



College of Early Childhood Educators Welcomes News of Child Care Agreement

The College of Early Childhood Educators welcomes [the historic announcement](#) of an agreement between the federal and provincial governments under the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Program with a commitment to increase affordability and access to high-quality child care in Ontario. This is an important agreement that when fully implemented will make a significant difference in the lives of children and their families.

We are pleased that the agreement recognizes the central role of qualified educators. Research has demonstrated that qualified and accountable professionals are key to the delivery of high-quality early years programs, which include both learning and care. Qualified educators bring expert knowledge and experience in early childhood development and learning as well as accountability through regulatory oversight.

To ensure that Ontario's families can access safe, high-quality child care, implementation will require strategies to address long-standing systemic challenges that the early learning and child care sector continues to face. It is important that the role of professional educators is recognized and supported throughout the implementation. The College is encouraged by the government's commitment to recruiting and retaining qualified professionals in the workforce and we remain eager and ready to work with government and stakeholders to develop and implement solutions.

About the College of Early Childhood Educators

The College of Early Childhood Educators is the regulatory body for the profession of early childhood education in Ontario with a mandate to regulate the profession in the interests of children, families, and the public under the authority of the *Early Childhood Educators Act, 2007*. Currently, there are over 58,000 registered early childhood educators (RECEs) in Ontario.