

Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (IELCC)

IELCC is an Indigenous-specific program that supports early learning, development and child care for children ages 0-6 and their families. The IELCC Framework was co-developed by federal and Indigenous partners following a national engagement process in 2017.

In the 2020 Fall Economic Statement, and Budget 2021, new IELCC investments were announced **and IELCC funding was made ongoing and permanent.**



Early Learning and Child Care Programming

All First Nations across Canada receive IELCC funding, and all are expected to deliver some kind of Early Learning and Child Care programming in their communities.

NAN receives IELCC governance and partnership funding to advocate for the resources necessary to support transfer of ownership and control of Early Learning and Child Care to member First Nations.

NAN Early Years can support communities to develop or enhance their ELCC programming through:

- Site visits
- Training opportunities
- Policy and procedure development and support
- Programming resources
- And more!

Increased Community Funding

All Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) First Nations receive IELCC Programming and Services funding. **Communities will receive 2023/2024 allocations which include a substantial increase.**



IELCC funding is flexible and broad. Funding can be used to:

- support a wide range of activities for children and families including early learning and child care service delivery in any form (i.e. playgroups, preschool, daycare, drop-in)
- training for early childhood workers
- salaries
- transportation
- food
- operating costs
- fund minor capital and infrastructure costs including repairs, renovations, maintenance, expansions, and retrofits of current infrastructure to accommodate ELCC programs



All photos are from a NAN Child Care Centre

Ginoogaming Aboriginal Head Start Centre



IELCC New Infrastructure Funding

Capital funding for new IELCC infrastructure remains grossly underfunded.

NAN continues to advocate to ensure communities have access to the resources needed to build high quality programs.

First Nations across Canada have been successful in applying for Final Settlement and Jordan's Principle capital funding to fund feasibility and needs assessment studies and capital builds.



IELCC Reporting Requirements

The Community Based Reporting Template (CBRT) is used to report on IELCC activities in your community. IELCC reporting overlaps with Aboriginal Head Start On Reserve (AHSOR) reporting in the CBRT. Questions #7 to #9 in the CBRT relate to IELCC and must be completed to meet the reporting requirement.

Only 1 CBRT report must be completed to satisfy IELCC and AHSOR reporting requirements. The CBRT is due at the end of July each year.

Virtual Information Sessions Begin January 2024

Join us on January 22, 2 - 3:30 p.m. or January 26, 10 - 11:30 a.m. EST for an information session and question and answer period with federal funding partners to be followed by information on available support and resources with NAN Early Years. Contact ielcc@nan.ca to register.

SAVE THE DATE:

January 22
(2 - 3:30 p.m.)

January 26
(10 - 11:30 a.m.)



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