

Our Shared Vision for Early Learning and Child Care in Ontario

Children will have the right to early learning and child care. Every child will have the right to access child care in their community that reflects and honours their identity. Every child, regardless of their abilities, will thrive, feel valued, and belong in their environment.

Families will know that there is a child care space in their neighbourhood when they need it and will not have to join waitlists. Families will know that they can afford a child care space because fees will be capped at \$10aDay per family with a sliding fee scale to \$0.

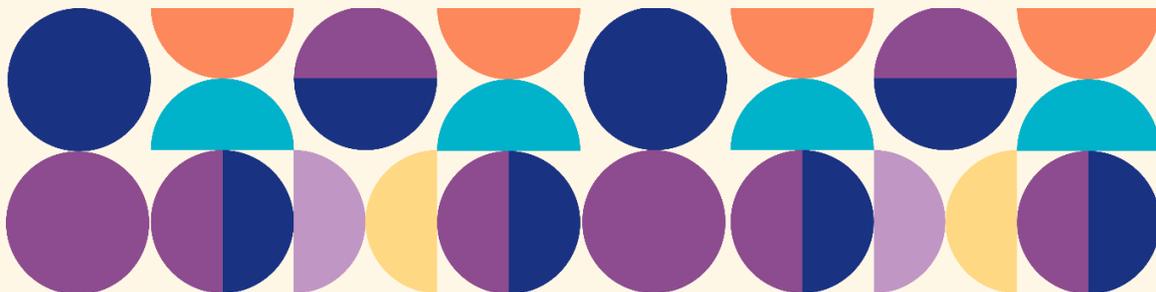
Educators will know that they are respected for their knowledge, skills, talents, and education. With decent pay, benefits, and pensions that reward their experience and ongoing professional learning, they will know that they can build a meaningful, lifelong career in Ontario's ELCC system.

Children will know that there is a caring and joyful place for them to play and learn each day. They will form attachments with educators and learn in relationship with them, confident that these same educators will be there each day. Children whose parents work shifts, weekends, or part-time hours will know they have stable and caring spaces to grow and learn too.

Child care operators, regional service system managers (SSMs), and communities, including official language minority communities (OLMCs) will know that they can work collaboratively to make steady progress to plan and meet ELCC needs in their local communities without being held back by funding uncertainty or threats of the \$10aDay plan's cancellation.

Governments will recognize, embrace, and fulfil their responsibility to fund, support, and plan an ELCC system in both official languages. They will build a non-profit and public system that meets the needs of all children, families, and communities for generations to come, with integrity, ambition, and care.

Building a caring and inclusive world. Our ELCC system will be one that reflects on and responds to the crises of our times. It will address and counter racism, ableism, settler-colonialism, and the environmental crisis. Ontario's development of ELCC policy will respect the right to self-determination through meaningful, transparent collaboration with First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and Urban Indigenous communities and organizations. It will expand Indigenous control, management and coordination of child care services. It will respect the right of francophone children and families to early learning and child care in French. It will transform pedagogical approaches in Ontario's ELCC sector to centre anti-racist, anti-colonial, and anti-oppressive knowledges, frameworks, and pedagogy. It will be founded on a comprehensive, interdisciplinary inclusion strategy that centres the voices and experiences of the disability community and embraces the principles of Universal Design for Learning.





The Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC) is Ontario’s leading non-partisan, member-driven alliance—bringing together parents, early childhood educators, centre directors, unionists and community advocates since 1981—to secure a universally accessible, high-quality, publicly funded child care system. Guided by evidence, democratic governance, and a commitment to equity and inclusion, OCBCC shapes policy through research-backed briefs, collaborative campaigns and strategic partnerships across levels of government. Together, we champion sustainable funding, workforce investment and culturally responsive care so that every child, family and educator in Ontario can thrive. To learn more, visit childcareontario.org



The Association of Early Childhood Educators of Ontario (AECEO) has been the professional association for ECEs in Ontario since 1950. We advocate for respect, recognition, and appropriate wages & working conditions for *all* ECEs. Our mission is to build and support a strong collective voice for early childhood educators (ECEs) so they can participate in and influence positive change that benefits ECEs, children, families, and communities. To learn more, visit aeceo.ca

