

# Child care and early learning updates e-newsletter

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Welcome to The Regional Municipality of Durham's child care and early learning updates e-newsletter. These e-newsletters provide licensed child care operators in Durham Region with updated information related to child care.

This edition includes the following topics:

- Professional Learning Funding Letter of Agreement
- New Minister of Education
- Enhanced Staff Information Sheet
- Federal Engagement on CWELCC

## Professional Learning Funding Letter of Agreement

The Professional Learning Funding Letter of Agreement (LOA) is available on the Operator Portal. This is a reminder that all service providers that intend to utilize this funding must sign and return the LOA. Payment will be initiated within 30 days of receiving the LOA.

The professional learning reconciliation document will be available in the Operator Portal in September.

If you have questions about Professional Learning Funding, please email Tracy Barclay at [Tracy.Barclay@durham.ca](mailto:Tracy.Barclay@durham.ca) or Stacey Stevenson at [Stacey.Stevenson@durham.ca](mailto:Stacey.Stevenson@durham.ca).

## New Minister of Education

On August 16, Jill Dunlop was [announced](#) the new Minister of Education. This comes after Minister Todd Smith resigned from the role to pursue an opportunity in the private sector. Jill Dunlop was elected as the Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe North in 2018 and was the Minister of Colleges and Universities prior to being named Minister of Education.

## Enhanced Staff Information Sheet

Please view the Enhanced Staff in Child Care information sheet. The information sheet has been shared by email and is available in the operator portal.

## Federal Engagement on CWELCC

The Federal government has an engagement process taking place over summer 2024 to understand how well the Canada-wide early learning and child-care (CWELCC) system is working and the ways it could be improved.

The attached Discussion Guide provides an overview of CWELCC and specific questions they are seeking feedback on. It also contains additional sections which may be of interest to certain respondents.

Feedback can be sent to the Federal Secretariat on Early Learning and Child Care at [ESDC.ELCCER-AGJERE.EDSC@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:ESDC.ELCCER-AGJERE.EDSC@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca), by September 16.