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Nunavut and Canada extend early learning funding agreements

Iqaluit, Nunavut (March 11, 2025) – The Government of Nunavut’s Department of Education is pleased to announce a five-year extension of [federal early learning and child care funding agreements](#) totaling \$109.9 million.

The extension of these funding agreements will support the ongoing implementation of important Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) initiatives:

- [\\$10-a-day Child Care](#) to keep child care affordable.
- [ELCC Wage Scale](#) to value and strengthen the workforce.
- [ELCC Infrastructure Funding Program](#) to increase access to licensed child care.
- Support [inclusion and equity](#) in ELCC programs.
- Support the development and delivery of high quality ELCC programs through the [ELCC Quality Framework Action Plan](#).

“With this funding extension, the Department of Education is well positioned to continue to deliver on our ELCC commitments, strengthening the sector, stabilizing the workforce, and making affordable child care available to more families in Nunavut,” said Minister of Education Pamela Hakongak Gross. “Thanks to our partnership with the Government of Canada, we have the support to continue to deliver historic and transformative change, aligned with the *Katuujiluta* mandate to reinvest in education.”

Early childhood development is critical to setting children on a good path for life, laying the foundation for literacy, social and emotional growth, and health, and positive experiences for developing relationships. Join us in celebrating and acknowledging the positive impact that early learning and child care have on our children and communities.

For more information on early learning and child care, please visit the [Department of Education's ELCC webpage](#).

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