

# Supporting child care in Ontario <sup>[1]</sup>

Backgrounder

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The Ontario government is launching a multipronged Child Care Workforce Strategy to address existing workforce shortages in the licensed child care sector and provide more affordable and accessible child care to families.

### Increased Wages

As of January 2024, starting wages for Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECEs) within the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system will be raised to \$23.86/hour from the planned \$20/hour.

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### Cutting Red Tape

The strategy will also help reduce administrative burden by:

- Providing child care operators with greater flexibility to staff programs for children aged six and up by broadening the qualified staff requirements
- Clarifying that it is permissible for ECE students to complete their placements at their place of work in a licensed child care centre

### Promoting the Profession

The Child Care Workforce Strategy also aims to build the profile of the profession by launching a promotional campaign to raise awareness about the ECE profession, the value and impact of their work, and help attract talented individuals from across Canada.

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