

May 27, 2024

RE: Child Care Centre Closure for Child Care Educator Professional Learning Event

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In August 2021, Canada and Ontario signed the Early Childhood Workforce Funding Agreement which provides funding to support the retention and recruitment of a high-quality child care and early year's workforce.

The Ministry of Education's approach for this funding provides for flexible, multifaceted strategies recognizing the importance of not only recruiting new individuals into the profession, but also retaining, supporting, and recognizing the existing child care and early year's workforce.

For 2024, the province is providing funding for a full day professional learning event for all child care educators. Bruce County will facilitate this event for the early year's professionals employed in Bruce County. To allow all our staff to attend this educational event, **all Bruce County Kids & Us Community Childcare and Family Education Centres will be closed on Friday, September 27th, 2024**. You will not be charged for this day.

If you have any questions, please let us know. Thank you for your continued support of our early year's educators.

Sincerely,



Michelle Knott RECE
Executive Director

cc. Program Advisors, Ministry of Education
Bruce County Children's Services
Board of Directors, Kids & Us