	150	0	0	0	0	311	136	25	150
227	Municipality of Chatham-Kent	260	130	62	68	59	49	0	10	201	81	62	58
228	Norfolk County	307	100	139	68	98	0	98	0	209	100	41	68
229	Regional Municipality of Durham	1,998	1,241	397	360	1,111	354	397	360	887	887	0	0
230	Regional Municipality of Halton	981	194	176	611	634	194	176	264	347	0	0	347
231	Regional Municipality of Niagara	3,348	1,633	483	1,232	627	503	124	0	2,721	1,130	359	1,232
232	Regional Municipality of Peel	10,768	5,183	3,234	2,351	722	308	195	219	10,046	4,875	3,039	2,132
233	Regional Municipality of Waterloo	3,223	1,502	790	931	403	0	137	266	2,820	1,502	653	665
234	Regional Municipality of York	4,541	4,359	91	91	724	542	91	91	3,817	3,817	0	0
235	United Counties of Leeds & Grenville	637	183	112	342	198	175	23	0	439	8	89	342
236	United Counties of Prescott and Russell	242	207	32	3	70	44	26	0	172	163	6	3
300	Algoma District Services Administration Board	225	54	40	131	64	0	0	64	161	54	40	67
301	District of Cochrane Social Services Administration Board	244	89	60	95	126	59	26	41	118	30	34	54
302	District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board	186	0	80	106	15	0	15	0	171	0	65	106
303	District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board	111	56	25	30	25	0	25	0	86	56	0	30
304	District of Sault Ste Marie Social Services Administration Board	129	55	3	71	87	23	0	64	42	32	3	7
305	District of Timiskaming Social Services Administrations Board	30	15	10	5	0	0	0	0	30	15	10	5
306	Kenora District Services Board	964	296	198	470	190	84	93	13	774	212	105	457
307	Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board	90	29	31	30	72	11	31	30	18	18	0	0
308	Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board	149	0	13	136	53	0	8	45	96	0	5	91
309	District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board	196	53	96	47	78	0	78	0	118	53	18	47

Appendix A: Schedule 2 - Revised Auspice Targets

EFIS ID	CMSM/DSSAB	Licensed spaces for children aged 0 to 5 years old as of December 31, 2023 (enrolled and not-enrolled)				Revised 3-year CWELCC space targets (totals from Schedule 1)					Projected total spaces for children aged 0 to 5 years old as of December 31, 2026 (enrolled and not-enrolled)			
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		A = B + C	B	C	C/A	D = E + F	E	F	F/D		G = A + D	H = B + E	I = C + F	I / G
	ONTARIO	340,452	98,208	242,244	71%	60,429	21,420	39,009	65%	At least 39,009 spaces of the 60,429-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	400,881	119,628	281,253	70%
200	City of Brantford	2,927	680	2,247	77%	937	214	723	77%	At least 723 spaces of the 937-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	3,864	894	2,970	77%
201	City of Cornwall	1,798	24	1,774	99%	227	0	227	100%	All spaces in your 227-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	2,025	24	2,001	99%
202	City of Greater Sudbury	4,234	85	4,149	98%	210	0	210	100%	All spaces in your 210-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	4,444	85	4,359	98%
203	City of Hamilton	13,924	3,145	10,779	77%	715	387	328	46%	At least 328 spaces of the 715-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	14,639	3,532	11,107	76%
204	City of Kawartha Lakes	1,097	0	1,097	100%	466	98	368	79%	At least 368 spaces of the 466-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,563	98	1,465	94%
205	City of Kingston	3,172	907	2,265	71%	456	119	337	74%	At least 337 spaces of the 456-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	3,628	1,026	2,602	72%
206	City of London	10,872	1,951	8,921	82%	1,779	483	1,296	73%	At least 1,296 spaces of the 1,779-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	12,651	2,434	10,217	81%
207	City of Ottawa	31,323	4,798	26,525	85%	2,147	483	1,664	78%	At least 1,664 spaces of the 2,147-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	33,470	5,281	28,189	84%
208	City of Peterborough	3,102	236	2,866	92%	396	90	306	77%	At least 306 spaces of the 396-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	3,498	326	3,172	91%
209	City of St. Thomas	1,581	156	1,425	90%	335	42	293	87%	At least 293 spaces of the 335-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,916	198	1,718	90%
210	City of Stratford	1,271	0	1,271	100%	461	0	461	100%	All spaces in your 461-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,732	0	1,732	100%

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		A = B + C	B	C	C/A	D = E + F	E	F	F/D		G = A + D	H = B + E	I = C + F	I / G
211	City of Toronto	67,755	19,502	48,253	71%	12,387	5,034	7,353	59%	At least 7,353 spaces of the 12,387-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	80,142	24,536	55,606	69%
212	City of Windsor	8,699	2,199	6,500	75%	1,781	801	980	55%	At least 980 spaces of the 1,781-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	10,480	3,000	7,480	71%
213	County of Bruce	1,352	433	919	68%	400	252	148	37%	At least 148 spaces of the 400-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,752	685	1,067	61%
214	County of Dufferin	1,491	651	840	56%	368	276	92	25%	At least 92 spaces of the 368-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,859	927	932	50%
215	County of Grey	1,679	583	1,096	65%	515	269	246	48%	At least 246 spaces of the 515-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	2,194	852	1,342	61%
216	County of Hastings	2,518	445	2,073	82%	494	97	397	80%	At least 397 spaces of the 494-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	3,012	542	2,470	82%
217	County of Huron	1,005	0	1,005	100%	264	88	176	67%	At least 176 spaces of the 264-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,269	88	1,181	93%
218	County of Lambton	2,628	98	2,530	96%	678	167	511	75%	At least 511 spaces of the 678-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	3,306	265	3,041	92%
219	County of Lanark	1,827	146	1,681	92%	170	0	170	100%	All spaces in your 170-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,997	146	1,851	93%
220	County of Lennox & Addington	946	190	756	80%	226	65	161	71%	At least 161 spaces of the 226-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,172	255	917	78%
221	County of Northumberland	1,254	57	1,197	95%	235	0	235	100%	All spaces in your 235-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,489	57	1,432	96%
222	County of Oxford	1,527	24	1,503	98%	445	139	306	69%	At least 306 spaces of the 445-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,972	163	1,809	92%
223	County of Renfrew	1,454	146	1,308	90%	490	115	375	77%	At least 375 spaces of the 490-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,944	261	1,683	87%

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		A = B + C	B	C	C/A	D = E + F	E	F	F/D		G = A + D	H = B + E	I = C + F	I / G
224	County of Simcoe	10,256	3,617	6,639	65%	3,698	2,003	1,695	46%	At least 1,695 spaces of the 3,698-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	13,954	5,620	8,334	60%
225	County of Wellington	3,909	1,442	2,467	63%	1,209	549	660	55%	At least 660 spaces of the 1,209-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	5,118	1,991	3,127	61%
226	District Municipality of Muskoka	810	188	622	77%	311	115	196	63%	At least 196 spaces of the 311-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,121	303	818	73%
227	Municipality of Chatham-Kent	2,393	148	2,245	94%	260	0	260	100%	All spaces in your 260-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	2,653	148	2,505	94%
228	Norfolk County	1,689	317	1,372	81%	307	0	307	100%	All spaces in your 307-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,996	317	1,679	84%
229	Regional Municipality of Durham	19,449	7,457	11,992	62%	1,998	203	1,795	90%	At least 1,795 spaces of the 1,998-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	21,447	7,660	13,787	64%
230	Regional Municipality of Halton	20,483	9,825	10,658	52%	981	347	634	65%	At least 634 spaces of the 981-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	21,464	10,172	11,292	53%
231	Regional Municipality of Niagara	8,690	1,947	6,743	78%	3,348	445	2,903	87%	At least 2,903 spaces of the 3,348-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	12,038	2,392	9,646	80%
232	Regional Municipality of Peel	31,122	14,138	16,984	55%	10,768	5,784	4,984	46%	At least 4,984 spaces of the 10,768-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	41,890	19,922	21,968	52%
233	Regional Municipality of Waterloo	17,372	2,550	14,822	85%	3,223	328	2,895	90%	At least 2,895 spaces of the 3,223-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	20,595	2,878	17,717	86%
234	Regional Municipality of York	39,776	18,928	20,848	52%	4,541	1,901	2,640	58%	At least 2,640 spaces of the 4,541-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	44,317	20,829	23,488	53%
235	United Counties of Leeds & Grenville	1,682	392	1,290	77%	637	271	366	57%	At least 366 spaces of the 637-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	2,319	663	1,656	71%
236	United Counties of Prescott and Russell	2,860	159	2,701	94%	242	38	204	84%	At least 204 spaces of the 242-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	3,102	197	2,905	94%

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300	Algoma District Services Administration Board	621	0	621	100%	225	122	103	46%	At least 103 spaces of the 225-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	846	122	724	86%
301	District of Cochrane Social Services Administration Board	1,543	156	1,387	90%	244	15	229	94%	At least 229 spaces of the 244-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,787	171	1,616	90%
302	District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board	2,125	246	1,879	88%	186	54	132	71%	At least 132 spaces of the 186-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	2,311	300	2,011	87%
303	District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board	570	29	541	95%	111	26	85	77%	At least 85 spaces of the 111-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	681	55	626	92%
304	District of Sault Ste Marie Social Services Administration Board	1,462	89	1,373	94%	129	0	129	100%	All spaces in your 129-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,591	89	1,502	94%
305	District of Timiskaming Social Services Administrations Board	601	0	601	100%	30	0	30	100%	All spaces in your 30-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	631	0	631	100%
306	Kenora District Services Board	978	20	958	98%	964	0	964	100%	All spaces in your 964-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,942	20	1,922	99%
307	Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board	573	0	573	100%	90	0	90	100%	All spaces in your 90-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	663	0	663	100%
308	Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board	347	0	347	100%	149	0	149	100%	All spaces in your 149-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	496	0	496	100%
309	District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board	1,705	104	1,601	94%	196	0	196	100%	All spaces in your 196-space target should be provided to not-for-profit licensees	1,901	104	1,797	95%

*All home child care agency licensees are deemed to be not-for-profit licensed child care, regardless of auspice -- CWELCC Agreement (p. 1.0.3.)

Appendix A: Schedule 3 - Assumed age-group distributions used for calculating the cost-based funding (to support CMSMs'/DSSABs' financial planning)

EFIS ID	CMSM/DSSAB	Centres*					Home child care**				
		Total	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	Kindergarten	Family Age Group	Total	Less than 2 years	2 to 3 years	4 to 5 years
200	City of Brantford	100%	4%	15%	38%	43%	0%	100%	29%	68%	3%
201	City of Cornwall	100%	4%	16%	30%	47%	3%	100%	8%	77%	15%
202	City of Greater Sudbury	100%	6%	19%	39%	35%	1%	100%	35%	62%	3%
203	City of Hamilton	100%	5%	17%	34%	44%	0%	100%	27%	59%	14%
204	City of Kawartha Lakes	100%	6%	15%	34%	45%	0%	NA	NA	NA	NA
205	City of Kingston	100%	6%	20%	38%	35%	1%	100%	20%	73%	7%
206	City of London	100%	7%	17%	36%	40%	0%	100%	22%	75%	3%
207	City of Ottawa	100%	3%	14%	32%	51%	0%	100%	32%	55%	13%
208	City of Peterborough	100%	5%	15%	37%	43%	0%	100%	29%	62%	9%
209	City of St. Thomas	100%	8%	15%	35%	41%	1%	100%	30%	66%	4%
210	City of Stratford	100%	5%	12%	37%	43%	3%	NA	NA	NA	NA
211	City of Toronto	100%	7%	18%	41%	34%	0%	100%	27%	44%	29%
212	City of Windsor	100%	7%	18%	38%	37%	0%	100%	30%	51%	19%
213	County of Bruce	100%	2%	26%	49%	23%	0%	100%	31%	55%	14%
214	County of Dufferin	100%	4%	20%	31%	44%	1%	100%	14%	73%	13%
215	County of Grey	100%	4%	25%	41%	30%	0%	100%	22%	72%	6%
216	County of Hastings	100%	6%	15%	36%	42%	1%	100%	17%	53%	30%
217	County of Huron	100%	6%	16%	37%	39%	2%	100%	45%	44%	11%
218	County of Lambton	100%	6%	14%	42%	38%	0%	100%	19%	77%	4%
219	County of Lanark	100%	3%	17%	37%	42%	1%	100%	34%	60%	6%
220	County of Lennox & Addington	100%	5%	20%	30%	45%	0%	100%	18%	64%	18%
221	County of Northumberland	100%	5%	14%	31%	49%	1%	100%	21%	63%	16%
222	County of Oxford	100%	4%	12%	35%	49%	0%	100%	25%	64%	11%
223	County of Renfrew	100%	5%	25%	35%	33%	2%	100%	22%	72%	6%

EFIS ID	CMSM/DSSAB
224	County of Simcoe
225	County of Wellington
226	District Municipality of Muskoka
227	Municipality of Chatham-Kent
228	Norfolk County
229	Regional Municipality of Durham
230	Regional Municipality of Halton
231	Regional Municipality of Niagara
232	Regional Municipality of Peel
233	Regional Municipality of Waterloo
234	Regional Municipality of York
235	United Counties of Leeds & Grenville
236	United Counties of Prescott and Russell
300	Algoma District Services Administration Board
301	District of Cochrane Social Services Administration Board
302	District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board
303	District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board
304	District of Sault Ste Marie Social Services Administration Board
305	District of Timiskaming Social Services Administrations Board
306	Kenora District Services Board
307	Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board
308	Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board
309	District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board

Centres*						Home child care**			
Total	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	Kindergarten	Family Age Group	Total	Less than 2 years	2 to 3 years	4 to 5 years
100%	3%	17%	35%	45%	0%	100%	30%	48%	22%
100%	6%	21%	42%	31%	0%	100%	19%	70%	11%
100%	2%	19%	46%	33%	0%	100%	18%	35%	47%
100%	8%	17%	42%	32%	1%	100%	50%	50%	0%
100%	6%	14%	27%	52%	1%	NA	NA	NA	NA
100%	6%	16%	36%	42%	0%	100%	28%	54%	18%
100%	5%	18%	35%	42%	0%	100%	40%	48%	12%
100%	5%	17%	39%	39%	0%	100%	20%	71%	9%
100%	4%	18%	41%	37%	0%	100%	33%	60%	7%
100%	3%	12%	24%	61%	0%	100%	25%	68%	7%
100%	4%	17%	40%	39%	0%	100%	34%	58%	8%
100%	7%	18%	34%	38%	3%	100%	23%	70%	7%
100%	1%	16%	33%	50%	0%	100%	23%	72%	5%
100%	16%	27%	46%	11%	0%	NA	NA	NA	NA
100%	8%	21%	39%	31%	1%	100%	25%	75%	0%
100%	9%	18%	42%	28%	3%	100%	29%	56%	15%
100%	1%	17%	38%	41%	3%	100%	28%	44%	28%
100%	9%	22%	40%	27%	2%	100%	34%	56%	10%
100%	10%	21%	44%	13%	12%	100%	18%	57%	25%
100%	4%	22%	39%	24%	11%	NA	NA	NA	NA
100%	8%	18%	30%	23%	21%	100%	38%	54%	8%
100%	12%	26%	51%	7%	4%	NA	NA	NA	NA
100%	7%	21%	43%	28%	1%	100%	26%	74%	0%

* These percentages reflect age-group distribution of all CWELCC-enrolled spaces in the service area for each CMSM/DSSAB as of November 30, 2024.

** These percentages reflect age distribution of all CWELCC eligible children enrolled in home child care in the service area for each CMSM/DSSAB as of December 31, 2023 (best information available at the time of recalibration).

Appendix B: ELCC Infrastructure Fund Allocation

EFIS ID	CMSM/DSSAB	January to March 2025	April to December 2025	2025 Total
200	Corporation of the City of Brantford	358,012	1,772,693	2,130,705
201	City of Cornwall	426,436	2,111,495	2,537,931
202	City of Greater Sudbury	277,905	1,376,047	1,653,952
203	The City of Hamilton	273,733	1,355,388	1,629,121
204	Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes	417,256	2,066,047	2,483,303
205	Corporation of the City of Kingston	368,859	1,826,406	2,195,265
206	Corporation of the City of London	561,615	2,780,837	3,342,452
207	City of Ottawa	689,285	3,412,992	4,102,277
208	Corporation of the City of Peterborough	388,051	1,921,436	2,309,487
209	Corporation of the City of St. Thomas	436,449	2,161,076	2,597,525
210	Corporation of the City of Stratford	272,064	1,347,124	1,619,188
211	City of Toronto	3,346,981	16,572,572	19,919,553
212	Corporation of the City of Windsor	537,416	2,661,017	3,198,433
213	Corporation of the County of Bruce	265,389	1,314,070	1,579,459
214	Corporation of the County of Dufferin	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
215	Corporation of the County of Grey	264,554	1,309,939	1,574,493
216	Corporation of the County of Hastings	381,376	1,888,382	2,269,758
217	Corporation of the County of Huron	381,376	1,888,382	2,269,758
218	Corporation of the County of Lambton	443,959	2,198,262	2,642,221
219	County of Lanark	358,012	1,772,693	2,130,705
220	County of Lennox & Addington	332,144	1,644,609	1,976,753
221	County of Northumberland	292,925	1,450,418	1,743,343
222	County of Oxford	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
223	County of Renfrew	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
224	County of Simcoe	774,398	3,834,430	4,608,828
225	County of Wellington	345,495	1,710,717	2,056,212
226	District Municipality of Muskoka	305,441	1,512,394	1,817,835
227	Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent	321,296	1,590,897	1,912,193
228	The Corporation of Norfolk County	292,925	1,450,418	1,743,343
229	Regional Municipality of Durham	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
230	Regional Municipality of Halton	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
231	Regional Municipality of Niagara	1,296,758	6,420,897	7,717,655
232	Regional Municipality of Peel	1,981,835	9,813,053	11,794,888
233	Regional Municipality of Waterloo	1,055,605	5,226,825	6,282,430
234	Regional Municipality of York	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
235	United Counties of Leeds & Grenville	405,575	2,008,202	2,413,777
236	United Counties of Prescott & Russell	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
300	Algoma District Services Administration Board	292,925	1,450,418	1,743,343
301	District of Cochrane Social Service Administration Board	272,898	1,351,256	1,624,154
302	District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board	342,157	1,694,190	2,036,347
303	District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
304	District of Sault Ste Marie Social Services Administration Board	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
305	District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board	264,554	1,309,939	1,574,493
306	Kenora District Services Board	514,052	2,545,328	3,059,380
307	Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
308	Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board	332,144	1,644,609	1,976,753
309	District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board	306,276	1,516,526	1,822,802
PROVINCIAL TOTAL		20,178,131	114,911,984	135,090,115

Appendix C: 2025 Total Child Care Allocations (Revised January 2025)

EFIS ID	CMSM/DSSAB	Revised	Unchanged	Revised	Revised	New	Unchanged	Revised	Revised
		Cost-Based Allocation	Cost-Based Allocation Holdback	Total Cost-Based Allocations	Start-up Grants	ELCC Infrastructure Fund	Local Priorities Allocation	Administration Allocation	2025 Total Child Care Allocation
200	Corporation of the City of Brantford	27,880,719	570,080	28,450,799	1,582,162	2,130,705	5,879,164	693,427	38,736,257
201	City of Cornwall	18,176,685	397,788	18,574,473	1,391,302	2,537,931	5,245,112	571,230	28,320,048
202	City of Greater Sudbury	57,306,922	3,328,432	60,635,354	204,023	1,653,952	10,223,437	1,079,003	73,795,769
203	The City of Hamilton	140,901,369	1,630,081	142,531,450	2,231,085	1,629,121	33,064,094	3,219,753	182,675,503
204	Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes	13,629,431	558,263	14,187,694	1,683,515	2,483,303	3,387,865	398,157	22,140,534
205	Corporation of the City of Kingston	33,231,474	348,658	33,580,132	1,447,902	2,195,265	6,307,386	719,910	44,250,595
206	Corporation of the City of London	117,316,966	1,363,052	118,680,018	2,652,293	3,342,452	23,447,411	2,399,284	150,521,458
207	City of Ottawa	375,742,462	7,115,880	382,858,342	4,137,927	4,102,277	57,495,575	6,085,602	454,679,723
208	Corporation of the City of Peterborough	35,351,301	558,415	35,909,716	1,665,087	2,309,487	6,125,889	709,834	46,720,013
209	Corporation of the City of St. Thomas	19,435,400	718,278	20,153,678	1,736,166	2,597,525	4,318,741	484,700	29,290,810
210	Corporation of the City of Stratford	15,526,178	457,203	15,983,381	421,208	1,619,188	2,949,874	384,029	21,357,680
211	City of Toronto	1,171,886,535	19,092,766	1,190,979,301	40,050,276	19,919,553	209,041,809	19,043,764	1,479,034,703
212	Corporation of the City of Windsor	114,301,409	2,887,240	117,188,649	3,270,941	3,198,433	20,936,706	2,161,200	146,755,929
213	Corporation of the County of Bruce	20,310,021	644,445	20,954,466	375,138	1,579,459	2,874,809	383,617	26,167,489
214	Corporation of the County of Dufferin	19,034,489	176,957	19,211,446	289,580	1,500,000	2,463,032	362,694	23,826,752
215	Corporation of the County of Grey	17,941,309	265,905	18,207,214	1,829,621	1,574,493	4,007,731	461,904	26,080,963
216	Corporation of the County of Hastings	30,245,344	356,499	30,601,843	1,368,925	2,269,758	5,924,790	674,736	40,840,052
217	Corporation of the County of Huron	11,970,935	198,379	12,169,314	1,599,273	2,269,758	2,478,369	321,460	18,838,174

EFIS ID	CMSM/DSSAB	Revised	Unchanged	Revised	Revised	New	Unchanged	Revised	Revised
		Cost-Based Allocation	Cost-Based Allocation Holdback	Total Cost-Based Allocations	Start-up Grants	ELCC Infrastructure Fund	Local Priorities Allocation	Administration Allocation	2025 Total Child Care Allocation
218	Corporation of the County of Lambton	28,934,895	970,512	29,905,407	1,904,210	2,642,221	7,811,513	781,908	43,045,259
219	County of Lanark	12,860,349	516,999	13,377,348	835,834	2,130,705	2,954,102	390,074	19,688,063
220	County of Lennox & Addington	9,816,380	242,662	10,059,042	663,402	1,976,753	2,529,214	325,996	15,554,407
221	County of Northumberland	14,777,830	543,944	15,321,774	322,487	1,743,343	3,039,965	380,239	20,807,808
222	County of Oxford	16,435,055	335,973	16,771,028	914,811	1,500,000	4,002,663	482,617	23,671,119
223	County of Renfrew	25,194,719	421,691	25,616,410	-	1,500,000	4,160,781	480,159	31,757,350
224	County of Simcoe	118,741,738	960,873	119,702,611	15,836,534	4,608,828	18,342,201	2,152,567	160,642,741
225	County of Wellington	71,383,681	430,150	71,813,831	2,062,602	2,056,212	9,420,068	984,356	86,337,069
226	District Municipality of Muskoka	10,258,599	351,090	10,609,689	741,062	1,817,835	2,426,283	310,272	15,905,141
227	Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent	27,876,908	1,081,180	28,958,088	578,722	1,912,193	7,391,752	714,745	39,555,500
228	The Corporation of Norfolk County	16,575,419	769,507	17,344,926	375,138	1,743,343	4,167,041	463,669	24,094,117
229	Regional Municipality of Durham	198,055,589	2,631,981	200,687,570	-	1,500,000	29,258,431	3,255,525	234,701,526
230	Regional Municipality of Halton	210,853,610	2,267,079	213,120,689	2,283,736	1,500,000	23,873,777	2,927,195	243,705,397
231	Regional Municipality of Niagara	148,213,057	1,659,691	149,872,748	8,537,355	7,717,655	19,759,619	2,117,264	188,004,641
232	Regional Municipality of Peel	469,764,667	4,025,665	473,790,332	32,634,825	11,794,888	79,172,798	7,926,149	605,318,992
233	Regional Municipality of Waterloo	173,407,311	4,095,551	177,502,862	7,613,330	6,282,430	25,265,386	3,086,523	219,750,531
234	Regional Municipality of York	507,639,510	10,219,064	517,858,574	-	1,500,000	61,688,944	6,863,654	587,911,172
235	United Counties of Leeds & Grenville	25,076,492	188,473	25,264,965	2,796,644	2,413,777	3,789,378	465,625	34,730,389
236	United Counties of Prescott & Russell	28,169,481	1,222,648	29,392,129	59,232	1,500,000	4,206,192	567,785	35,725,338
300	Algoma District Services Administration Board	10,651,412	493,046	11,144,458	373,383	1,743,343	2,648,432	307,156	16,216,772
301	District of Cochrane Social Service Administration Board	21,409,693	1,441,437	22,851,130	305,376	1,624,154	5,439,218	550,424	30,770,302

EFIS ID	CMSM/DSSAB	Revised	Unchanged	Revised	Revised	New	Unchanged	Revised	Revised
		Cost-Based Allocation	Cost-Based Allocation Holdback	Total Cost-Based Allocations	Start-up Grants	ELCC Infrastructure Fund	Local Priorities Allocation	Administration Allocation	2025 Total Child Care Allocation
302	District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board	31,385,981	1,329,021	32,715,002	988,522	2,036,347	5,518,800	594,067	41,852,738
303	District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board	8,910,252	216,559	9,126,811	26,325	1,500,000	2,850,056	320,415	13,823,607
304	District of Sault Ste Marie Social Services Administration Board	21,080,094	478,403	21,558,497	8,775	1,500,000	4,035,407	439,596	27,542,275
305	District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board	11,503,209	484,964	11,988,173	98,721	1,574,493	3,591,781	354,827	17,607,995
306	Kenora District Services Board	24,782,885	443,095	25,225,980	2,066,551	3,059,380	4,063,259	431,790	34,846,960
307	Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board	10,707,862	427,995	11,135,857	-	1,500,000	3,621,872	350,673	16,608,402
308	Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board	9,755,231	583,206	10,338,437	631,812	1,976,753	2,002,392	232,645	15,182,039
309	District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board	27,055,957	1,110,752	28,166,709	427,789	1,822,802	7,506,550	712,006	38,635,856
PROVINCIAL TOTAL		4,531,466,815	80,611,532	4,612,078,347	151,023,600	135,090,115	760,709,669	79,124,225	5,738,025,956

Appendix D: Updates to Guideline Chapters

Highlights of changes since the November 2024 release.

Chapter 1:

- Added ELCC Infrastructure Fund to the list of enveloped allocations with no flexibility to transfer funds in and out (see section 2.J. Financial Flexibility).
- Updated to clarify the process for releasing the operating holdback. The operating capacity holdback will now be released through the regular financial reporting and reconciliation process, based on actuals. Requests and supporting documentation are required if mid-year access to the holdback is needed (see section 2.N Cost-Based Allocation Holdback).

Chapter 2, Division 1:

- Updated to align with changes in auspice requirements stemming from the recalibration exercise (see section 1.C.3).

Chapter 2, Division 2:

- As per the CWELCC Cost-Based Funding Guidelines released in August 2024, eligible centres/agencies enrolled as of **August 14th** are eligible for legacy top-up, and spaces newly enrolled in 2025 are eligible for growth top-up.
 - The November 2024 release of this Guideline erroneously listed this date as “August 8th.”
- **The updated January release of Chapter 2, Division 2: CWELCC Cost-Based Funding Guideline corrects this to state “August 14th” in all instances.**

Chapter 3:

- For clarity in eligibility requirements, the purpose section of the Capacity Building section has been updated (see section 7.3.A Purpose).

Chapter 5:

- Now includes information on ELCC Infrastructure Fund in part 2.

Chapter 7:

- Updated to reflect ELCC Infrastructure Fund requirements, adding EFIS expenditure and service data reporting requirements (see section 1.F Infrastructure Programs and 2.K Infrastructure Programs).
- Clarified the Start-up Grants service data definitions to specify that reported spaces should include those both fully and partially funded by Start-up Grants. The number of net new child care spaces should only be reported in the calendar year the project was completed (see section 2.K Infrastructure Programs).

2025 Funding Allocations Technical Paper

- Additionally, along with the updated Guidelines, the 2025 Funding Allocations Technical Paper, which describes the formulae and criteria used to calculate child care funding allocations to CMSMs/DSSABs has been posted to the Ministry website.