

# 2021-2026 Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreements

## PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL OVERVIEW

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	ACCESS		AFFORDABILITY		QUALITY					INCLUSIVITY		ACCOUNTABILITY
Provinces and territories (with date of agreement)	Number of new full-time spaces by 2025-26	New/Enhanced programming	50% reduction in parent fees by end of 2022	\$10 per day by 2026	Develop and implement evidence-based quality frameworks, standards, and tools for ELCC	Develop and implement a publicly funded and competitive wage grid for ECEs	Increase % of certified ECEs	Creation of an organizational body to support ELCC	Support for ECE Professional Development and studies	Collaborative plan with Indigenous organizations	Improve access for vulnerable children from diverse populations	Commit to data collection and reporting
<a href="#">British Columbia</a> July 7, 2021	30,000		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Alberta</a> Nov. 15, 2021	42,500		✓	✓		✓			✓	✓ Collaborate with Indigenous organizations in Alberta	✓	
<a href="#">Saskatchewan</a> August 13, 2021	28,000		✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	
<a href="#">Manitoba</a> August 9, 2021	23,000	1,700 new extended hour spaces (evenings/weekends) Guaranteed spaces for parents transitioning into regular employment	✓	✓		✓					✓	
<a href="#">Ontario</a>	No new ELCC agreement has been reached yet											

<b>Quebec</b> August 5, 2021	Approximately 6 billion dollars over 5 years for Quebec to spend with no conditions given their exclusive jurisdiction over child care and education services and their pre-existing low-cost child care programming.											
<b>New Brunswick</b>	No new ELCC agreement has been reached yet											
<b>Nova Scotia</b> July 13, 2021	9,500 Coverage rate of 59%	Three-year old early learning program with priority access for equity-seeking families Before/after care options for 3-5 year olds using school resources	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ by 15% or 60% overall	Creation of a new provincial body to manage all regulated child care			✓	✓
<b>Prince Edward Island</b> July 27, 2021	Coverage rate of 59%		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b> July 28, 2021	5,800	Full-time pre-Kindergarten program for 4 year olds		✓ by 2023		✓	✓ by 15%	Creation of an ELCC Advisory Committee	✓		✓	
<b>Yukon<sup>1</sup></b> July 23, 2021	110 Coverage rate of 59%		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ To 60% overall			✓ Development of curriculum framework with FN	✓	✓
<b>Northwest Territories</b>	No new ELCC agreement has been reached yet											
<b>Nunavut</b>	No new ELCC agreement has been reached yet											

<sup>1</sup> Since April 2020, the Yukon government has regulated fees to below \$10/day and enhanced ECE wages (\$30/hour). This new agreement will help retroactively fund this work.