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Dear Discovery Early Learning & Care families;

### **RE: CWELCC School Age Children Aging Out**

As the school year comes to a close, we are reminded of the Canada Wide Early Learning & Child Care (CWELCC) Agreement's legislated guidelines. You may recall that CWELCC, also known as the \$10/Day Child Care Program, was put in place to support families with access and affordability to licensed child care programs.

Unfortunately, children born between January 1 – June 30, 2017, will no longer be eligible for the government funded CWELCC discounts, as stated in the legislated guideline when it was implemented.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/early-learning-child-care-agreement/agreements-provinces-territories/ontario-canada-wide-2021.html>

We will continue to advocate alongside the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, the Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario and Child Care Now for affordability for all families, regardless of the child's age and for funding to increase the wages of Early Childhood Educators and Support Staff.

I invite you to please visit the links below, where you can access an e-action and tell all levels of government that you deserve to continue to access CWELCC discounts. Just add your postal code and your e-action will be directed to your MP, MPP, Premier Ford, Minister Lecce and Minister Gould. You can also edit the post and add how the CWELCC Agreement was a benefit to your family while you were eligible and your family continues to deserve the discounts for your school age child.

[https://www.childcareontario.org/worth\\_more](https://www.childcareontario.org/worth_more)

This week, Prime Minister Trudeau made an announcement in regards to funding for expansion of spaces, so more families could access licensed child care, but if we don't have professionals working in programs we can't expand services. Educators are the heart and back bone of the sector and we would appreciate your collective voice in helping advocate for this as well.

<https://www.aeceo.ca/>

[https://www.childcareontario.org/breaking\\_point](https://www.childcareontario.org/breaking_point)

If you would like more information about CWELLC or advocating for a better system, please reach in to your Program Supervisor or directly to me.

Kind regards,

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