



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

September 21, 2022

Dear Sunny Faces Parents,

Sunny Faces is excited to inform you that we have received notification from Toronto Children's Services (TCS) of our acceptance into the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) program. We are pleased to share this news with you!

What is next:

1. TCS will provide Sunny Faces with a new Service Agreement. This must be executed within 30 calendar days from September 8, 2022.
2. Full fee paying families: Sunny Faces will provide TCS with the required funding information to reimburse 25% of child care fees for **eligible** children, paid from April 1, 2022 to the date that we will confirm when we begin to charge reduce fees. So, not to worry, for as long as you are paying the current full fee, you will get 25% of that fee refunded. **(NOTE: See below for 'eligibility criteria')**.
3. Subsidized families: Families will receive a 25% reduction for the assessed parent fee portion for eligible children (0 to under 6 years). Sunny Faces is waiting to hear from TCS subsidy as to who will be making those calculations and refunding 25% of the parent fee portion back to you. We will keep you posted on what to expect when we receive that information.
4. Once our Service Agreement has been executed, we will advise you and confirm the date as to when we will begin to charge 75% of the current rates, for eligible children, and provide more details around the fee rebate process.

Fee rebates can be credited to your account or refunded to you. Credits from the fee rebate must be able to be fully applied by the end of 2022. Please give some thought to and be prepared to confirm how you would like your fees rebated, when the time arrives – by crediting your account or by issuing a refund!

Fee Reductions:

A graduated approach to fee reductions will begin in Spring 2022 as follows:

- A fee reduction of up to 25% (to a minimum of \$12 per day) for eligible children retroactive to April 1, 2022.
- A 50% fee reduction on average for eligible children by the end of calendar year 2022 (date will be confirmed).
- \$10 per day average child care fees for eligible children by the end of fiscal year 2025-26.

Eligibility Criteria:

Funding under the CWELCC System is intended to support children under the age of 6 (0-5 years), with some exceptions for children with birthdays early in the year who are 6 years of age but are *still enrolled in kindergarten*. Eligible children for whom fees must be reduced are defined under O. Reg. 137/15:

- Any child, until the last day of the month in which the child turns 6 years old (irrespective of the type of licensed child care program in which they are enrolled); and
- Up until June 30 in a calendar year, any child who,
- turns six years old between January 1 and June 30 in that calendar year; and
- is enrolled in a licensed infant, toddler, preschool, or kindergarten group, a licensed family age group, or home child care.

Sunny Faces will continue to provide more information as we move through this transition period, receive funding and/or implement any new fee reduction or funding supports.

If you have questions, please contact Helen Primi at hpsunnyfaces@outlook.com or Lee-Ann Hand sunny.faces@outlook.com.

Regards,

Management Team