



Regulatory Registry Consultation Document Regarding Child Care Waitlist Fees

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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to seek feedback on a proposed regulation regarding wait list fees and management under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* (CCEYA). Please take the time to review the document and provide us with your comments. More information about how to respond is provided at the end of the document. Responses must be received by the Ministry of Education (“the ministry”) no later than July 4, 2016.

Ontario’s vision for the early years is that children and families are well supported by a system of responsive, high quality, accessible and increasingly integrated early years programs and services that contribute to healthy development today and a stronger future tomorrow.

We are committed to working towards this vision with our stakeholders and partners with a focus on strengthening quality, increasing accessibility and creating conditions for healthy development.

Proposed Regulatory Changes

To address concerns relating to child care wait list fees, the government is proposing to use authority under the CCEYA to amend Ontario Regulation 137/15: General to include provisions that prohibit licensees from charging wait list fees or deposits (refundable or non-refundable) to those seeking to be added to or removed from a wait list and requires licensees to develop a wait list policy that includes a clear explanation of how the licensee determines the order in which children on a wait list are offered admission. The policy would also include details regarding how wait list status will be made available to those on the wait list in a manner that maintains privacy and confidentiality. Licensees would be required to include their wait list policy in their parent handbook and to provide the handbook to parents and caregivers at no cost.

This requirement would help support the provincial interest, articulated in section 49 of the CCEYA, to have a child care and early years system that supports the social and economic well-being of Ontarians.

Timing: The ministry is proposing that the proposed regulation would come into effect September 1, 2016.

Conclusion

All interested parties are encouraged to provide feedback on the proposed regulation. The Ministry of Education values the unique and diverse perspectives from parents/families and broader child care and early years partners. Please provide the ministry with your comments no later than **July 4, 2016**.

You can send your response by e-mail to: CCGE_modernization@ontario.ca

Alternatively, you may wish to send your response by mail to:

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Thank you for taking the time to review this document and provide feedback. Please note that you will not receive a formal response to your comment. Please continue to stay engaged with news about child care in Ontario by visiting [the government's child care website](#).