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UYVDC Application for Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement (CWELCC)

Date: August 30, 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

We are pleased to share that UYVDC has opted into the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system between the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada. Our application is now pending program approval.

We believe that child care provides a strong foundation for early childhood development and wellbeing of children while parents work and we are committed to providing child care services that meet the needs of your children and families. Participating in the CWELCC system will help us continue to provide high quality child care that is accessible, affordable, inclusive, and sustainable.

Once approved, we will be reducing child care base full fees by 25%. For families receiving a subsidy, you should also expect a reduction of up to 25% of your contribution, depending on your individual situation. Your caseworker will be able to guide you through the details once UYVDC is fully enrolled into the program. The Ontario child care fee subsidy program will also continue to be available for eligible families.

Fee reduction through the CWELCC is for children under six years old (and any child who turns six years old between January 1 and June 30 in that calendar year), retroactive to April 1, 2022. This means that we will be providing you with a rebate on your fees equal to the amount of the decrease to which you are entitled since April 1, as soon as our enrolment into CWELCC is complete and operational.

As we move forward, we will continue to communicate more details to you. If you would like more information about the CWELCC system, please visit the Canada-Ontario early years and child care agreement website: https://www.ontario.ca/page/canada-ontario-early-years-and-child-care-agreement.

We want to personally thank all of you for your patience as we have worked through the process required for reducing child care fees. Please ensure that UYVDC has your up-to-date contact information to allow us to process the refunds once applicable. We would also like to ask for your collaboration in not contacting the centre to inquire about the status of your refund until we issue further guidance. After our application is approved, we will also need to sign an agreement onboarding us into CWELCC. All refunds will be processed within 2 months of CWELCC enrolment.

Sincerely,

UYVDC Board of Directors