



Delegation Request to London City Council

Feb.17th, 2022

Dear Community and Protective Services Committee,

We are the Licenced Child Care Network's Advocacy Sub-Committee. We are making a delegation request to London City Council. Licensed Child Care Network (LCCN) is a group of early learning and licensed child care organizations dedicated to high-quality child care. We work collaboratively with the community to raise public awareness about the importance of early learning and licensed child care.

We are requesting City Council ask the Government of Ontario to sign the Bi-Lateral Child Care Agreement. Ontario remains the only province or territory yet to sign the agreement. London families deserve quality, safe, accessible, and affordable childcare. This delay is preventing the expansion of spaces for families in affordable, quality child care spaces.

Additionally, we request that London City Council advocate to the Government of Ontario regarding the Early Childhood Educator workforce. Early Childhood Educators employed in childcare centres work to support the growth, development and learning of children 0-5 in child care while supporting parents' right to access work. We are requesting that London City Council specifically advocate to the Government on recognizing the value of the Early Childhood Educators through professional wages. Ontario families deserve a stable, quality, childcare system that they can depend on for their children. The key to quality and stability is growing the Early Childhood Educator workforce and retaining its members.

We have attached three relevant documents to support our delegation

1. Letter to Minister Lecce regarding the Early Childhood Educator workforce
2. Fact sheet from our Early Years Town Hall, held November. 24th, 2021
3. Original Letter of Support Letter from Mayor Ed Holder regarding the National Childcare Plan, dated March.17th, 2021

We thank you for your support and look forward to speaking to you in the future,

Best Regards,

Licensed Child Care Network's Advocacy Sub-Committee