

Canada-Wide Early Learning Child Care (CWELCC) - Expansion Plan

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CWELCC provides greater access to affordable and high-quality child care for parents of children under the age of 6.

The Access and Inclusion Framework sets a foundation to support the expansion of child care.

Access and Inclusion Framework



Creates targets based on socio-economic factors



Increase the number of child care spaces across Ontario to approximately 86,000 by 2026



Improve access to child care for diverse and underserved populations

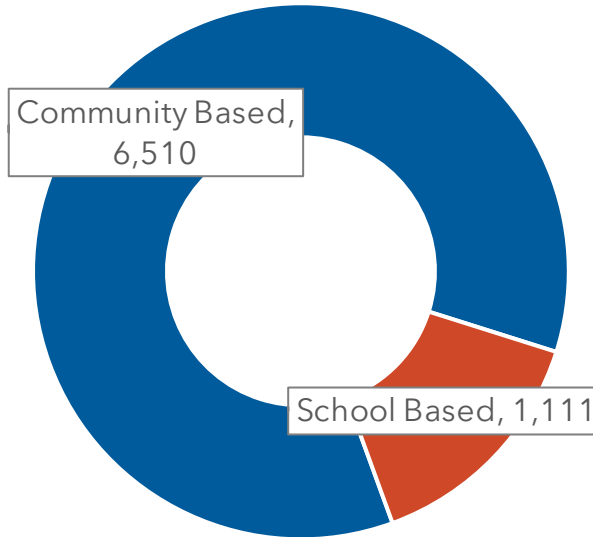
Provincial Factors Expansion Targets

The socio-economic factors identified by the province to allocate space targets for child care expansion include:

- Children aged 0-5 in lone-parent families
- Low-income measure
- Households spending greater than 30 per cent of income on shelter costs
- Recent immigrants, and
- Women aged 25-44 not participating in labour force

Peel's Expansion Targets

7,621 spaces by 2026



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Prioritization Factors

In addition to the socio-economic factors identified by the province, Peel has reviewed child care demand and Peel's Neighbourhood Information Tool to determine prioritization.

Child Care Demand Model

- Child population (aged 0-5)
- Children ages 0-5 in lone-parent families
- Existing Supply of Licensed Child Care Spaces
- Demand research
- Multi-generational Homes

Peel Neighbourhood Information Tool

- Ethnicity
- Health
- Education
- Income
- Housing Costs/ Conditions
- Employment
- One parent Status

Peel's Expansion Approach

The prioritization of child care expansion in Peel will include the following 13 priority communities; all communities will continue to benefit from affordable child care through the CWELCC program.

- Mississauga Valley
- Mississauga Cooksville
- Brampton Bramalea
- Mississauga East
- Mississauga West-Meadowvale
- Mississauga Port Credit
- Brampton Northwest
- Brampton Southwest
- Brampton Southeast
- Brampton Centre
- Mississauga East-Credit
- Caledon Southwest
- Caledon Southeast



Risk and Mitigation

1)

Restricted Access to CWELCC Expansion

Full and transparent communication of the priority communities for expansion, as well as the application process to ensure providers have the necessary information to make informed decisions.

2)

Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECEs) Workforce Shortages

Continue to work with community partners to implement workforce strategies including active partnerships with local colleges to create fast track RECE programs to fill the labour market gap.

3)

Targets Do Not Reflect Anticipated Child Care Demand

Monitor system trends and update local demand models, while continuing to advocate to the province to increase child care expansion targets in response to evolving local needs.

4)

Access for Low Income Families and Children with Special Needs

Work with child care providers who are currently participating in CWELLC and do not meet this requirement to support them to transition to these new requirements by December 31, 2023.

Next Steps



- Finalize and release the Region's expansion policy and priority communities
- Begin engagement of the child care sector and community partners
- Update Regional Council on future funding allocations that support expansion

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