

7,800 children are on the wait list for \$10/day child care locally^[1]

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Even if Guelph and Wellington County were to meet its provincially-set growth target for child care spaces by 2026, thousands of local children could still be on the outside looking in.

The County of Wellington has confirmed 7,800 unique children are on the waiting list to be placed in child care programs in Wellington County. The County of Wellington administers the program for both the rural areas of the county and Guelph.

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The wait list count comes after a centralized application and wait list system was established by the county in April. The goal is to manage applications for multiple programs, and allow families to explore options.

Mandy Koroniak, the county’s director of children’s early years, said the system has been met by positive reviews.

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Back in March, she said the child care demand has grown significantly since the implementation of the \$10/day child care program in Ontario.

She also stated accessing capital funding, adequately staffing programs and recognizing fair wages for ECEs is needed to grow the system.

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