Provide updated information on the number of families who have benefited, from the childcare fee reduction initiative (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/09/2019 To 09/09/2019) – **CFD-2019-95485** 

The ministry does not track individual families who use spaces approved for the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (CCFRI) but does track the number of facilities and spaces that opt into the program and those that are approved for funding.

As of September 23, 2019, 3,177 facilities and 56,743 spaces in BC were approved to receive CCFRI funding. This was 90.8% of the core eligible CCOF spaces in September 2019 (infant/toddler, age 3-kindergarten, group multi-age, and family). The table below shows the estimated core eligible counts of organizations, facilities and spaces, the number that opted in and the number and percentage approved as of September 23, 2019. This table does not include facilities that are only licensed for school age and preschool spaces. Preschool spaces are not eligible for CCFRI and school age spaces are only eligible for children age 5 and under. These facilities are able to opt-in to the CCFRI program if they have eligible children but we expect only a small percentage of their spaces would qualify to receive the CCFRI. (see notes below table).

## CCFRI Core Eligible Facility and Spaces, for September 2019 CCOF contracts

	Estimated Core Eligible to Opt- In (based on 2018/19 CCOF contracts)	Core Eligible to Opt-In (based on 2019/20 contracts in CCOF pay in September 2019) <sup>1,3</sup>	Applied to Opt-In <sup>2</sup>	Approved to Opt-In <sup>2</sup>	% of Applied to Opt-in that were Approved
Organizations	3,000	3,034	2,693	2,653	99%
Facilities	3,500	3,592	3,221	3,177	99%
Spaces	60,000	62,472	57,322	56,743	99%

## Notes:

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<sup>2.</sup> In addition to the core eligible applications, 516 school age and preschool only facilities have applied to the CCFRI program with 482 of them currently approved.

 $<sup>{\</sup>bf 3.\ School\ Age\ and\ Preschool\ spaces\ for\ CCFRI\ Core\ Eligible\ facilities\ are\ not\ included\ for\ the\ same\ reasons\ as\ Note\ 1.}$