

Universal Child Care Prototype Site Expansion: Application Criteria and Scoring Methodology

SUMMARY

Step 1: Basic Eligibility Criteria – 11 pass or fail criteria that establish basic eligibility (including attachment of all required documentation. One missing document removes the application from consideration and no further adjudication will occur).

Step 2: Key Priority Criteria (150 Possible Points) – Applicants that meet the key priority areas will receive additional points to ensure targeted segments of the child care sector are prioritized.

Step 3: Additional Selection Criteria (20 Possible Points) – Applicants must demonstrate the quality of its programming. These questions will help to sort applications within the priority targeted segments ensuring that the highest quality programs receive final consideration under the financial review.

Step 4: Financial Review (30 Possible Points) – Final applicants must meet key financial criteria that prioritize sites that offer moderate fee/high wages where profit is minimal.

Step 5: Final Site Ranking and Selection Process - In the event of a close adjudication, the Ministry will consider regional & local proximity to currently funded Universal Child Care Prototype Sites. Key to expanding and learning through this program is equitable geographic representation. The number and composition of funded spaces and budget availability may also be factors where applications received similar scores.

Application Criteria and Scoring Methodology

Step 1: Basic Eligibility Requirements Yes (Pass) or No (Fail)	Pass or Fail
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Be in good standing with the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the Ministry of Health, and local Health Authority (i.e. no history of ongoing non-compliance), and all ECE's in good standing with the ECE Registry. (Please attach a copy of your Health Authority compliance report from April 2019 to present). <input type="checkbox"/> Current facility in receipt of Child Care Operating Funding for a minimum of two consecutive years at the time of this application. <input type="checkbox"/> Current operator has minimum two years' experience operating a licensed child care facility. <input type="checkbox"/> Be approved by the Ministry to participate in the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative for the 2021/22 year (if eligible to do so) at the time of this application. <input type="checkbox"/> Be approved by the Ministry to participate in the Early Childhood Educator Wage Enhancement Program for the 2021/22 year (if eligible to do so) at the time of this application. <input type="checkbox"/> Have enrolled or willing to enroll families eligible for the Affordable Child Care Benefit. <input type="checkbox"/> Be willing to provide at the time of submission independently verified financial statements and records that confirm your child care facility's operational funding and expenses declared in this form (e.g. financial statements signed by your authorized financial representative) [NOTE: <i>the requirement here will vary by size of the organization/funding amounts, with larger organizations required to meet a higher standard in keeping with post contract financial reporting requirements</i>]. <input type="checkbox"/> Be able to provide separate business bank account to be used for revenue and allowable expenses under the Universal Child Care Prototype Site Program funding agreement. <input type="checkbox"/> Be willing and able to accommodate and assist with an economic analysis on the cost of child care in various business models through provision of your current business financials at the Ministry's request (this information is sought for research purposes only); <input type="checkbox"/> Be willing to participate in and complete Ministry delivered training modules on topics such as program reporting and financial requirements. <input type="checkbox"/> Have Liability Insurance coverage for a minimum of \$2,000,000.00 (or proof of application and eligibility for). 	

Step 2: Key Priority Criteria (ensures targeted segments of the child care sector are appropriately prioritized). **150 Possible Points**

<input type="checkbox"/> Communities not currently served by a PT site (Postal code of the facility)	community without a current PT Site - 25 points where current PT Site exists - 0 points
<input type="checkbox"/> Facility operated by an Indigenous, First Nation, or Metis Community?	Yes – 50 points No – 0 points
<input type="checkbox"/> Facility is operated by non-profit society or public sector organization or agency	Yes – 25 points No – 0 Points
<input type="checkbox"/> Facility is located in a municipal community center	Yes – 25 points No – 0 points
<input type="checkbox"/> Facility is located on K-12 school grounds or is Board of Education affiliated.	Yes – 25 points No – 0 points

Step 3: Additional Selection Criteria (within targeted segments these points will support higher quality applicants to be selected) **20 Possible Points**

<input type="checkbox"/> Location stability (long term lease 5+years, option to renew lease, own property)	All questions are scored: 2 points if Yes 0 point if No
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide benefits for staff or for yourself if sole proprietor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide Indigenous programming	
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide diversity programming (score achieved if answered Yes to francophone or new to Canada questions)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide inclusive programming <input type="checkbox"/> Provide programming to young families (parents under 25)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Implement Early Learning Framework	
<input type="checkbox"/> Use a quality or environmental assessment tool	
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide professional development for staff or participate in Pro-D yourself if sole proprietor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community and/or parent participation	

Step 4: Financial Review (Focused on selecting moderate fee/high wage providers where profit is minimal) **30 Possible Points**

<input type="checkbox"/> Current parent fee is within the 40 th - 70 th percentile of MAIM average fee per space	10 points
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<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue to staff expense (wages and benefits) ratio is between 70 – 80%	10 points
<input type="checkbox"/> Currently not in deficit	2 points
<input type="checkbox"/> ECE or sole proprietor wages over \$21/hour	6 points
<input type="checkbox"/> Cost per space is within the 40 th – 70 th percentile of MAIM average cost per space	2 points

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