

COVID-19 Update

Child Care Operators/Providers/Partners

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Nominations Open for Child Care Awards

The [Child Care Awards of Excellence](#) recognize the outstanding achievements of people, organizations and local governments who help families and communities thrive by providing or supporting the delivery of quality child care in B.C.

Award nominations can be made by individuals, parents, teams or programs across 16 categories, including five regional awards and two new categories: Perseverance and Reconciliation.



Priority for organizational awards will be given to those committed to creating an inclusive, affordable and high-quality child care system for all families in British Columbia, and all winners will be announced during Child Care Month in May.

Nomination packages will be accepted until Feb. 5, 2021 and can be emailed to:

ChildcareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca

Additional information is available on the [Child Care Awards](#) and [nomination guidelines](#).

COVID-19 Information

- [COVID-19 Provincial and Federal Benefits](#)
- [BC COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment Tool](#)
- [Information for Child Care Providers](#)
- [Guidance for Child Care Settings](#)

Time to Renew Child Care Operating Funding

Licensed child care providers are now able to [apply for or renew their funding agreements](#) for the 2021/2022 term.

This applies to funding for [Child Care Operating Funding](#) (CCOF), the [Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative](#) (CCFRI), and the [Early Childhood Educator Wage Enhancement](#).

Providers who submit a completed program confirmation form by February 18, 2021 and respond to all requests for supporting information in a timely manner will be prioritized for assessment.

Current providers can renew any time until April 30, 2021. Licensed providers new to CCOF should apply as soon as possible.

Fee Cap on New Child Care Spaces

A [cap on fees](#) for new child care facilities receiving CCFRI will help keep new child care spaces affordable for B.C. families.

This change will ensure monthly fees remain in line with those charged by other local providers who are delivering the same type of care.

MCFD will review each year and adjust, as needed, to reflect changes to the cost of living and operating a business in various region of the province.

Do you have Questions on Health and Safety?

MCFD is continuously updating our [Childcare BC website](#) with important information on COVID-19 in order to help child care facilities operate safely.

We are planning a townhall for February and are now accepting questions. [Please use this link to](#) let us know what questions we may not have considered or remain unanswered.

Questions will be accepted until January 29th at 4 p.m.