

Dear <Program Director>:

Yesterday, the Board of Early Education and Care voted to propose a draft formula for the [Commonwealth Cares for Children \(C3\) program](#). The proposal maintains the formula that has been in place since November 2024. The Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) is inviting you to share your voice during the public comment period.

This is an opportunity for providers across the state to help shape the future of the C3 program. Through this process, EEC will formally establish a C3 formula.

The public comment period will run from August 13 to September 12, 2025. We will be hosting a [public hearing on Monday, September 8 between 6 PM and 7:30 PM](#), where you can learn more about the proposal, offer live public comment, and hear about additional legislatively-required changes taking place in FY26. You can find details on how to participate here: <https://www.mass.gov/news/public-comment-period-on-proposed-amendments-to-eeecs-commonwealth-cares-for-children-c3-formula> .

Your input will play a key role in helping EEC make thoughtful, data-informed updates to the C3 formula. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
EEC