

# Enhanced Funding

## Program Eligibility and Funding Conditions

**Service name:** Special Needs Resourcing: Enhanced Funding

**Legislation:** *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*, as amended

### Part one

#### Service objectives

Enhanced Funding provides for additional staff support for the child care community to respond to the needs of children who have exceptional and significant special needs resulting in safety, mobility and health issues.

#### Service description

Enhanced Funding provides additional staff to support the inclusion of:

- Individual children
- Groups of children

### Part two

Maximum hourly rate of Enhanced Funding per approved child/per approved group

The maximum hourly rate for Enhanced Funding to be paid for each child/each group in actual attendance for whom the Region has determined the Operator is eligible for Enhanced Funding is **FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS (\$15.40)** per hour, per child/each group.

No later than the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) day of the month following the month in which the Services were provided, the Operator shall submit to the Region a Record of Attendance/Invoice for Enhanced Funding.

On receipt of the Record of Attendance/Invoice, the Region shall pay to the Operator the Enhanced Funding per hour, in respect of each Approved Child or group of children enrolled in the Child Care Centre for whom the Region has determined the Operator is eligible for Enhanced Funding:

- a) For each hour during which the child was in attendance

- b) For each hour to a maximum of four (4) hours per shift during which the child was absent, provided that the absence was unplanned.

Staff hired for the purposes of Enhanced Funding shall be treated as a supplement to the existing services and considered outside the required staff/child ratios. The Operator shall work with all parties to carry out any inclusion, programming and/or intervention plan.