

Program & Eligibility

Busy Bees Child Care opted-in the CWELCC program under the guidelines of Ministry of Education, Ontario. The program aims to reduce the daily childcare fee and make it more affordable for the families.

- All children under six years of age enrolled in a participating licensed childcare program are eligible for the fee reduction.
- Children in participating toddler, preschool, kindergarten, or school-age program who turn 6 years old between:
 - January and June are eligible until June 30 of that year and
 - July 1 and December 31 are eligible until the end of the month they turn 6 years old.
- Children above the age of 6 years **do not** qualify for this program and continue to be charged the regular care fee for the program.
- For the year 2026, the maximum daily rate for child care for children younger than 6 years of age will be \$22.
- If in 2024, your daily child care fees were:
 - More than \$22: as of January 1, 2025, your child care fees was reduced to a maximum daily rate of \$22.
 - \$22 or less: your fees will stay the same in 2026, same as in 2025.
- The fee cap applies to daily “Base Fee” that you must pay to receive child care. Eligible “Base Fee” is defined as cost of care to parents for any programs or services that are included and as part of the regular child care fee paid by families e.g. Daily Care Fee, Lillio App fee(for age 0-6 yrs only), Registration Fee.
- It does not apply to optional items or services, late pick-up fees, or not sufficient funds fees. Ineligible under CWELCC, Non-Base Fees, are other optional items/services where an additional fee is charged in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the parent and provider (e.g., NSF Charges, Late Pick up Fees, Optional Field Trips during Summer/Other Breaks, etc.)
- Families in receipt of Fee subsidy with children age group 0-6 yrs, enrolled in participating programs are also eligible for the fee cap. The reduced parent contribution for each eligible child is determined by the Region and shared with families along with the Child Care centre.
- The following chart illustrates our fee structure for CWELCC eligible and ineligible children.

PROGRAM	CWELCC FEE CAP (DAILY)	CWELCC ELIGIBLE
TODDLERS (16 mths - 2.5 yrs)	\$ 22.00	ELIGIBLE
PRE-SCHOOL (2.5 mths - 4 yrs)	\$ 22.00	ELIGIBLE
KINDERGARTEN 4-6 yrs (Before/After School)	\$ 18.66	ELIGIBLE
KINDERGARTEN 4-6 Yrs (Full Day (Non-Instr.))	\$ 22.00	ELIGIBLE
SCHOOL AGE 6-12 Yrs (Before/After School)	\$ 41.00	Ineligible
SCHOOL AGE Full Day (PA Days & Summer Vac.)	\$ 59.00	Ineligible
Registration Fee for 6 Yrs & above (One Time/Non-refundable)	\$ 50.00	
Lillio App charges(\$40/year) are not included in the Base Fee for School Age Children		

As the CWELCC program is evolving during years, any changes in the above guidelines w.r.t. the program would be communicated to the parents as and when available.