

NEWSWORTHY



Some Newsworthy Topics to consider (that we are happy to speak on):

- Parents continue to struggle to find childcare spaces that qualify for reduced fees under CWELCC
- CWELCC Program in Ontario is very admin heavy and not efficient use of tax dollars, other Provinces have rolled out more efficiently (meaning more parents have access!)
- Ontario is the only Province that has given decision making power to the individual municipalities on where to add spaces and how/who to allocate funds to – this causes great inequities region to region (in some cases right across the street for parents and providers)
- Licensed Home Childcare Agencies are the most cost-efficient way to add spaces in Ontario without compromising quality (best use of tax dollars) – the cost of adding spaces in a licensed care home are minimal – agencies have many prospective Providers willing to open their homes yet the Province/municipality will not permit growth at this time in many municipalities. It is also the fastest way to add spaces (don't need to build a centre, or renovate a physical location) where they are needed (ie in rural areas a daycare centre often doesn't make sense – local homes with up to 6 children do)
- MOE has frozen daycare and Licensed Home Childcare agency rates and have not provided enough funding to cover increased costs (including Provider pay increases) – some home childcare providers have had no increase in pay in years due to frozen rates and unclear funding. Daycare centres are opting out of CWELCC for this reason and many agencies may have to as well.
- Licensed Home childcare is a way for many new Canadians and women to earn an income from home

