

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM & POLICY UPDATE

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Prince Edward Island - Overview



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| Lead Ministry/ Department | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INTEGRATED• Department of Education and Early Childhood Development responsible for ECE |
| Policy framework | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Securing The Future For Our Children: Preschool Excellence Initiative (May 2010) |
| Curriculum framework | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The PEI Integrated Kindergarten Curriculum• Early (0-4) Learning Framework/Curriculum |
| Professional recognition | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certification: Child Care Facilities Board, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development• PD: Minimum 30 hours every three years to maintain certification• Salary scale |

Nova Scotia - Overview



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| Lead ministry/ department | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SPLIT• Department of Community Services responsible for child care• Department of Education responsible for primary programs for 5 year olds and some pre-primary for 4 year olds. |
| Policy framework | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No |
| Curriculum framework | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In development |
| Professional recognition | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Care Classification, Department of Community Services• 30 hours every 3 years |

Nova Scotia



- **2012** – Released results of consultation document, *Giving Children the Best Start*
- Established an inter-ministry Early Years Advisory Committee – collaborative between health, education and community services

New Brunswick - Overview



**Lead ministry/
department**

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- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- Early Childhood Development Division
 - Responsible for all early childhood programs including licensed child care and preschool, early intervention, preschool autism and early childhood development centres.

**Common supervisory
unit**

New Brunswick



- **2012** – *Early Childhood Services Act* introduced
- \$38-million action plan, *Putting Children First*, focused on integrating early childhood services into the school system
- Wage enhancement for child care staff re-instated



Québec



- New government plans to move 4 year olds into school system (no fee)
- Eliminate wait lists for child care by 2015/2016

Ontario - Overview



**Lead ministry/
department**

INTEGRATED

- Ministry of Education – kindergarten, child care and Parent Family Literacy Centres
- Ministry of Children and Youth Services – OEYC, FRP, Intervention and home visiting

Policy framework

- none

Curriculum Framework

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Ontario



- **2010** – Amended *Education Act* establishes full day kindergarten for all 4-5-year-olds with ECE/teacher team. Requires school boards to secure extended day care where required. Full implementation by 2015
- **2012** - Department of Education releases discussion paper *Modernizing Child Care in Ontario* including revisions to Day Nurseries Act
- Review of EDI and Kindergarten Parent Survey

Manitoba - Overview



Lead ministry/ department

- **SPLIT**
- Department of Family Services and Consumer Affairs responsible for child care
- Department of Education – kindergarten and nursery schools
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Manitoba



- **2012** modest increase in licensed child care spaces
- Abecedarian model of early learning, child care and family supports introduced in the Lord Selkirk Park Child Care Centre in partnership with Healthy Child Manitoba and Red River College

Saskatchewan - Overview



Lead ministry/ department

- **INTEGRATED**
- Ministry of Education, Early Years Branch

Policy framework

- No
- *Play and Exploration: Early Learning Program Guide*

Curriculum framework

Professional recognition

- Certification, Early Learning and Child Care Branch, Department of Education

Saskatchewan



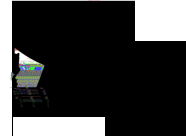
- **2012** Additional professional development funding for staff and board members of child care centres
- 500 new child care spaces to 15 communities across the province

Alberta - Overview



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| Lead ministry/ department | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SPLIT• Ministry of Human Services – child care• Alberta Education – kindergarten and preschool |
| Policy framework | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No |
| Curriculum framework | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Alberta Child Care Accreditation Program Accreditation |
| Professional recognition | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Care Staff Certification, Human Services |

British Columbia



2012

- Overview of the variety of child and family programs from pre-natal, though early childhood

Yukon - Overview



Lead ministry/
department

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Northwest Territories - Overview



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| Lead ministry/ department | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INTEGRATED• Ministry of Education, Culture and Employment |
| Policy framework | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No – under development |
| Curriculum framework | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under discussion |
| Professional recognition | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No |

Nunavut - Overview



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| Lead ministry/ department | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INTEGRATED• Department of Education |
| Policy framework | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No |
| Curriculum framework | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under discussion |
| Professional recognition | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No |

First Nations- Overview



Lead ministry/ department

- Health Canada delivers Aboriginal Head Start On Reserve (AHSOR) 300 sites/ 9,000 children
- Public Health Agency of Canada, Aboriginal Head Start for Urban and Northern Communities, 140 sites/4500 children
- Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, First Nations and Inuit Child Care Initiative, 8,500 spaces in 486 First Nations and Inuit communities
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada has intergovernmental agreements that support about 800 on-reserve spaces in Alberta and 3,000 6.8cm BT 18 0 0 18 0q -0.2 () -0.218 ns

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