

Transforming Nunavut's *Child Day Care Act*

The Government of Nunavut is developing a new early learning and child care law that reflects Nunavut's vision of early learning and child care programs and services that encompass Inuit land, culture, and languages.

What is early learning and child care?

Early learning and child care includes programs that offer education and care to young children, fostering their development in a safe and nurturing setting and out-of-school programs for children up to age 12. For example, licensed child care centres or family home daycares, to name a couple.



Topics for discussion:

- 1 Establish **foundational principles** to guide early learning and child care operators in, and inform the public on, the delivery of these programs and services. Foundational principles will include:
 - Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit principles.
 - The goal of Inunnguiniq “making a whole human being”.
 - Inclusive early learning and child care programs and services.
 - Nunavut's commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- 2 Establish a duty for the Minister of Education to **promote early childhood Inuit language learning**.
- 3 Establish regulation-making authority to create **new standards** to guide the learning of children in licensed child care programs.
- 4 Create an **Early Learning and Child Care Council** to share recommendations with the Minister of Education about early learning and child care issues.

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Topics for discussion:

- 5** Streamline the licensing process for child care centres by making timelines more flexible and allow for temporary licences to be issued when needed.
- 6** Establish regulation-making authority for the Minister of Education to create new standards for **funding support** to licensed early learning and child care centres.
- 7** Allow children over the **age of 12** to attend child care programs when needed.
- 8** Increased authority to **conduct investigations** of licensed early learning and child care centres and individuals suspected of operating an unlicensed child care centre.
- 9** Require early learning and child care operators to **collect information** related to the administration of their centres and programs. Required information will be set out in the regulations.
- 10** Create the ability for the Minister of Education to **share anonymous data** with other funding organizations, such as Inuit organizations and the federal government.
- 11** Require early learning and child care operators to obtain completed **criminal record and vulnerable sector checks** from every employee before they start working.
- 12** Require early learning and child care operators to obtain employee results of **tuberculosis (TB) tests** before working with children for prolonged periods of time.
- 13** Establish minimum standards for recreational day camps offered by hamlets and non-profit organizations.
- 14** Permit the Minister of Education to delegate the authority to exempt early learning and child care centres from specific requirements in the Act.

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