



Sunny Faces Day Care, 30 Harefield Drive, Etobicoke ON, M9W 4C9 (416 744 0778)

Dear Sunny Faces Parents,

Sunny Faces is pleased to share information with you regarding the governments recent announcement (March 28, 2022), on a Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care agreement (CWELCC).

Earlier this week, the Ontario government signed a historic, \$13.2-billion agreement with the Government of Canada that delivers relief to families for more affordable, and reliable child care that supports early learning, development and well-being. This agreement will lower fees for parents and provide more accessible and high-quality child care for Ontario families.

All Ontario families with children **five years old and younger in participating licensed child care** will see a fee reduction of up to 25 per cent (to a minimum of \$12 a day), retroactive to April 1, 2022.

In addition, this agreement will support improved, stable compensation for Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECE) in licensed child care, including those providing child care for children six to 12 years old.

The first step in this process is for Sunny Faces to *apply* to be a part of the program initiative. Once we *meet the criteria*, and have *received confirmation that we qualify*, we will work with our Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and other Administration Boards.

The process will take place over the next several months, with full implementation by September 1st. Rebates to parents will be retroactive to April 1st. Parents do not need to enrol. Sunny Faces will be in contact with our families who have children **five years old and younger who are participating in our programs**.

Current program fees will continue to be withdrawn on the first day of each month. Once the government program is fully in place and government dollars are flowing into the centre, families who qualify for reduced fees will receive any retroactive dollars owing to them.

Sunny Faces is looking forward to working with our government partners in supporting our families!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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