

Child Care and Early Learning Forum

May 23rd, 2018

Metro Hall, Rooms 308-309



Forum Agenda

1. Welcome & Agenda Review
2. Introductions
3. Forum Updates
4. Early Learning and Child Care workforce: summary of current initiatives
5. Inclusive Programming: Supporting Indigenous and LGBTQ2S children and families
6. Toronto Public Health
7. Toronto District School Board: EYAC updates
8. Toronto Children's Services updates
9. Question Period

2. Introductions:

- Anne Longair → Acting General Manager, Children's Services
- Elaine Baxter-Trahair → Interim Deputy City Manager

- New District Consultants

3. Forum Updates:

Forum meetings

- Moving to 3 Centralized meetings each year: January, May, September
- Intent is to improve consistent access to information for all Operators
 - Locations will be North York or Metro Hall.
 - WebEx always available
 - September, 2018 meeting will become a centralized meeting
 - November, 2018 meeting will be cancelled
 - Will continue with four District-based Co-Facilitator roles

3. Forum Updates:

Information-sharing:

- Eblasts will be a continued method for sharing information
- Creating new calendar on [Toronto.ca/children/operators](https://toronto.ca/children/operators) to track key dates.

Co-Facilitators:

South	North	East	West
Donna Spreitzer Jackman Community Daycare jackman.donna@bellnet.ca	VACANT	Irene Sheridan, Heart Beatz Child Care, Cliffcrest and Halbert Sites Daycarecliffcrest@bellnet.ca	VACANT

- To nominate yourself or someone else:
Contact Donna or Irene or email childcare@Toronto.ca

4. Early Learning and Child Care workforce: Summary of current initiatives

5. Inclusive Programming: Supporting Indigenous and LGBTQ2S children and families

6. Public Health Update

7. Toronto District School Board: EYAC updates

8. Toronto Children's Services Update:

Committee Reports:

Community Development & Recreation Committee:

June 13:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programs for School Age Children: Changes Resulting from Child Care Licensing Assessments• Supervision, space, and nutrition initiatives for lunch room programs in Toronto schools
July 11:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on Assessment for Quality Improvement review

Executive Committee:

June 19:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amendment to Children's Services 2018 budgets to reflect Provincial 2018 allocations
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8. Toronto Children's Services Update:

EarlyON:

- Early investments made to enhance program quality and materials
- Engagement structure launched to support system transformation
- Policy developed to support new RECE requirement for EarlyON programs
- EarlyON services expanded:
 - 5 new Indigenous programs through Journey Together
 - 2 mainstream programs
 - 1 program to meet needs of LGBTQ2S families

8. Toronto Children's Services Update:

Growth Strategy:

- We will be seeking inputs from Operators, including:
 - Surveys to gather information on the costs of replacement staff
 - Focus groups to pilot and refine a new budget feedback report
- If you would like to be involved please email tcsgrowth@toronto.ca

8. Toronto Children's Services Update:

2018 Provincial Wage Enhancement (PWE) and Home Child Care Enhancement Grant (HCCEG)

- **Overview:**

- 896 received from Group Centres
- 18 received from Home Child Care Agencies
- New licensed centres that open and are operating in 2018 may apply
- A Question & Answer section will be added to www.toronto.ca/children/operators

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2018 Provincial Wage Enhancement (PWE) and Home Child Care Enhancement Grant (HCCEG)

- **Approvals**

- By May 30th: Online login info to view Approval Letter and Report, sent to Operators by email.
 - Administration funding amount will be included
- Status of an application is posted on our web site: [PWE Status of Application](#)
- Questions? Please email [TCS Funding Questions](#)

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2018 Provincial Wage Enhancement (PWE) and Home Child Care Enhancement Grant (HCCEG)

- **Payments**

- The amounts in the Approval letters will be distributed in two payments:
- **First payment:** directly deposited mid-June 2018.
 - 75% of the approved amount to cover hours worked from January to September 2018.
- **Last payment:** processed by the end of September 2018.
 - Remaining 25% of the approved amount to cover hours worked from October to December 2018.

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2018 Provincial Wage Enhancement (PWE) and Home Child Care Enhancement Grant (HCCEG)

- **Administration funding amount**

- Minimum 10% of Children's Services PWE Administrative Allocation funding must be distributed to operators

- In 2017 Children's Services distributed **30%**

- The distribution in 2018 will be approximately **39%**

8. Toronto Children's Services Update:

2018 Fee Stabilization Support Funding (FSS)

- Applications are still being accepted until July 1st
- Operators must demonstrate fee avoidance for a full year
- Centres that open in 2018 are not eligible
- Payments are processed quarterly
- Reconciliation process for 2019 will be available in the fall 2018
- Questions? Email tcsfeestabilization@toronto.ca

8. Toronto Children's Services Update:

Placement Directive:

- Placing all ages and all wards
- Ensure your Caseworker is informed of all vacancies

Expression of Interest

- Advent closes May 29

Minor Capital Health and Safety funding

- Accepting applications

9. Question Period