

May 28, 2020

Dear THRC Community Members,

As you know, many of THRC's programs have been closed since March 16, 2020 as a result of the provincial government's emergency orders.

In addition, the province and region have recently made changes to child care funding that has had a significant impact on our funding structure. We have worked hard over the past weeks to make sure that staff are supported, and programs continue to operate, albeit much differently. Our Consultants, Support Facilitators and Preschool Facilitators have worked hard to keep in touch with the programs they support, offer resources, and engage Educators in ongoing professional learning opportunities. However, as we consider the ongoing closures and the significant changes to funding, we have had to make some difficult decisions to ensure the ongoing viability of the organization.

As a result, we have furloughed staff. It is our hope that we will be able to recall our staff as soon as financially possible so that we are ready and prepared for when child care programs are permitted to re-open. We greatly appreciate the hard work and dedication of our staff during these unprecedented times, and we will continue to advocate for our sector on both a federal and provincial level.

As we receive updates on the re-opening of child care, we will continue to keep you informed and updated.

We are invested in our community's well-being and we want you to be reminded that we are strongest when we work together. In the meantime, please continue to practice physical distancing to protect yourself and our community as a whole.

Stay home and stay healthy,

Melanie Cunha,
Senior Manager, THRC
Quality Early Learning and Child Care Services