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Re: Information for Parents Regarding Child Care Fees 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

To make child care more affordable for families, the Region of Peel has provided funding to eligible licensed child care centres to reduce daily child care fees for 2018. This funding is made available by the Government of Ontario.

Your child care provider will:

- Provide eligible parents with a **refund** for a portion of the child care fees paid from January 1 to August 31, 2018 by **September 28, 2018**; and
- **Reduce** child care fees from September 1 to December 31, 2018

Fees for children from birth to age 4 (infants, toddlers, and preschoolers not eligible to attend kindergarten) are being reduced by:

- **\$12.00 per day** for full-day care (six hours or more per day)
- **\$6.00 per day** for part-day care (fewer than six hours per day)

NOTE: In some cases, your refund portion may be more than these amounts. Parents, please speak to your provider in September to learn the specific details of your refund.

IMPORTANT:

- Families in receipt of full child care fee subsidy are not eligible to receive a refund as they already receive assistance with the cost of child care.
- Some families who receive a partial child care fee subsidy may be eligible. Your provider will let you know.
- This funding is for 2018 only and **may not be available in 2019**. If this funding is discontinued or reduced, the rate reduction will be reassessed.
- The Region is working on a plan to reduce fees for children attending licensed home-based child care. Details will be available in the fall of 2018.

The Region of Peel is committed to developing long term strategies to address the issue of child care affordability in Peel.

Please speak with the Supervisor of your child care program if you have any questions regarding this funding.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Finn
Director, Early Years and Child Care Services