



# Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Update for Families

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Dear Families,

As a follow-up to our communication on August 22, 2022, we wanted to share the status of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system in Hamilton.

Currently, 96% of eligible child care operators have opted in as shown below:

Total Eligible Child Care Operator locations (includes both centre-based and licensed home child care)	223
Eligible Child Care Operator locations that chose to opt-in	215
Eligible Child Care Operator locations that chose to opt-out	8

Over the next few weeks, we will be working closely with all participating child care operators and home child care agencies to process rebates of 25% of child care fees backdated to April 1, 2022 to all families with a child under 6 years of age.

We encourage everyone to ask CWELCC-related questions to their respective child care operator who will be able to share further details on rebates.

Updates and information about the CWELCC system will be made available on the City of Hamilton's website via [www.hamilton.ca/affordablechildcare](http://www.hamilton.ca/affordablechildcare).

Sincerely,

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